



The Wolf's Howl

The Voice of Camp Timberwolf—Home of Troop 212 Spring/Summer 2008

Spring Work Parties

Three spring work parties will be working hard to get the Camp in shape for another camping season. The first work party will activate the water system for the season.

The second work party consisting of scouts and leaders from Boy Scout Troop 212 and volunteers from Grace Community Church in Reno will work on a long list of maintenance and improvement items over the Memorial Day weekend..

The following week, Directors from the Camp Board and others under the direction of Jeff Koester will do additional work items. The work to be performed by the work parties includes:

- Clear dead trees, cut up and haul out
- Form and pour concrete pad for dumpsters
- Remove old glass door refrigerator and install new refrigerator (very tight fit)
- Paint kitchen ceiling
- Repair floor under refrigerator and tile
- Cover bathroom walls with fiberglass reinforced plastic
- Extend gravel between picnic area and mess hall
- Scrub and wax floors
- Finish tool room
- Finish horseshoe pit
- Install handicap rail and set in one shower stall
- Drill larger drain hole for shower room floor

- Repair damage to doors, walls, decks, windows, as needed.
 - Build two more picnic tables
- These improvements were approved by the U.S. Forest Service. The replacement of the large glass door refrigerator is being funded by a gift from Boy Scout Troop 212 of Moraga.

Thank you to all of the volunteers for their hard work.

Boy Scout Troop 212 Mountaineer Award

Director Emeritus Rudi Metzner was presented with the Troop 212 Mountaineers Award at their Court of Honor in November 2007. This award was in recognition of his contribution to the troop through his work with Camp Timberwolf.

Mountaineer Award Recipient



Rudi Metzner

Camp Timberwolf 2008 Board 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:

- President – Don Drennan
- Vice-President – Jeff Koester
- Secretary – Bob Green
- CFO – Jerry Bellows
- Deputy CFOs – Don Bonander and Joe Cunningham
- Chief Engineer – Jeff Koester
- Charity and Fund Raising – Chet Wittenborn

Existing directors Bob Green, Jeff Koester, Joe Cunningham and Rich Holden were reelected for 3-year terms ending in 2010. Don Odell was elected to complete the term of Rudi Metzner, which expires in 2009.



New Director Don Odell

Camp Expenses and Fees

In 2006, the camp fees were raised to cover increased costs to run the camp including insurance and utilities. Since then, fuel and garbage costs have increased significantly. Due to some gracious rates and discounts from Suburban Propane and Feather River Disposal, we are holding the user fees for 2008 about the same rates as 2006 and 2007.

Fire Safety and Reporting

This is another dry year in the forest. Please exercise extreme care regarding fire safety. Only use our campfire area and use it carefully with small campfires that are continually watched and completely extinguished. For any fire incident get help immediately by going to the nearest telephone and dialing 911. Always notify us at Camp Timberwolf and the proper authorities as required. For further discussion, please see the President's Message.

President's Message

This will be my last summer as an Officer on the Camp Timberwolf Board of Directors. I look forward to being associated with the camp for many more years and hope to enjoy many more work parties and camp visits!

Your help is needed to make this a safe, accident-free, and damage-free summer at Camp Timberwolf. Here are some issues that are on my mind as another camping season begins.

Last summer we found four "camp fire rings" on our camp property where groups had built

their own campfires. The campfire area is the only permitted and designated area where a controlled campfire can be enjoyed. Campfires there must be thoroughly extinguished after use.

Damage to our property must stop. Last year four trees in our main tent area just above the mess hall were severely damaged when bark was chopped off and the wounds left open. The Cabin #3 front door window was broken out and most window blinds in the cabins were damaged beyond use.

Indian Rock was painted with graffiti and a fort was built there with aluminum roof panels hauled up from our woodpile. Dozens of paint balls were strewn about. The Indian Rock area is a protected area. Nothing there is to be disturbed. The Forest Service is requiring us to remove all of the paint from rocks and to advise our campers not to deface the area.

None of the above damage was reported to us.

Bears and mountain lions live with us in the mountains. Please ensure that no food or food-like items that smell attractive (i.e., toothpaste, scented soap) are left in tents. We have had bears break in to tents where people are sleeping because of food items in the tent. Mountain lion foot prints were found in the sand on the beach area. We have not heard of any injuries in our area caused by wild animals; however you must take care not to attract them. Also, keep food items out of cars and lock the garbage dumpsters after use.

Canoe and raft use is a continuing problem. Last summer we re-welded the raft ladder three times at a cost of \$100 per inci-

dent and replaced broken raft deck boards caused by the ladder running aground and breaking deck boards. This damage is always caused by people moving the raft closer to the beach and then as the water level in the lake drops, the entire weight of the raft breaks off the ladder. Please leave the raft anchored in place in deep water. If you find it in shallow water, move it out where it belongs. The canoes are to be chain locked at the beach to a tree when not in use. Life jackets must be worn and are available and must be returned to the storage container. All other boats are privately owned and not available to renters without prior arrangement.

We are implementing a check in and check out form this summer. Camp leaders must inspect the entire camp as they check in and note the cleanliness and condition of the camp. When their group checks out, the leader must complete this check out form and fill in required camper data. Camp Timberwolf is required to report camper use and ethnic breakdown to the Forest Service and camper day use to our insurance company. This form is to be mailed back to Camp Timberwolf upon leaving camp.

This may sound like a lot of complaints, but it isn't meant to be. A clean, well-maintained camp will be a source of wonderful times this summer for everyone. You are a great bunch of people who share a love for Camp Timberwolf at Lower Bucks Lake as do I. Let's all have a safe and happy summer.

May God Bless each of you and your family.

Don Drennan

New Check-In/Check-Out Procedures

In order to keep the camp in top condition, we are instituting a check-in and check-out procedure to track any damage or repairs needed for the camp. Each camper group will fill in a checklist noting the condition of the facilities when starting and ending their stay at the camp.

Garbage Dumpsters

Please show courtesy to the next camping group by leaving space in the dumpsters at the end of your stay. If you generate so much garbage that you would fill the dumpsters at the end of your stay, then please take some of it with you to dispose at home or at a local landfill. If your group expects to generate extra garbage, please let Rich Holden know when you are confirming your reservation, so that an extra dumpster can be ordered.

Kiwanis Club Helps Kids Go to Camp

At their May 2008 meeting, the Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley made generous donations to the general campership fund and to support Air Force kids for a week at Camp Timberwolf. Most of the kids from Beale and Travis Air Force Bases have a parent deployed abroad. Thank you to the Kiwanis for their generous support of the camp over many years.

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Several of the donations were given in honor of Troy Teasdale, a Troop 212 Eagle Scout, who recently graduated from Naval Aviator School.

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*Donors of a cumulative of \$1,000 or more as of Dec 31.

Camper Statistics

In 2007, we had 197 adult campers and 391 youth campers for a total of 588 campers and over 3,600 camper-days. 44 adults and 95 youth (139 total) were beneficiaries of the Esther McIntosh Campership Fund.

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2008 Reservation Schedule

Date	Group	Contact
May 14 – 23 (Fri)	Open water system	Jeff Koester
May 24 – 26 (Mon)	BSA Troop 212 work party	Bob Demartino
May 29 – Jun 6 (Fri)	Opening work party	Jeff Koester
Jun 7 – 14	Grace Community Church – Jr Hi	Ian Bullard
Jun 14 – 21	Grace Community Church – Jr Hi	Ian Bullard
Jun 21 – 28	McHugh Family	Cheryl McCarthy
Jun 28 – Jul 5	Bay Area Rescue Mission	Bill Jones
Jul 5-11 (Fri)	Harbor House	Matt Thomas
Jul 11 – 17 (Thu)	MVPC Family Camp	Tom & Linda Gilson, Bob Green
Jul 17 – 19	MVPC Dads' Adventure	Gary Hein, Peter Rack
Jul 19 – 25 (Fri)	Robak Family	Laurie Blackstone
Jul 25 – Aug 2	BSA Troop 212	Tom McIntosh
Aug 2 – 9	Graves Family	John Graves
Aug 9 – 14 (Thurs)	Travis Air Force Base Youth Center	Sandra Latchford
Aug 14 – 20	World Impact	Hendrik de Boer
Aug 20 – 29 (Fri)	Van Nostrand Family	Fred Van Nostrand
Aug 29 – Sep 1 (Mon)	Robinson Family	Tim & Heidi Kinsinger
Sep 1 – 6	World Impact	Hendrik de Boer
Sep 6 – 20	Camp Timberwolf Directors & Friends	Rich Holden
Sep 21 – 26(Wed)	Closing work party	Jeff Koester



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