

The Wolf's Howl

The Voice of Camp Timberwolf—Home of Troop 212

Fall/Winter 2005

Spring Work Parties

Scouts and leaders from Troop 212 and volunteers from Grace Community Church in Reno (one of our camping groups) accomplished an amazing amount of work over Memorial Day weekend. They put up the Camp Timberwolf sign and the parachute, raked and cleaned up the camp, put out the canoes, set up benches at the campfire area, did plumbing and carpentry repairs, and put out the raft.

Scout leaders were Glenn and Lea Martin, Matt Kimball, Matt Mahoney with daughter Anna, and Tom Martin. Scouts were Scott Gold, Kenny Kaprielian, Mike Luecker, Matt Mahoney, Tim Mahoney, Spencer Piatt, Jordan Shiveley, and Jeff Sodestrom.

Workers from Grace Community Church were Ian Bullard (youth pastor), Karrington Armstrong, Stephen Coleman, Danny Devine, Daniel Durst, Trevor Hallam, Angelo Marson, Melissa Pringle, Josh Thompson, Lindsay Trumbauer, and Zack Wylie.

A week later directors from the Camp board and others went up for an additional work party. They ran buried electrical service from cabin 2 uphill and rewired the shower room, restrooms and paint locker; installed instant hot water heaters in cabins 1 and 2; painted the inside of the shower stalls; organized the pantry and first aid kit; and scrubbed the kitchen, refrigerators, and freezer.

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Mr. Camp Timberwolf



Don Drennan

Dads' Adventure

Last July, Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church held a two-day retreat for fathers, grandfathers and their children or grandchildren. Twelve dads/grandfathers and 14 children/youth attended. Pastor Tom Dabasinskas led the program with the assistance of Woody Tausend.

Campers, many new to Camp Timberwolf, enjoyed the outdoors and the opportunities for recreation. Jeff Koester took “non-fisherman” out on the water and everyone caught a fish!

Jerry and Joan Bellows and Rudi and Betty Metzner prepared fabulous meals.

Don Drennan is Named Mr. Camp Timberwolf

At its January meeting, the Camp Timberwolf Board of Directors honored Don Drennan for his 12 years of service by passing a resolution and presenting a plaque naming him **Mr. Camp Timberwolf**. Don has served four years as Vice President and eight years as President.

The plaque—a Special Commendation—thanked Don for his “outstanding Leadership, Vision, Inspiration, and Hard Work in preserving and improving our camp for generations to come.” It also stated, “It is with honor and gratitude that we award you the title of **Mr. Camp Timberwolf**.”

Although Don has just completed a four-year term as president, he has agreed to serve as vice president for 2006.

Camp Expenses and Fees

In 2005, the camp expenses were at the rate of \$31.55 per camper per week. This was greater than the camping fee of \$30 per camper per week.

A graph on page 3 shows the camp expenses calculated on a camper-week basis. As reported by Don Drennan in his President Don's Comments, insurance was our largest overall expense—at almost 35 percent of the total.

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President Don's Comments

I have had the privilege of serving as President of Camp Timberwolf for eight of the past twelve years that we have managed the Camp. Talented, motivated, and dedicated men and women have surrounded me. Their contributions, though unheralded, have given you the Camp that you enjoy today.

BSA Troop 212 of Moraga, CA has been camping here for over 25 years. In 1994, facing closure of Camp Timberwolf, a group of Scout dads and men from Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church took over Camp Timberwolf. Many of these men continue today.

Mission

Our goal then and now is reflected in our Mission Statement: *To preserve Camp Timberwolf as a wilderness camp for use by Boy Scout Troop 212, church youth groups, families, and other scout and youth groups that are focused on a quality outdoor camping experience.*

During these past years, we have faced many challenges. When we began operating Camp Timberwolf, the infrastructure needed a long overdue upgrade. Over the years we have replaced the electrical system, septic system, built bathroom additions to all three cabins, renovated the kitchen storage area, rebuilt the shower room, replaced the dining hall foundation, added a new larger dining hall deck, installed new refrigerators and a beautiful new stove with hood, built a raft, and enlarged our camp boundaries.

The final phase of this rebuilding program is scheduled for completion this spring. We plan to upgrade the wiring in the dining hall with new circuits and new overhead lighting. We will also finish floor work in the shower building which will permit easier cleaning and do away with the rubber mats. We hope to build a boat storage rack, too.

Camp Finances

We are faced with unprecedented increases in costs. Basic insurance costs have tripled from \$2,000 per year to over \$6,000 per year for 2006. Based on a 12-week summer rental season this means that \$500 per week of your fees go toward camp insurance. PG& E, propane, water testing, garbage collection, property tax, US Forest Service lease fees, and basic maintenance costs are all much higher. These increases necessitated the recent hike in rental fees.

Under Scrutiny

We have faced several incidents at Camp Timberwolf in the past few years that have brought unwanted attention to us. We have had two fires caused by campers—either of which could have been disastrous but for the prompt action to contain them. We have had complaints from our Forest Ranger about fires outside of the campfire area. One group left a huge mess on the beach after holding an illegal campfire there.

We have suffered several thefts from Camp including tools, two new outboard engines, and a kayak, and damage to two sailboats rendering them useless. Everyone must be alert to these

issues and ways to uplift the camp and our image and reputation.

Guests

We are guests of the US Forest Service at Camp Timberwolf. True, we lease the land but our lease can be terminated if we violate the terms of the lease or other Forest Service regulations. We need to behave as the guests that were are.

I have been blessed to work with many of you. I am enthusiastic about the future of Camp Timberwolf under able leadership Rudi Metzner and his team of officers and directors.

I thank you for the opportunity that I have had and the help that I have received.

May God bless you all!

Don Drennan

Camp Timberwolf Elections

Elections for officers and directors were held at the January meeting of The Camp Timberwolf Improvement Committee board of directors. The following officers were elected:

Rudi Metzner – president

Don Drennan – vice president

Bob Green – secretary

Jerry Bellows – chief financial officer.

Jeff Koester – chief engineer

Chet Wittenborn – fund raising

Jerry Bellows, Admiral Benson, Don Bonander and Don Drennan were re-elected to the board for 3-year terms. Chet Wittenborn was elected for a 2-year term and Fred Nielsen was elected for a one-year term.

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Volunteers were Don Bonander, Joe Cunningham, Don Drennan, Ron and Sharron Harcarik, Todd Hlady, Rich Holden, Mike Hulbert, Diane Ivenicky, Frank Jackson, Jeff Koester, Rudi Metzner, Fred Nielsen, Jim Stoutamore, Chuck Treat, Geno and Mary Anne Turner, and Fred Van Nostrand.

Fall Work Party

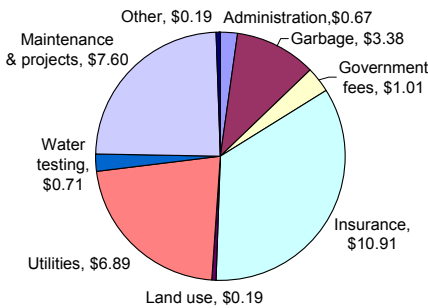
A group of volunteers went up in late September to put Camp Timberwolf "to bed" for the winter.

We erected two bunk beds which completed the bunk bed upgrade, finished the electrical project at Cabin 3, prepared the shower room for a new floor, poured a concrete pad for the ping pong table, and installed water bars across the main trail to divert water from the trail and away from the buildings.

Volunteers were Don Bonander, Don Drennan, Mike Hulbert, Frank Jackson, Jeff and Elaine Koester, Tom and Marise McIntosh, Rudi Metzner, Kevin Moore, and Jim Stoutamore.

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Camp Expenses per Camper-week
Total = \$31.55



Because expenses exceeded fees, we have had to raise the camping fee for 2006 to \$35 per camper-week.

New County Boating Regulations

Plumas County will revise boating regulations for Lower Bucks Lake. The Board of Supervisors will probably restrict boat motors on Lower Bucks Lake to 15 horsepower. Campers should consider this when planning for their camping. We will notify you as to the action by the county.

Thanks to the 2005 Board of Directors

The board members not only provided leadership but also put in countless hours of work—including most of the manual labor hours at Camp Timberwolf. They are Jerry Bellows, Admiral Benson, Don Bonander, Don Drennan, Bob Green, Frank Jackson, Jeff Koester, Tom McIntosh, Rudi Metzner, Fred Nielsen, Jim Stoutamore, and Chet Wittenborn.



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2006 Reservation Schedule

Week (2 pm to 11 am)	Group	Contact
May 19 – 21(Sun)	BSA Troop 212 work party	Glenn Martin
Jun 2 - 8	Opening work party	
Jun 10 - 17	Grace Community Church – Sr Hi	Ian Bullard
Jun 17 - 24	Grace Community Church – Jr Hi	Ian Bullard
Jun 24 - Jul 1	McHugh Family	Caroline Fields
Jul 1 – 7(Fri)	Bay Area Rescue Mission	Bill Jones
Jul 7 – 13(Thu)	MVPC Family Camp	Tom & Linda Gilson
Jul 13 – 15(Sat)	MVPC Dads' Adventure	Tom Dabasinskas
Jul 15 - 22	Graves Family	John Graves
Jul 22 – 28(Fri)	Robak Family	Laurie Blackstone
Jul 28 - Aug 5	BSA Troop 212	Tom McIntosh
Aug 5 – 11(Fri)	Harbor House	Rebecca Anderson
Aug 11 – 18(Fri)	World Impact	Hendrik de Boer
Aug 18 – 25(Fri)	Air Force Youth	Sandra Latchford
Aug 25 - Sep 1(Fri)	Mare Island Families	Gary Cecchini
Sep 1 – 4 (Mon)	Robinson Family	Ned Robinson
Sep 4 – 9	World Impact	Hendrik de Boer
Sep 9 – 22(Fri)	Bay Area Rescue Mission	Bill Jones
Sep 23 - 27	Closing work party	



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