

The Wolf's Howl

The Voice of Camp Timberwolf—Home of Troop 212

Spring 2006

Scouts and Friends

Work Party

Over Memorial Day weekend, a Scout work party, headed by Troop 212 Assistant Scoutmaster Don Stephens, braved the snow to bring spring to Camp. Troop 212 scouts on the work party were Will Eddy, James Fok, Nathaniel Gamsky, Connor Hansen, Patrick Janowicz, Spencer Piatt, Kiran Sathaye, Jordan Shively, Calvin Sodestrom, and Jeff Sodestrom. Mary Kaye Stephens, Don's wife, also helped with the cleanup.

Pastor Ian Bullard led a group from Grace Community Church of Reno (one of the renter groups).

These remarkable groups transformed the camp from winter ravages to ship shape condition. They put up the Camp Timberwolf sign; put up the parachute; cleaned the dining hall, kitchen, refrigerators and freezers; got the canoes out of storage and ready for use; removed fallen tree branches; raked trails; set up the benches in the campfire area; repaired winter plumbing damage;

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Mike Hulbert wiring electrical boxes

Please Meet . . .



Jeff Koester

Our new chief engineer and a director, Jeff was instrumental in planning and organizing our recent work party. He is a graduate of San Francisco State University and holds a contractor's license. His current business focus is the installation of replacement doors and windows.

Camping Includes Clean-Up

All groups attending Camp have the responsibility of cleaning up and leaving the facilities as clean, or cleaner, than when they arrived. Clean-up includes the kitchen, dining hall, the restrooms, the shower room, the cabins, and sweeping and mopping all the floors. Organize your clean-up crews before your week starts. Clean-up should be planned and not be an afterthought.

Work Party Triumphs

For ten days in early June, a work party labored over two major projects—re-surfacing the shower room floor, and re-wiring and re-surfacing the walls in the dining hall and kitchen. The volunteers were Don Bonander, Joe Cunningham, Don Drennan, Rich Holden, Mike Hulbert, Frank Jackson, Jeff Koester, Rudi Metzner, Bob Paden, Jim Stoutamore, Fred Van Nostrand, and Elaine Werner.

The work required more than 65 person-days.

Jeff Koester, chief engineer, who also brought the food and prepared many of the meals, led the effort.

In the shower room, the stalls were painted with an epoxy coating. The floor was covered with a two-part epoxy primer, small rubber particles, and two finish coats of a two-part epoxy coating. The new floor provides a comfortable, non-slip finish and does away with the rubber mats.

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Jeff Koester, Frank Jackson and Bob Paden installing fiberglass reinforced plastic panels

Corporations Donate Materials

Two corporations had the confidence in Camp Timberwolf to donate materials for the new wall covering in the dining hall and kitchen.

Crane Composite, Inc. of Channahon, IL donated StructoGlas FRP—the fiberglass reinforced plastic wall covering—and the installation accessories.

Franklin International of Columbus, OH donated Fast Grab FRP adhesive for cementing the FRP to the wallboard.

We are extremely grateful to these corporations for helping us control our costs. Our heartfelt thanks go out to them. Jeff Koester was our contact person in dealing with these donors.

Fire Alarm

As a part of the re-wiring of the dining hall, we installed a local manual fire alarm. The red switch is on the right side of the front door as you face it from the inside. When you turn off the switch, the alarm will stop. All renting groups should give it an organized test.

Incidentally, Camp Timberwolf has joined the Bucks Lake Volunteer Fire Department. Our new alarm does not ring at the firehouse. Someone must drive to the firehouse if assistance is required for a fire.

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and cleaned the cabins and bathrooms. Thanks guys and Mary Kaye.



Rich Holden installing new light fixture on front of dining hall

Camper Attendance Plaques

The camper “attendance” plaques, or signs, in the dining hall were taken down prior to the remodeling work. These are the wooden signs that identify the renting groups and the years that they have been camping. Most of them have been re-hung, but in a different location. The ones that were not re-hung have a long series of individual years of attendance. We request that these renters show the first and the current year of attendance, if consecutive. The plaque by Grace Community Church and Sparks Christian Fellowship is a good example of another way that attendance can be shown.



Who Are the Directors?

The board of directors consists of 12 directors and two directors emeritus. Thirteen have a bachelor's degree and one an AA degree, four have master's degrees, one has a JD (attorney), and three have MBAs. Four are registered professional engineers, one is a registered geotechnical engineer, one is a registered structural engineer, one is a member of the California Bar and a CPA, and one holds a contractor's license.

One of the directors is the CEO of an aerospace company, one is an airline transport pilot, and one is a partner in a law firm. One of the directors is a former CEO of a food packaging company, one is a former VP of gas transmission and storage for PG&E, and one is a former airline transport pilot.

Ten have served in the military; one is a Rear Admiral and one served for eight years in the US Navy submarine service.

Quite a collection of background and experience!

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We had decided that the best way to re-wire the dining hall and kitchen was to pull off the sheetrock and paneling so that the electricians could easily see the work. The electricians installed new circuits, conduit, wire, boxes, and light fixtures. The workers installed new sheetrock and an off-white fiberglass reinforced plastic wall covering which adds a sparkle to the rooms. It sounds simple, but it was an incredible undertaking. At one time, there were nine men working in the dining hall at the same time.

New County Boating Regulations

Plumas County has revised the boating regulations for Lower Bucks Lake. The maximum boat motor on Lower Bucks Lake is now 15 horsepower. Campers should consider this when planning for their camping. The sheriff will enforce the new regulations—, which are not yet posted on the county’s web site.

The Plumas County Code has been amended by adding Subdivision (e) to Section 10-1.12 of Chapter 1 of Title 10, which reads as follows:

“(e) *Lower Bucks Lake.* No person shall use, operate, or navigate any motor-propelled boat greater than fifteen (15) horsepower upon the waters of Lower Bucks Lake.”

Boat Availability

Four canoes are available for renters this year. Because of damage or theft, the rowboats, sailboats and kayaks are no longer available. Renters should provide their own personal flotation devices (PDFs).

Open Week

As you can see on the Reservation Schedule on the back page, we have the week before Labor Day weekend that is currently vacant (Friday to Friday). As most schools are back in session, it is a perfect time for a grandparent outing. Email us if you are interested in renting for the weekend or the whole week.



Where’s the beach?



Below the Bucks Lake spillway in early June
(usually dry in the summer)

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2006 Reservation Schedule

Week (2 pm to 11 am)	Group	Contact
Jun 10 - 17	Grace Community Church – Jr Hi	Ian Bullard
Jun 17 - 24	Grace Community Church – Jr Hi	Ian Bullard
Jun 24 - Jul 1	McHugh Family	Cheryl McCarthy
Jul 1 – 7(Fri)	Bay Area Rescue Mission	Bill Jones
Jul 7 – 13(Thu)	MVPC Family Camp	Bob Green
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	Sara Miramontes
Aug 11 – 18(Fri)	World Impact	Hendrik de Boer
Aug 18 – 25(Fri)	Air Force Youth	Sandra Latchford
Aug 25 - Sep 1(Fri)		
Sep 1 – 4 (Mon)	Kinsinger Family	Tim Kinsinger
Sep 4 – 9	World Impact	Hendrik de Boer
Sep 9 – 22(Fri)	Bay Area Rescue Mission	Bill Jones