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## THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES ...

This year I celebrate a decade of living in the Eastern Sierra, and I'm looking forward to ten more. During my time here I have had many adventures, including a wedding of my own. However, the thing that most amazes me about this place I now call home, is that the adventure never ends ... there is always more to explore; the opportunities are endless.

It's the same with weddings here. From start to finish the ideas, venues, inspirations and chances to incorporate your own personal flair go on and on. There's no right or wrong way to show your love, and mountains don't criticize or compare. Just when you think you've explored every nook and cranny, you stumble upon something new.

As we've tried to encompass in the guide this year, you're not even limited merely to weddings. There are plenty of opportunities to plan an engagement or a honeymoon in these majestic mountains.

May your wedding day be wonderful, and may your adventures always be limitless.

Lara Kirkner

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# the engagement

Story & Photos  
By Brandon Russell

## engagement photos in the eastern sierra

*Dramatic landscape lends itself to lasting memories*

The beauty of a place like the Eastern Sierra shouldn't just be contained to your wedding day. Why not pop the question in the place you love and then memorialize that new promise with an engagement photo session here on the Eastside? Dramatic landscapes create the perfect backdrop for photos that tell the world about your commitment. Think wedding websites and save the dates!

Engagement photos are, for many couples, an afterthought in the wedding planning process.

On the other hand, they are one of the great creative challenges for a wedding photographer.

The wedding day is somewhat formulaic—the bridesmaids have their hair done at the salon, the bride gets in her dress at a hotel near the ceremony site, and the groom and his closest friends cure hangovers with Jack Daniels at another hotel across town.

Photographically speaking, the lighting remains constant, the angles are predictable and the flow of the day is already mapped out on a smartphone-friendly PDF file. Chances are good that the photographer has shot the same spots in the same light at least once before.

The only thing predictable about an engagement session is the setting sun.

With these sessions, don't be afraid to explore locations, lighting and poses that the confines of a wedding venue rarely afford.

Some couples want to keep it quick and simple, others want to go places where professional portraits, with dynamic lighting, have never been done.

Most couples that choose Mammoth for their ceremony are comfortable off the beaten path and willing to climb, ski, paddle and even swim to capture something unique.

Some highlights include wading across the San Joaquin River to shoot at the base of Rainbow Falls, scrambling through tailings from an abandoned mine near Virginia Lakes, and backcountry skiing to Hole-in-the-Wall, a skiable geologic oddity on the backside of Mammoth Mountain, to shoot underneath the snow-filled rock overhang.

That session was one I've been trying to talk a couple into doing for a few years. I've never had takers but this winter I was able to persuade Scott and Laura, from San Diego, to ski there with me. (See photo)

It was a challenge but they were thrilled with the experience and the photos.

Other couples prefer to take an urban approach to engagement photography. I recently met Britney and Jon, a Denver duo fascinated by the beer-creation process, at the Mammoth Brewing Company tasting room. I shot as they sampled some local beers, and then went to the brewery at Whiskey Creek to make some portraits around the brewing equipment. It was an engagement session not a lot of other couples have created, particularly in Mammoth.

The images that come from sessions like these are a better window into the personalities of most couples than you'll find on the wedding day. It's difficult to relax while be hounded by family you only see at Christmas and 30-something-year-old friends partying like they're in college again.

Shooting these sessions affords the couple a chance to understand the photographer with whom they'll be spending one of the most important days of their lives. There is some level of adversity that comes along with scrambling up a rocky ledge as the sun sets that creates a bond that transcends the typical photographer-client relationship. It's that bond that is essential to creating natural, dramatic wedding images.

*Brandon Russell is the co-owner of Minaret Photography. See ad page 23. For a full list of photographers in the area see the Vendor Directory.*

### Where to Find 'The Ring'

*"For one human being to love another that is perhaps the most difficult of our tasks; the ultimate, the last test and proof; the work for which all other work is but preparation."*

*—Rainer Maria Rilke, Bohemian-Austrian poet & novelist*

So you've found the perfect spot and the courage to pop the question, now where do you find THE ring?

Guys, this section is for you! The Eastern Sierra has many top-notch jewelers to assist the groom-to-be in his hunt for a ring she can't say no to.

Michelle's Fine Jewelry and Gifts in Mammoth Lakes is the place to find the perfect traditional ring for popping the big question. Michelle's has engagement rings and wedding bands. In addition you can also find tuxedos and men's formal wear, giftware, attendance gifts, fragrances, and wedding accessories including guest books, garters, cake servers, cake tops, toasting glasses, tiaras and ring bearer pillows. Engraving is available.

Perhaps you know your bride-to-be will be hoping for something non-traditional. Bluebird Imaging in Mammoth Lakes offers vintage jewelry with a nice selection of unique and elegant engagement rings circa the 1920s to make her dreams come true. While you're there you can also pick up the photographer for your wedding. Kendra Knight is not only a co-owner of BBI, but also its wedding photographer with years of experience.

Shopping in Bishop? Check out Bishop Jewelers and Lyons Ltd.

\* See the Marketplace and Directory sections of the guide for jewelers' contact information.





the wedding



## Venues, Ideas, Tips, & More

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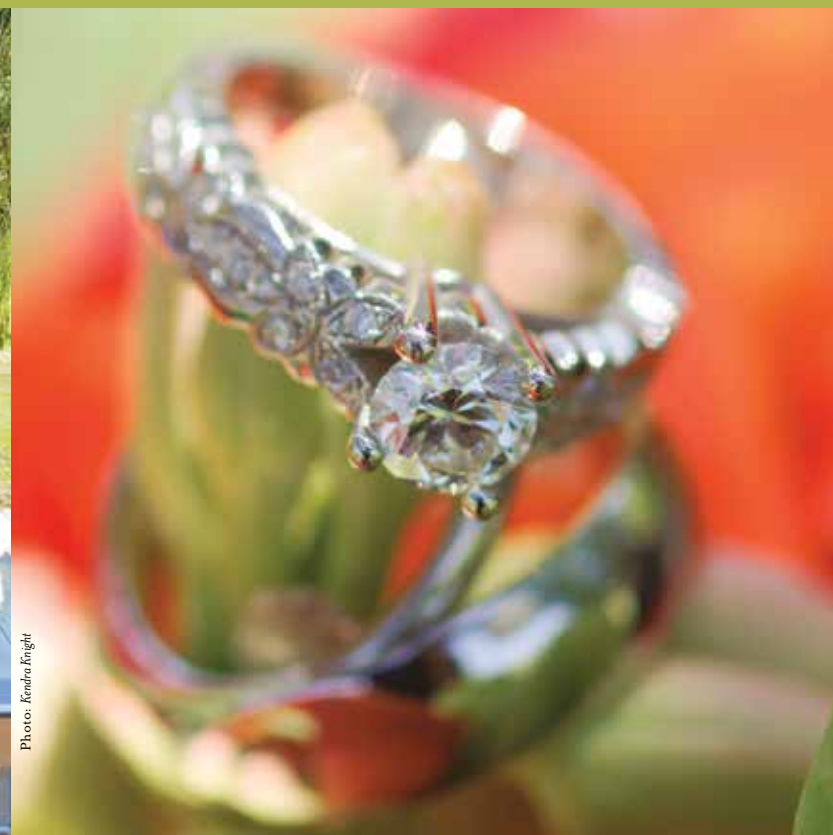


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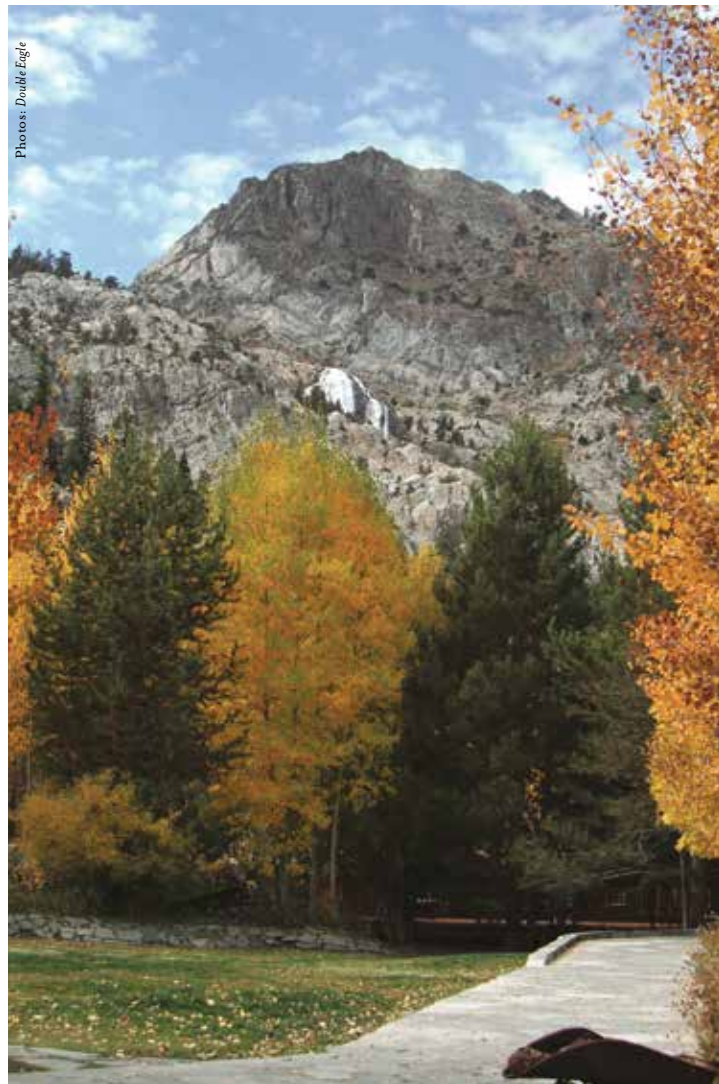
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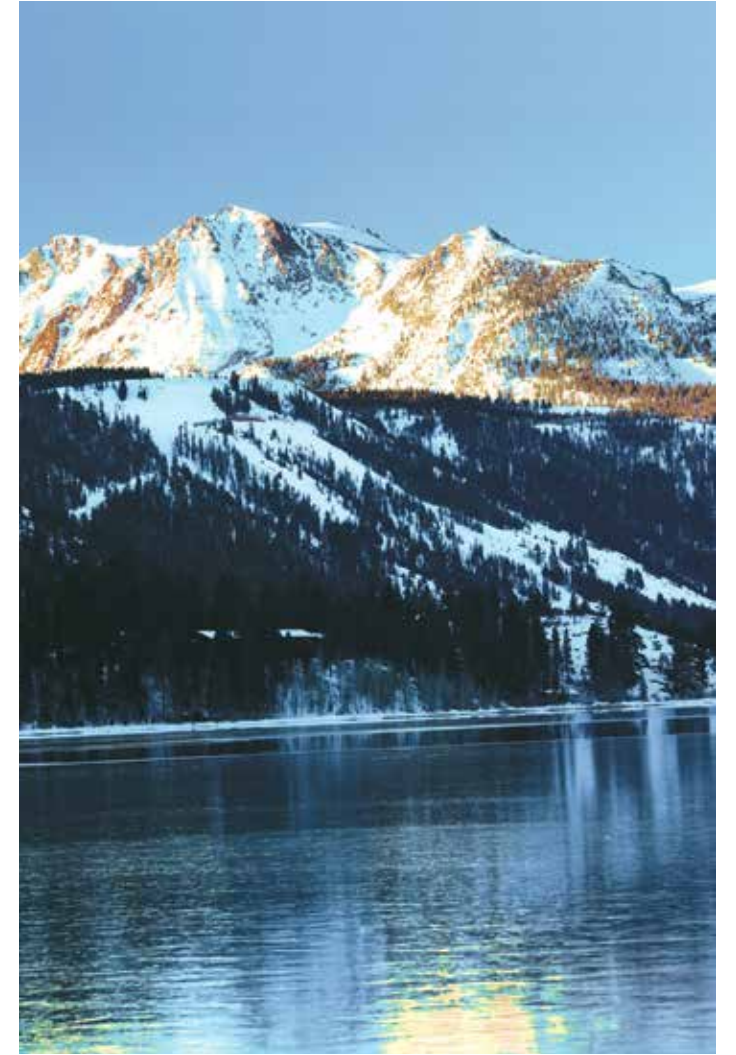
## Double Eagle Resort

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4. Outdoor Recreation — While your guests are here for your wedding, they also have endless outdoor opportunities.
5. Lodging Options — Choose from a charming two-bedroom Cabin tucked into the trees or a beautiful Resort Room located around our trout pond.

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Photos: Jane Mountain



## June Mountain

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4. Onsite wedding coordinator included.
5. Where else can you use a chairlift for your processional?!





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## Mammoth Mountain

1. Our views and venues are spectacular, enough said. This place is amazing.
2. Our professional weddings team supports you from start to finish — menu advice, décor ideas, agenda help or even just a friendly voice, we're here to assist.
3. We offer menu packages and pricing designed for hassle-free planning — we make it easy because we understand the complexity of planning a wedding.
4. Mammoth is a four-season resort with amenities and activities for all of your guests — from grandma-of-the-bride to flower girl.
5. We LOVE what we do ... it shows!

## Mono Inn

1. The food and wine — with a wide range of options, the food at the Mono Inn is the best in the Sierra! Chef Jim is a certified sommelier creating food and wine pairings that rival the best in California.
2. The view — the most amazing, romantic view around.
3. Moonrise — watching the moon rise over the lake at the Mono Inn is so inspirational, couples will fall even more deeply in love.
4. Our stages — we have two stages where couples can take their vows or have a band or DJ.
5. Our building — built in 1922, the Historic Mono Inn is as charming as an old country estate.



Photos: Mono Inn & Shack





### Pokonobe Lodge

1. Private venue, one of a kind — Yours for the special day or evening. Indoor and outdoor use with deck & great room seating for 100.
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3. Exceptional food and service — Our menus use local produce and products. Everything is freshly prepared. We are creative.
4. Meeting your needs — We offer all-inclusive packages for the budget-minded. High-end custom planning. Extra party equipment available.
5. Hospitality — Whatever your expectations we listen with patience. This is elegant mountain hospitality at its best.

Photos: Pokonobe

### Westin Monache Resort

1. Westin's personal and distinctive Guest Services Team.
2. Gorgeous forested scenic background.
3. Complimentary room blocks for your guests with no contract or minimum room guarantees.
4. Personalized wedding website.
5. Earn Starpoints to use for travel on your Honeymoon or First Anniversary.



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Photo: Jeri St. Marie

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Photo: Kendra Knight

*In the Eastern Sierra you can count on weather playing a major role in your planning process, but don't let it hold you back. With a little bit of gumption and an adventurous spirit, there's not a bad time of year to get married here.*

**SPRING**  
While April showers are often made from snow, the extra moisture makes the May flowers more abundant. Spring can be a short-lived season in the high country so choose your venue wisely and be prepared for snow or shine.

**SUMMER**  
This may be your best bet for sunny weather but don't think you're a shoo-in! It's a good idea to always have a Plan B, as snow flurries have been seen in August. However, if you're looking for that picturesque ceremony beside an alpine lake, this season is the one for you.

**FALL**  
Looking for a unique photo backdrop for your special day? Then choosing a fall date for your wedding is the way to go. Fall colors in the Eastern Sierra are astounding and will add the perfect splash of color to your nuptials.

**WINTER**  
What better reason to snuggle up together than your wedding day? For snow lovers from all walks of life, the Eastern Sierra offers the unique option of getting married on some of the highest peaks in California. Your hands may be cold, but your hearts will be warmed by the opportunities available to you for the perfect snowy-day wedding.

*Word to the wise: if you don't live in the area, do some research and become familiar with the way the seasons work. Even if you don't hire a full-time wedding planner, it might be a good idea to simply consult one when it comes to choosing a date.*

# tips To Keep You From Ruining Your Eastern Sierra Wedding

*So, you're thinking of getting married in the Eastern Sierra. Good choice! Who doesn't love the idea of a picturesque outdoor wedding surrounded by the awesome beauty of the mountains and nature? Eastern Sierra weddings are truly one-of-a-kind. However, as with any destination wedding, there are also plenty of pitfalls. Ensure your destination wedding to the Eastern Sierra is perfect for both you and your guests with these five tips.*

## 1. Plan well in advance

I'm guessing most of your guests don't live in the Eastern Sierra, and will be traveling from afar and staying at hotels. You need to give them advance notice so they can make travel arrangements. For destination weddings and three-day weekend weddings, it's best to mail Save the Date cards six months before your wedding. Of course sending Save the Date cards means you must know your wedding date. Once you have a date set, you need to find your venue. Or if you have your heart set on a specific venue, you'll need to line up a date. Either way, starting early can make the process easier and give you plenty of time to pursue options.

## 2. Do your weather research, but don't obsess over it

I cannot stress enough the importance of a plan B. In the mountains, plan B typically means your outdoor wedding is moved indoors because of bad weather. Work with your planner or venue coordinator to figure out your plan B. No one can guarantee you fine weather, and it helps to know the typical times for bad weather. However, do not obsess over it. The reality is the weather can change in an hour. There's nothing you can do about it, so just think of it as part of the experience. Mountains are rugged places, best suited for hardy folks. While not all of your guests could be considered "hardy," they will follow your lead when it comes to responding to bad weather. If you laugh it off and enjoy yourself, your guests will do the same. So party on sister! No matter what!

## 3. Find reputable vendors

I'm going to tell this to you straight. There are some flaky vendors in the mountains. I found that the best way to find reputable vendors is through recommendation. That can be from a friend or relative, from a reputable website [or right here in the 2013 Eastern Sierra Wedding Guide]. Start asking friends and family for recommendations first, then start asking all of your potential vendors for recommendations. You'll start to see the same names popping up — for good or for bad. Start with the good vendors. Also cross check brides reviews online. Be careful with online reviews though. They tend to attract vendors' biggest fans as well as their biggest detractors.

## 4. Be sensitive to your guests' needs

Remember my comment about mountains being places for hardy folks? Suffice to say you'll find your guests spread throughout the hardy spectrum. Rough terrain, harsh weather, and long travel times and distances can be hard on older guests, guests with small children, guests with disabilities, or your city slicker guests whose idea of roughing it is in a 4-star hotel (rather than a 5-star). Offer a variety of hotel options, amenities and price points on your wedding website. Try to find a ceremony site and venue all of your guests can access or arrange for alternative transportation for guests with mobility issues. Offer suggestions for clothing and footwear as well as information and warnings on the affects of high altitude and altitude sickness, especially when drinking alcohol.

## 5. Hire a planner or consultant

I am continuously astounded by brides who contact me when things are falling apart only to learn that they didn't hire a planner. A planner can do so much for you. He or she can recommend reputable vendors, manage problems on-the-ground when you can't be there, and fix anything that comes up on your wedding day without coming to you and stressing you out. Even if you don't have a lot of money to hire a full service planner, you may be able to get day-of coordination for under \$1,000. Don't have that? In addition to full service and "day-of" planning, wedding planners such as Sandra D from Green Fox Events offer pre-wedding consultations.

## Final words:

While sorting out the logistics may not seem as fun as pinning vintage chandelier inspiration on Pinterest, without it, all the work you did selecting pretty details could be for nothing.

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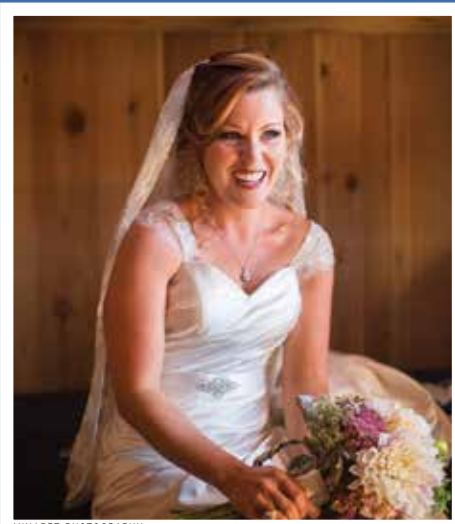
Each year we ask brides who have recently been married in the Eastern Sierra to share some advice on the perils and pitfalls as well as the enjoyable upsides of planning a wedding in the Eastern Sierra. This year their words of wisdom didn't disappoint and even we learned something!

Read on before you get into the midst of your own planning or reference this page if you run into an issue. Who knows, perhaps one of these five women has already been through it and can offer some helpful words of wisdom to keep your stress levels at a minimum.

1. Where and when did you get married?
2. Where do you live?
3. Why did you choose to get married in the Eastern Sierra?
4. Biggest hurdles?  
How can a future bride avoid them?
5. Biggest successes?
6. What's the first thing a couple should do when planning their wedding in the Eastern Sierra?
7. Best advice for the bride-to-be?
8. Biggest thing you learned in the process?
9. What inside scoop or little-known fact can you share with brides-to-be to make their planning process run smoother?

ALEXIS VAN VEEN

1. September 15, 2012 at Sierra Meadows Ranch in Mammoth Lakes.
2. Mammoth
3. This is our home and where we met (actually at Sierra Meadows Ranch). We wanted to show our friends and families the beautiful place we live. We wanted not only to share our wedding day with them but a piece of who we are.
4. Finding ideas and decorations. Living here you can't just run down to Michaels and pick up craft supplies; you have to plan out everything. I planned my wedding on Pinterest, Craig's list, and etsy and the rest my husband, family, friends and I worked together to make happen, like building a bar out of snowboards or creating table runners from lace and burlap.
5. Our biggest success was having fun. Right after we got engaged we talked about what was most important to us and we both agreed: To Have Fun! On the day



MINARET PHOTOGRAPHY

6. Accept the weather and have a back up plan. The weather here is unpredictable and can change quickly. We were very lucky with the weather on our wedding day, but we were constantly planning in case of rain or snow.
7. The wedding you always dreamed of might not be the wedding of your dreams. The day you start planning be open to ideas, and budgetary restrictions. Enjoy the planning process, it may be stressful at times, but when your wedding day comes and you are in the moment it will all be worth it, and when you look back at the process you will miss it ... just a little.
8. Never underestimate the love and support of your family and friends. It is an amazing feeling when people come together just for you.
9. You can't control everybody's thoughts and opinions, you have to trust what you as a couple want and go with it. People will always doubt your decisions but seeing your vision become a reality is all worth it.

CANDICE TONSETH

1. Convict Lake Resort, September 22, 2012 (on our 11 years of dating anniversary – easy date to remember and something special for US)
2. Mammoth Lakes
3. We wanted a nontraditional wedding in the place we call home! We knew our guests would fall in love, too!
4. Sometimes the biggest hurdles are COMPLETELY out of your hands. Avoid these hurdles by being available and in cahoots with your vendors.
5. Get a local photographer (Brandon Russell – Minaret Photography), a local venue for the Rehearsal Dinner (Banquet Room at Sierra Nevada Lodge), local Cake Decorator (Cakes by Sue – Breakfast Club), local florist (Andi – Vons Florist). These people know the area and will make you and your fiancé's day breathtaking!
6. Budget. If parents are helping fund your wedding day, talk with them about what they want to spend their money on or how much they want to spend. Contact



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7. Stay Calm. This is a small town and people will go the extra mile for you if you treat them respectfully. I was told that I was a fun and stress-free bride. Don't give other brides a bad name. Take a deep breath and just have fun.
8. Stay organized. I made a portfolio for "ideas." Pictures of the dress, the flowers, the reception décor, cake ideas, make-up and hairstyle ideas were helpful when showing the vendors what we had in mind. Don't just tell them what you two want, show them.
9. Have fun. It all goes by way too fast. We planned our Honeymoon for December 2012. This was perfect because it gave us time to relax from the "Big Day" and also gave us plenty of time to plan our three-week Honeymoon in Europe.

JOANNA JONES

1. June Mountain, July 28, 2012.
2. Santa Clarita, CA
3. My husband and I are frequenters of the Eastern Sierra. We enjoyed boarding Mammoth and June Mountain during our dating and engaged years. We decided on June Mountain because of the majestic views and how accommodating Abi and Lenny were with our vision for our wedding. The bridal procession up the ski lift was the most unique experience and best represented us as a couple.
4. The biggest hurdle for us was finding dog-friendly lodging. We had our pups in the wedding and needed a dog friendly hotel/condo. We used a dog sitter (Kristi's Pet Care Services) in Crowley Lake and brought the dogs up the morning of the wedding. After the wedding, the dogs stayed with us at The Villager until we left town. [See page 19 for more local doggie advice].
5. Having a wedding that fit us for an affordable price. To this day, many of our friends are still talking about how unique our wedding was.



WILEY PHOTOGRAPHY

6. There are so many beautiful locations to choose from. If you are not a local, take some trips and research the particular venue you are choosing. Think about the place that would represent you best as a couple. Our guests had the opportunity of walking in our footsteps at June Mountain. It was particularly bittersweet at the time, because Mammoth had recently announced June would be closed the upcoming winter season.
7. Stay calm! Planning your big day can be stressful, but remember, you are marrying your best friend! It cannot get much better than that. Enjoy your wedding day and the planning process. Hug everybody and enjoy time with all the wonderful company.
8. Life is full of wonderful surprises! Never will things go "just as planned" and it is a blessing to have a partner to hold hands with during the chaos.
9. We made a website that had all of the details about the wedding and included it on our save the dates and invitations. It saved us from being asked the same questions over and over.

SARAH ROWLETT

1. August 18th, 2012 in Mammoth Lakes at Forest Chapel for ceremony and Hayden Cabin for reception.
2. Mammoth Lakes, CA
3. Not only is the Eastern Sierra amazingly beautiful but also it reflected on who we are individually as well as a couple.
4. I think the biggest hurdle was starting my planning process later than I should have so I was stressed with deadlines, etc. I tend to procrastinate and I would definitely not recommend procrastinating on wedding planning. You will save yourself so much stress!
5. Having Sandra and her team from Green Fox Events. Minaret Photography was exceptional and went above and beyond. Both teams were nothing short of amazing!
6. Decide on a date and location and book it. Dates go so fast, especially in the summer!



MINARET PHOTOGRAPHY

7. On the day of your wedding just enjoy. Take moments to just stop and take it all in. I was told by a few of my friends that they felt like they missed certain things on their wedding day or that it just went by too fast. So I took their advice and just enjoyed our special day.
8. That it is extremely hard to stay within budget. It is those little things that start to add up! So be smart. Splurge when you think it's right and hold back on the things that you won't look back on and regret. This is your once in a lifetime wedding so don't have regrets!
9. The best thing you could ever do is to hire Green Fox Events. They can help you save money on rentals, decor, etc. On your wedding day they will take care of every detail you do not want to think about. We were able to enjoy the whole day with friends and family and then be able to leave that night without having to worry about anything else! It will make your wedding planning run smoothly and your wedding day stress free!!

KELLY DAVIS

1. We got married September 10, 2012. We had our ceremony at Sierra Meadows Ranch and rented a house on the golf course in Starwood for our reception.
2. We live in Mammoth.
3. We chose to get married in the Eastern Sierra because it's where we live and it's a beautiful place to get married.
4. One hurdle we had was getting all the flowers to Mammoth. My aunt is a floral designer and needed to transport all the product here for her to make the arrangements. We rented her a van! I think most people would use a florist in Mammoth so this would never be an issue.
5. The wedding was a great success! Since we allowed plenty of time for planning, everything came together better than I could have asked for. My wedding was intimate. About 50 people attended – they were all people I really wanted to be there. Also, I had an incredible wedding planner (my mother). Her creativity and attention to detail was spectacular.



STEPHANIE STALEY-EVERLAST PHOTOGRAPHY

6. The first thing a couple should do when planning a wedding in the Eastern Sierra is decide what size wedding they would like, pick a location, and find out availability.
7. My best advice to the bride to be is to decide what you want for a wedding and create a checklist. Give yourself plenty of time to plan. You don't want to procrastinate and feel stressed out. Create a budget that you can stick to. Invite the people you really want to be there not people you think you should invite. My final advice is try to keep things simple and remember what is important.
8. The biggest thing I learned in the process was it's important to be flexible and not stress over the little things. Have fun and enjoy the day! It goes by so fast and when it's over ... it's over!
9. Have fun and enjoy the whole process! It's a celebration!

**Question:** We're in a remote location—so how, and where, did you find your dress?

I found my dress in a small boutique bridal store in Reno, The Blue Garter; they were knowledgeable and helpful and carry a variety of quality dresses at reasonable prices. There were several long days of driving to Reno in the process, including the alterations but everyone was willing to work with me to make as little of trips as possible.

—Alexis Van Veen, Mammoth Lakes

I looked online to find a style that I liked first. Printed out lots of photos of the dresses that I thought I loved. Went to David's Bridal in Ontario, California (the Store Manager, Kathy, was phenomenal and she made the experience extra special). I showed the consultants the pictures of the dresses I had fallen in love with online and went from there. Dress #3 was the winner. Went in with ideas, a budget, and found a dress that I absolutely loved. Went shopping in January for the September Wedding and never once stressed about the timeline for the dress to fit "me" perfectly. Give yourself time and have some ideas to show the consultants.

—Candice Tonseth, Mammoth Lakes

David's Bridal. Only two of my bridesmaids were in CA during the planning process. I needed a retailer that was located in Southern CA, Oregon, Colorado and Florida! David's Bridal was able to accommodate us, and everything in regards to our attire went seamlessly! We were all very happy with them because the service was prompt, and they were able to keep us on track since everybody was linked.

—Joanna Jones, Santa Clarita

I went shopping with my mom in Orange County where I am from and got my dress at Mon Amie Bridal Salon in Costa Mesa.

—Kelly Davis, Mammoth Lakes

I was really worried about being able to afford my dream dress. Priscilla of Boston in Beverly Hills decided they were closing shop about the time I was looking for a dress so I decided to check it out and ended up getting a \$4500 dress for \$500. Score!

—Sarah Rowlett, Mammoth Lakes



Photo: Jaelis Marie



Photos: Minner Photography



## making your doggie part of the "I do's" By Natalie Wolf

Perhaps your Golden Retriever will inspire smiles as she saunters down the aisle behind you with the rings, or perhaps your pet-toting guests will receive a themed doggie-welcome bag as they check into the hotel.

A Mammoth Lakes wedding isn't complete without all of your best friends, including your beloved pup. This is a dog-friendly destination resort and no matter the season, there's nothing like experiencing the Eastern Sierra with your dog.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

The #1 rule to remember is to make arrangements weeks in advance.

You can find an extensive list of dog-friendly places to stay, along with contact info and notes about each place, by visiting [www.ApresPoochDogDaycare.com](http://www.ApresPoochDogDaycare.com).

### DOG DAYCARE & BOARDING

If you don't want to leave your pup alone while you're out, Mammoth has two licensed pet care facilities, Après Pooch Dog Daycare and the Long Valley Dog Retreat.

### PET SUPPLIES & VETS

If you forget to pack extra food or hiking booties, visit Mammoth Pet Shop off of Main Street or Tailwaggers next to Vons. Spoiled Rotten is Mammoth's grooming facility (if your dog is attending the wedding, you probably don't want the aroma of a fishy lake or wildlife scat lingering as you proclaim your vows). Advanced reservations recommended. Vets include Alpen Vet in Mammoth and Bishop Vet Hospital or Mountain View Animal Hospital in Bishop.

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## delectable desserts

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# the honeymoon

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Get married at home with the family and friends and then escape to the Eastside for those special "just-the-two-of-you" moments. Choose the season that fits your personalities best and plan a honeymoon where you can ski/ride, hike/fish, bike, or simply sit by a pristine lake with a glass of wine and unwind from all the planning and celebration of your wedding day.

Or, if you're a local and finding it tough to make room in the budget to take that honeymoon in a far-away locale, consider staying at home and playing together in your own backyard. After all, there's no better place to sit back, relax, enjoy your new partner and think about the happily ever after of your upcoming life together.

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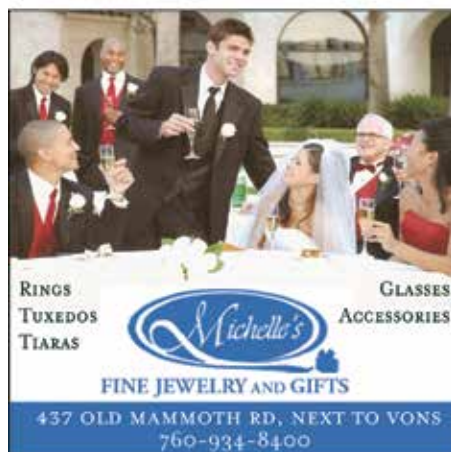
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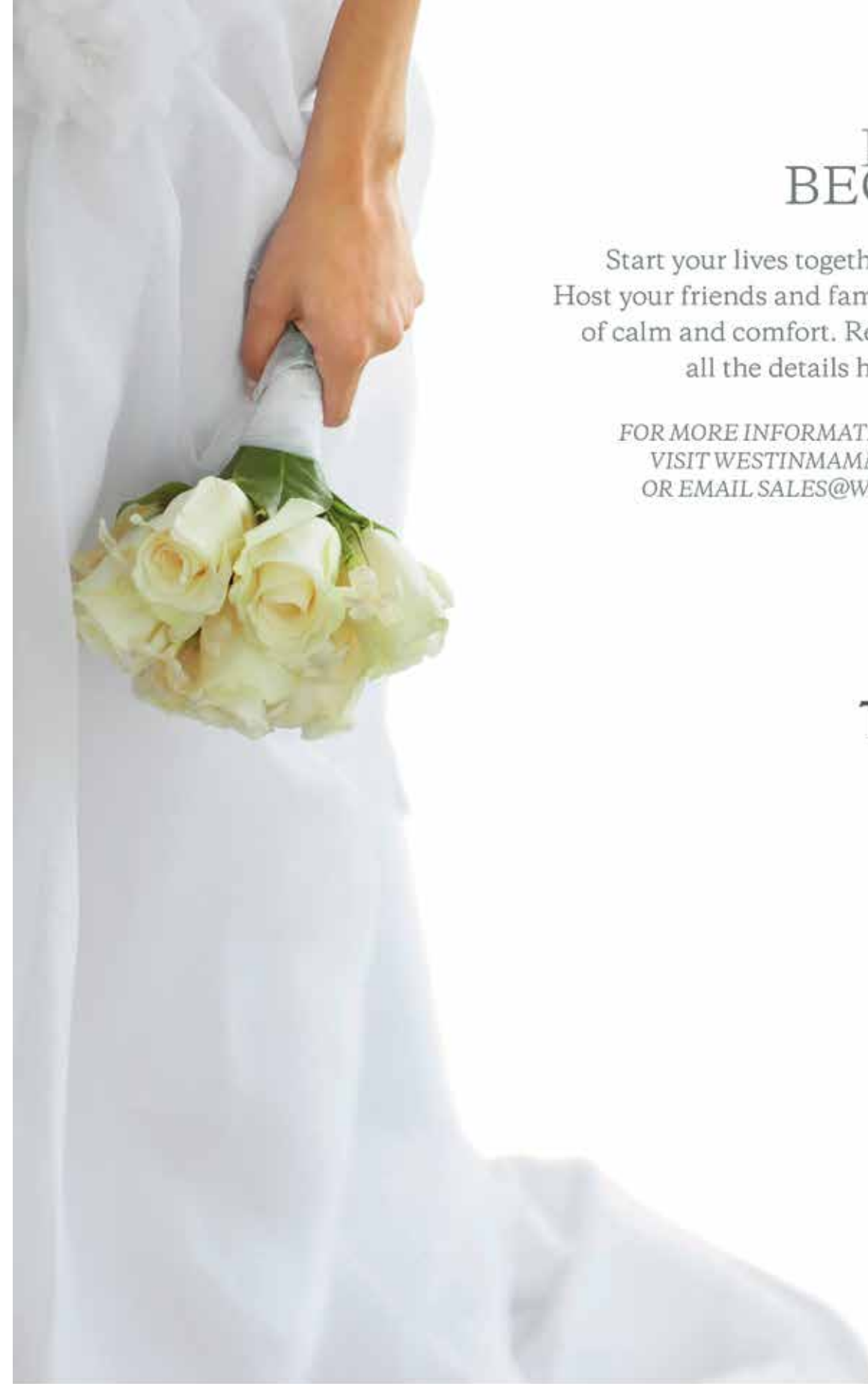
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