



What: The Resort at Pelican Hill
Where: 22701 Pelican Hill Road
 South, Newport Coast
Web: pelicanhill.com

The new conference room

Looking for a new way to nurture creativity? Want to do some innovative team building with your staff in 2012? You don't have to travel far in order to transport your senior-level execs to a space that feels a world away, a place to reward them for a job well done or to set goals for the new year.

The Spa at Pelican Hill Resort offers an inspired setting in which to pamper your management team into productivity. If you're not into traditional team building experiences that often require a level of athletic prowess (i.e. obstacle courses, zip-lines, etc.), consider the resort's Sneak Away spa offer. Skip the usual coffee-and-bagels brainstorming session in the company conference

room, and imagine a different scenario: a yoga class, a massage and a lunch meeting in a private cabana overlooking the Pacific.

Pelican Hill Resort Spa Director Liza Esayian says the unique setting encourages participants to engage on a different level. "We have found that a lot of people have used the intimacy of the spa world to find those connections."

Esayian says corporate retreats can be customized to accommodate each group's preferences. She suggests starting the morning with a breakfast buffet, which can be served in the spa's relaxation room. Next on the agenda: a light workout, tailored to the staff's abilities. It might be a fitness walk on

the beach at nearby Crystal Cove, or a yoga or Pilates class in the resort's fitness center.

Once back in the luxe spa, employees can choose from a range of treatments, including the Classic Cleansing Facial or a deep-tissue massage. Co-workers can commune in the relaxation room or unwind in the Jacuzzi or the eucalyptus-infused steam sauna. After the bonding, lunch can be served in a poolside cabana or, for a larger group or team requiring a more private setting, in one of the resort's villas. A personal chef will whip up lunch to order in the gourmet kitchen, and then you and your team can get down to business on the private terrace.

