

AFM Behind the Bash: A Mother's Day Treat

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What would we do without Mom? This year, make her Mother's Day celebration one her taste buds and toes won't soon forget with the Willow Stream Spa's Ice Cream Pedicure.



Location

The small group of moms and daughters arrived at the Willow Stream Spa at the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess for pedis and treats. I put this special Mother's Day celebration together for my daughter, Emme, her girlfriends and their moms. Donning comfy robes, we were pampered from our taste buds to our tootsies. Our day began with Champagne, prickly pear-and-pomegranate smoothies and a delightful lunch, created by Executive Chef Patrick Turcot. Pastry Chef Glenn Chang rounded out the meal with an edible sugar sculpture along with some "pate de fruit" and green tea cookies on wheat grass. After enjoying our lunch in the spa's open-air atrium, it was pedicure time—and out came the ice cream scoopers. Bath fizzies shaped like ice cream were scooped into our foot baths to calm and soften the feet, followed by a "sherbet" sugar scrub to exfoliate, a "marshmallow" mask and a fresh coat of paint for the piggies.



Invitation

When inviting Mom or a group of girlfriends to a celebration such as this, don't forget it's the little details that turn a party into an event and transform what could be ordinary into something extraordinary. The invites, created by The Paper Place from fine stationery, had a fun, whimsical feel and, of course, looked like an ice cream cone.



Favors

Clever favors are a must if you want to make a statement, a takeaway your mom, friends or daughters will always remember and be grateful for because it's coming from the heart. For this pedicure party, we filled Saks Fifth Avenue gift bags with all sorts of goodies, lollipop cookies and nail polish—something to say, "We appreciate all you do and recognize your efforts."



PARTY PROS

Venue: **Willow Stream Spa at Fairmont Scottsdale Princess**, www.scottsdaleprincess.com.

Invitation: **The Paper Place**, 480.941.2858.

Favors: **Saks Fifth Avenue**, www.saks.com.

Cuisine: **Chef Patrick Turcot and Pastry Chef Glenn Chang of Fairmont Scottsdale Princess**, www.scottsdaleprincess.com.

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