



## BANQUET MENUS

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# WELCOME

We would like to welcome you and introduce you to Caliente, as well as our three other Lake Tahoe area restaurants, Gar Woods Grill & Pier, Riva Grill, Bar of America, and opening soon, Sparks Water Bar. Following is a description of each venue. It would be our pleasure to host your wedding, rehearsal dinner, social occasion or corporate lunch/dinner.

**Caliente** is located in Kings Beach on Lake Tahoe's north shore and is beautifully appointed with an upscale, Southwestern flair. The large rooftop deck and Palapa bar are popular spots in the summer where you can sip a handmade margarita or our famous signature drink, the ChupaCabra. The entire restaurant may be bought-out for special events.

**Gar Woods & Riva Grill** each showcase the nostalgic ambiance of Tahoe's classic wooden boat era and are home to the famous "Wet Woody"®, a drink that must be experienced. With nearly 4 million sold, you'll be in good company! At both lakefront locations, the entire restaurant may be reserved for groups of up to 400 (date and weather restrictions apply). Upstairs private rooms with balconies are available year-round. Gar Woods can accommodate groups of up to 156 in combined rooms or smaller parties may reserve just one room. Riva Grill can accommodate groups of up to 220 upstairs.

**Gar Woods** is located on the north shore of Lake Tahoe in picturesque Carnelian Bay and is also accessible by boat utilizing our deep water, 130-foot pier. Private banquet rooms with floor-to-ceiling windows offer dramatic, sweeping lake views. The larger "Riva Room" and the smaller "Caliente Room"- joined by a central foyer- feature knotty pine exposed beam ceilings and hickory and wicker chairs, reminiscent of Old Tahoe. (For information please contact Gar Woods Group Sales at 530-546-3366).

**Riva Grill** is located in South Lake Tahoe and incorporates rich mahogany exposed beam ceilings, artistic lights and skylights into a contemporary design that brings all the beauty of Tahoe indoors through floor-to-ceiling windows. (For information please contact Riva Grill Group Sales at 530-542-2600.)

**Bar of America®** is located in historic downtown Truckee. Bar of America's dining room provides a warm and inviting setting offering the perfect space for a party for up to 45 guests, or the entire bar and restaurant may be rented for larger events. (For information please contact Bar of America at 530-587-2626).

**Sparks Water Bar**, our stunning new 13,000-square-foot bar and restaurant, opened in August 2021 on two floors of the Marina Town Centre, on the eastern shore of the Sparks Marina. The second floor features private rooms with a wrap-around balcony with views of the Sierra Nevada mountains and Reno's sparkling lights. (For information please contact Sparks Water Bar at 775-351-1500).

In 2024 we are celebrating Gar Woods' 36th Anniversary, Riva Grill's 26th Anniversary, Caliente's 17th Anniversary- and 12 years with Bar of America in our restaurant family. Bar of America will also celebrate its 50th year in business!

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# WELCOME TO CALIENTE SOUTHWEST SOUTH

Located in historic Kings Beach and just minutes from the waterfront, Caliente takes its name from its diverse family neighborhood surroundings. Caliente specializes in the flavor of the American Southwest and beyond. Think Sante Fe through Brazil, or as we like to say, "Southwest, South". Caliente, opened on August 3rd, 2007 after an extensive remodel, is a very important step in the revitalization of the Kings Beach neighborhood. Today, Caliente stands on North Lake Boulevard as the stunning example of the Kings Beach redevelopment in progress. We take great pride in our creation and our clean, casual and friendly atmosphere. Caliente offers an unequalled and unique variety of quality fun, food and beverage at affordable prices. Dining out is more than just a meal, it is an event based on value and a wonderful experience. Combine our cuisine with generous premium margaritas and our famous signature drink, The ChupaCabra, and we have created a dining experience to remember!

## **GROUP BOOKINGS**

Caliente is a great place to host a party! Caliente can accommodate groups up to 50 in the main dining room for an early dinner seating year-round. Groups of 20 or more are required to select from one of our limited menus. Our Group Sales Manager and Chef will work with you to put together the perfect menu for any occasion. As Caliente does not have private rooms, slideshows, speeches and standing cocktail hour are not available unless the restaurant is closed to the public.

## **RESTAURANT CLOSURES**

For large parties, Caliente can be closed to the public for lunch & dinner events. A minimum will be established for each restaurant closure. Food, beverage and certain fees apply to the minimum. Restaurant closure fees, outside rentals, tax & gratuity may not be applied toward the minimum. Failure to meet the minimum will result in a minimum fee. A one time non-refundable fee of \$1,000 is assessed in addition to our normal charges to reserve and close the entire restaurant during the day or evening.

# CANTINA MENU

SERVED FAMILY STYLE

## CHIPS & SALSA

### DON TOMAS GUACAMOLE

FRESH AVOCADOS, QUESO FRESCO, TOMATOES, SPICES, & FRESH LIME

## ENTRÉES

### SOUTHWEST STEAK QUESADILLA

ACHIOTE MARINATED STEAK IN A FLOUR TORTILLA STUFFED WITH PEPPER JACK CHEESE & SAUTÉED PEPPERS & ONIONS- WITH SOUR CREAM, GUACAMOLE, & PICO DE GALLO ON THE SIDE

### CHICKEN MOLE ENCHILADAS

FRESH PICO DE GALLO, GUACAMOLE, JACK CHEESE & CREMA WITH RED RICE

VEGETARIAN OPTION AVAILABLE

## DESSERT

### CHURROS

CHOCOLATE SYRUP ON THE SIDE, SERVED FAMILY STYLE

\$45.00 PER GUEST

THIS IS A SAMPLE MENU ONLY.

OUR CHEF WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO TAILOR A MENU TO YOUR SPECIFIC NEEDS- PRICES MAY VARY.  
22% SERVICE CHARGE AND CURRENT SALES TAX WILL BE ADDED TO ALL FOOD, BEVERAGE AND FEES.

# PLAYA MENU

SERVED FAMILY STYLE

## CHIPS & SALSA

### DON TOMAS GUACAMOLE

FRESH AVOCADOS, QUESO FRESCO, TOMATOES, SPICES, & FRESH LIME

### QUESO FUNDIDO CON CHORIZO

HOT & CREAMY DIPPING SAUCE WITH MANCHEGO AND JACK CHEESES,  
SERVED WITH WARM TORTILLAS & CHIPS

## TABLE TOP TACOS

YOUR CHOICE OF ~~THREE~~ OF THE FOLLOWING TACO SELECTIONS

**BIRRIA** - SLOW COOKED BEEF, MELTED JACK CHEESE, ONION, CILANTRO, CONSOMÉ BROTH, JALAPEÑO SAUCE

**FISH** - GRILLED RED SNAPPER, APPLE JICAMA SLAW & GUACAMOLE

**CHICKEN TINGA** - CHILI DE ARBOL BRAISED CHICKEN TINGA, CABBAGE, TOMATILLO SALSA

**CARNE ASADA** - ACHIOTE MARINATED STEAK, CHARRED TOMATO SALSA, CABBAGE

**PORK PIBIL** - CHIPOTLE ADOBO BRAISED PORK, SAUTÉED PEPPERS & ONIONS, CABBAGE

**CALIENTE SHRIMP** - CHIPOTLE MARINATED SHRIMP, SAUTEED PEPPERS & ONIONS, PINEAPPLE & ONION

WARM CORN TORTILLAS WITH RED RICE & WHOLE BLACK BEANS

ALL SERVED WITH CHIPOTLE-TOMATO AIOLI, CILANTRO & RADISH (EXCEPT BIRRIA)

## DESSERT

### CHURROS

CHOCOLATE SWIRL, WHIPPED CREAM, HOCH FAMILY CREAMERY VANILLA ICE CREAM,  
INDIVIDUALLY PLATED

\$55.00 PER GUEST

THIS IS A SAMPLE MENU ONLY.

OUR CHEF WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO TAILOR A MENU TO YOUR SPECIFIC NEEDS- PRICES MAY VARY.  
22% SERVICE CHARGE AND CURRENT SALES TAX WILL BE ADDED TO ALL FOOD, BEVERAGE AND FEES.

# POBLANO MENU

SERVED PLATED

## CHIPS & SALSA

### DON TOMAS GUACAMOLE

FRESH AVOCADOS, QUESO FRESCO, TOMATOES, SPICES, & FRESH LIME

### QUESO FUNDIDO CON CHORIZO

HOT & CREAMY DIPPING SAUCE WITH MANCHEGO AND JACK CHEESES,  
SERVED WITH WARM TORTILLAS & CHIPS

## ENTRÉES

CHOICE OF:

### CARNE ASADA

9 OZ. MARINATED STEAK, GRILLED ONIONS & JALAPENOS, RED RICE, GUACAMOLE, PICO DE GALLO,  
REFRIED BEANS, JACK CHEESE

### SINALOA KING SALMON

7 OZ. KING SALMON, RED RICE, AVOCADO, CREAMY LEMON SAUCE, PEPPER PEARLS

### OAXACAN FILET

8 OZ. BACON WRAPPED FILET MIGNON, BLACK MOLE, HERB MASHED POTATOES, ONIONS, CARROTS,  
CHIVES, PEPPER CORAL

VEGETARIAN OPTION AVAILABLE

## DESSERT

### CHIPOTLE CINNAMON BROWNIE

HOCH FAMILY CREAMERY VANILLA ICE CREAM, SERVED INDIVIDUALLY PLATED

\$70.00 PER GUEST

THIS IS A SAMPLE MENU ONLY.

OUR CHEF WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO TAILOR A MENU TO YOUR SPECIFIC NEEDS- PRICES MAY VARY.  
22% SERVICE CHARGE AND CURRENT SALES TAX WILL BE ADDED TO ALL FOOD, BEVERAGE AND FEES.

# PALAPA BUFFET MENU

50 PERSON MINIMUM, REQUIRES A RESTAURANT BUYOUT

## CHIPS & SALSA

### DON TOMAS GUACAMOLE

FRESH AVOCADOS, QUESO FRESCO, TOMATOES, SPICES, & FRESH LIME

### QUESO FUNDIDO CON CHORIZO

HOT & CREAMY DIPPING SAUCE WITH MANCHEGO AND JACK CHEESES,  
SERVED WITH WARM TORTILLAS & CHIPS

### JALAPEÑO POPPERS

BACON & CHEDDAR STUFFED, BEER BATTERED, HOT & SPICY JALAPEÑO "SHOTS" WITH CILANTRO RANCH

### ENSALADA DE LA CASA

FRESH SPRING GREENS WITH PICO DE GALLO, QUESO FRESCO, TORTILLA STRIPS & CHIPOTLE-HONEY DRESSING

## ENTRÉE

### FAJITA BUFFET

CHICKEN - ACHIOTE MARINATED CHICKEN BREAST

CARNE ASADA - ACHIOTE MARINATED STEAK

CALIENTE SHRIMP - CHIPOTLE MARINATED SHRIMP

VEGETARIAN - CHIMICHURRI MARINATED PORTABELLAS & SQUASH (UPON REQUEST)

SERVED WITH RED RICE, WHOLE BLACK BEANS & WARM CORN & FLOUR TORTILLAS,  
SAUTÉED PEPPERS & ONIONS- WITH SOUR CREAM, GUACAMOLE, & PICO DE GALLO ON THE SIDE

## DESSERT

### CHURROS

CHOCOLATE SYRUP ON THE SIDE, SERVED FAMILY STYLE

\$80.00 PER GUEST

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# BANQUET HORS D'OEUVRES

## PLACED HORS D'OEUVRES

MAY BE TRAY PASSED FOR BUYOUTS

(PRICED PER PIECE)

<b>CHICKEN QUESADILLA</b> FLOUR TORTILLA STUFFED WITH PEPPER JACK CHEESE, BRAISED CHICKEN TINGA, SAUTÉED PEPPERS & ONIONS	\$5 / EACH
<b>BIRRIA TAQUITOS</b> SLOW COOKED BEEF, BLACK BEANS & JACK CHEESE WRAPPED IN CORN TORTILLAS	\$6 / EACH
<b>CEVICHE TOSTADAS</b> SHRIMP CEVICHE, GUACAMOLE, AND SALSA	\$6 / EACH
<b>SPICY JALPEÑO SHOOTERS</b> BACON & CHEDDAR STUFFED, BEER BATTERED, HOT & SPICY JALAPEÑOS WITH CILANTRO-BUTTERMILK RANCH	\$5 / EACH

## COFFEE COCKTAILS & DESSERTS

**CARAJILLO** - LICOR 43 & ESPRESSO

**SPANISH COFFEE** - 151 RUM, KAHLUA, BROWN SUGAR, FRESH WHIPPED CREAM

**IRISH COFFEE** - TELLEMORE D.E.W., SUGAR, COFFEE, FRESH WHIPPED CREAM - THE FOUR FOOD GROUPS

**MEXICAN ESPRESSO MARTINI** - KAHLUA, ST. BRENDANS, OUR OWN PATRON, ESPRESSO

**DEEP FRIED OREO ICE CREAM** - CINNAMON TORTILLA SHELL, WHIPPED CREAM, CHOCOLATE SYRUP

**CHIPOTLE CINNAMON BROWNIE** - SERVED WARM, WHIPPED CREAM, HOCH FAMILY VANILLA ICE CREAM

**CHURROS** - CHOCOLATE SWIRL, WHIPPED CREAM, HOCH FAMILY VANILLA ICE CREAM



# GENERAL POLICIES

## CONTRACTS

A confirmation letter, contract & event order must be signed upon receipt of deposit. A revised, signed event order must accompany all changes. Please read the event order carefully. In addition a final completed event order confirming food, beverage, attendance, rentals, set up & rates must be signed prior to the event. All events will be subject to one master bill. Final payment is due at the conclusion of your event. Business and personal checks are not accepted for final payment. We accept MC, Visa, Discover, Certified Funds & Cash. Unless a specific room is guaranteed with a minimum, Caliente reserves the right to move your event from one room to another, including the downstairs dining area, for any reason. You will be notified 10 days in advance of any changes affecting your event location.

## DEPOSITS & LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

All deposits; including fees to close the restaurant are non-refundable. All deposits received upon signing the confirmation letter & contract described above, shall be subject to the liquidated damages clause herein after described. All deposits are based on an estimate of total charges including tax and gratuity.

1st Deposit: 25% due upon booking (all closure fees due at this time)

2nd Deposit: 25% due 60 days prior to the event

3rd Deposit: Due 30 days prior to the event, this deposit shall bring the total of all deposits to 75% of the actual estimated cost of the event, which may differ from the original estimate. If a party is booked within 30 days of the event date, a 75% deposit is due upon booking.

All deposits upon receipt by the restaurant are subject to liquidated damages as follows. Contracting Client agrees that if it breaches this Contract by cancellation of any event, it will be impractical or extremely difficult for the restaurant to determine the damages that it will sustain. It is therefore agreed that in the event of such breach & cancellation by contracting Client, the restaurant shall retain the amount of its deposit as of the date of cancellation. Please be advised, our credit card authorizations pre-authorize for 15% over the initial amount entered, for future gratuities provided by our guests. This is standard procedure for credit card charges in restaurants. The charge will appear on your statement for the actual amount entered.

## GRATUITIES & TAXES

A 22% service charge will be added to all food, beverage, fees & any services provided or contracted by the restaurant. Taxes will be added to all charges, including service charges as required by the California State Board of Equalization.

## GUARANTEES

The minimum number of people attending must be guaranteed 7 days prior to the event. The actual number of attendees may exceed the guaranteed number by 5% if notice of increase is received by the restaurant no less than 48 hours before the scheduled event start time, but may not be decreased. Should the number of attendees exceed 5%, the restaurant has the right to revise the event order/contract as necessary to accommodate the guests. Such revision may include additional charges per the number of attendees exceeding 5%.

# GENERAL POLICIES

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## **FOOD & BEVERAGE**

Food (with the exclusion of cakes), liquor, beer & wine must be purchased from the restaurant only. Menu prices are subject to change up to 30 days prior to your event. If menu is selected within 30 days, groups will be charged restaurant prices currently in effect at the time of event. Beverage prices are subject to change at any time and without notice. Children 10 and under attending events serving buffets will be charged one half of the advertised buffet price. Prepared buffet food may not be taken from the premises. Special pricing must be confirmed through our Banquet Manager 30 days prior to your event. Final Event Orders must be signed and returned to Banquet Manager at least 48 hours prior to the event. Banquet information, menu items and prices may change at least twice a year, generally June and December. Quotes for parties are held for 7 days. Upon prior restaurant approval, you may be allowed to bring a special bottle of wine to your event. A corkage fee of \$20 will be charged on each 750 ml bottle or smaller. Limit one bottle per party.

## **MENU SELECTION**

Groups of 20 or more & groups seated upstairs may be required to select a customized menu. No prior meal counts need to be given ahead of time so guests may make their selections on the day of the event. Special orders must be finalized 30 days prior to event date. Menus must be selected 14 days prior to event date.

## **DAMAGE**

The contracted client is responsible for the conduct of their guests and agrees to pay the restaurant any and all damages arising from the occupancy & the use of the restaurant facilities by the client, client contractors, guests & any person(s) present at the function. Payment for such damages shall be due immediately upon receipt of the restaurant invoice detailing repair costs. The restaurant will not assume responsibility for lost or damaged property left in the restaurant before, during or following the event. Any damages or injuries claimed by the Contracting Client &/or attendees not reported within 72 hours of the conclusion of the event shall be waived by contracting Client.

## **SIGNS & DECORATIONS**

Minimal approved signage is permitted. Signs should be freestanding or on an easel. No tacks, nails or staples may be used to affix signs or decorations to woodwork or windows. Confetti, birdseed and rice are not allowed within the restaurant or on adjoining properties.

## **PERFORMANCE**

In the event that the restaurant cannot perform according to the contract signed due to circumstances beyond its control or other acts of God all deposits or other monies paid will be applied to a future date agreed upon by the restaurant & client not to exceed one year of the original date. In the event that the customer cannot perform according to the signed contract for any reason all deposits & monies paid will be subject to the liquidated damages provision above.

## **DISCLOSURES**

- Caliente does not have central air conditioning. Occasionally, Lake Tahoe experiences unseasonably warm weather.
- Pets are not allowed in the restaurant or on the deck.

# DIRECTIONS TO CALIENTE

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 8791 NORTH LAKE BLVD.  
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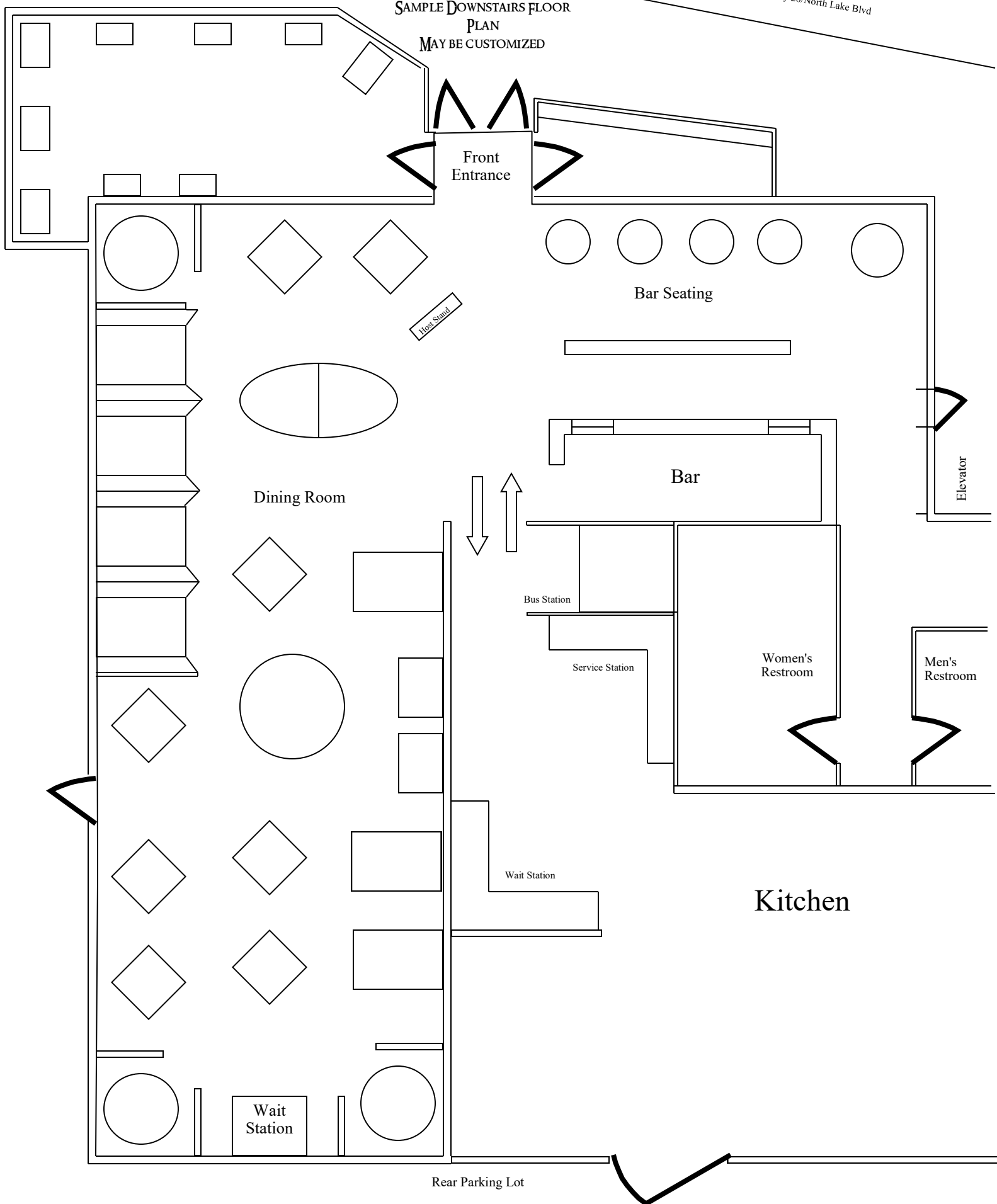
GENERAL E-MAIL: SOUTHWEST@CALIENTETAHOE.COM

GROUP SALES EMAIL: GROUPSALES@GARWOODS.COM



- FROM: **TAHOE CITY** - Go east on Highway 28 (9 miles) past Highway 267 to Kings Beach. We're on the left-hand side of the road before Brockway hill, on the corner of Chipmunk Street and Highway 28.
- FROM: **INCLINE VILLAGE** - Take Highway 28 west, 4.3 miles towards Kings beach. We're on the right hand side of the road at the bottom of Brockway hill, on the corner of Chipmunk Street and Highway 28.
- FROM: **SOUTH LAKE TAHOE** - (2 OPTIONS)  
 1. Take Highway 50 east 15 miles toward Carson City. Exit left onto Highway 28 towards Incline Village/Kings Beach. Go 17 miles. We're on the right-hand side of the road at the bottom of Brockway hill on the corner of Chipmunk Street and Highway 28.  
 2. Use Highway 89 North Past Emerald Bay and turn right at the "Y" in Tahoe City. Go 9 miles East on Highway 28 (North Lake Blvd). Caliente is located on the corner of Chipmunk Street and Highway 28.
- FROM: **SAN FRANCISCO/TRUCKEE** - Go East on I-80, take the Highway 267 Exit, towards Northstar/Kings Beach. Go 10 miles until Highway 267 ends in Kings Beach, take a left. Go about .8 miles. We're on the left-hand side of the road before Brockway hill, at the corner of Chipmunk Street and Highway 28.
- FROM: **RENO** - Go West on I-80 take the Highway 267 Exit, towards Northstar/Kings Beach. Go 10 miles until Highway 267 ends in Kings Beach, take a left. Go about .8 miles. We're on the left-hand side, before Brockway hill, on the corner of Chipmunk Street and Highway 28.
- FROM: **OLYMPIC VALLEY** - Take Highway 89 south, go straight through the light in Tahoe city (Highway 89 turns into Highway 28) towards Kings Beach. Caliente is 9 miles from Tahoe City. We're on the left-hand side of the road before Brockway hill, on the corner of Chipmunk Street and Highway 28.

SAMPLE DOWNSTAIRS FLOOR  
PLAN  
MAY BE CUSTOMIZED



SAMPLE DECK FLOOR PLAN  
MAY BE CUSTOMIZED

