



The Wolf's Howl

The Voice of Camp Timberwolf — Home of Troop 212

Summer 2014

Camp Improvements and Repairs

Work parties have performed several camp improvements and annual maintenance tasks. The larger 2014 projects included:

- Supporting and leveling the floor for cabin 2
- Replacing the interior walls of cabin 1
- Replacing the deck, stairs, and handrail at the women's restroom.
- Building the challenge (obstacle) course below the horse-shoe pit
- Replacing floor tiles in a portion of the mess hall, and
- Building picnic tables from downed trees

The annual maintenance items include initiating the water system for the season, cutting down dead trees, removing fallen tree branches and other debris, repairing damage from rain and winter snow, putting up the parachute, and draining the water system at the end of the season. Thank you to contributors who help pay for this work and thank you to all of the volunteers from the Board, Troop 212, and other friends of Camp Timberwolf for their hard work. If you would like to volunteer to help with either the spring or fall work party, please talk to one of the officers or directors.



Leveling Cabin 2 Foundation



Clearing Path for Challenge Course



New Deck for Women's Restroom



Setting the "Imbalance" Beam



Milling Downed Trees for New Tables

Please Donate to Camp Timberwolf

Camp Timberwolf is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization and all donations are tax deductible. We try to cover operating expenses with our camper fees, but rely upon donations for funding camp improvements and camper scholarships. In addition to cash donations, we can also accept donations of stock. Note that donations of appreciated stock may have tax advantages by avoiding capital gains taxes. **Send donations to PO Box 134, Moraga, CA 94556.** If you have any questions about donations, please contact our Donations Chairman, Don Drennan at 925-283-1790 or DonDrennan@gmail.com.

Water Usage

The water in camp comes from a spring uphill of the camp that fills a large water tank. Due to the drought conditions, **the spring is running much slower than usual, so please conserve water** by not leaving faucets running, shortening showers, and only running full loads in the washing machine. If your group uses more water than in the tank, your group can arrange to have water delivered at your expense. Please contact the persons listed in the signs at camp to have this arranged.

Fire Restrictions

Please exercise extreme care regarding fire safety. **The only location allowed for a fire is our campfire area** and it should be used carefully with small campfires that are continually watched and completely extinguished. Due to the drought conditions, the USFS has revised their policy for fire permits and **each individual tenant will need to obtain their own campfire permit.**

For any fire incident get help immediately by going to the nearest telephone and dialing 911. If you know how to use the radio, it can also be used to notify the fire department. Always notify us at Camp Timberwolf and the proper authorities as required. To notify campers of danger, there is an alarm bell on the mess hall controlled by the red switch inside near the front door. Camping groups should perform a fire drill so that all members are aware of emergency procedures.

Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project

In fall of 2013 the Plumas National Forest started implementing the Bucks Lake Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project to make the Bucks Lake area more fire resilient. It includes forest thinning and hazard tree removal. The large debris piles in the campgrounds and along the road are left over limbs, branches, and small trees from forest thinning. They will likely be burned in late fall of 2014 after they dry out and weather permits safe burning conditions. See flyer on page 4 for more details of the project.

Camp Timberwolf Board Elections

Elections were held at the November 2013 Board meeting. The following officers were reelected:

- President – Rich Holden
- Vice-President of Administration – Dick Ayres
- Vice-President of Camp Operations – Mike Hulbert
- Secretary – Bob Green
- CFO – Joe Cunningham

Other Directors include Burt Benson, Rainer Del Valle, John Drennan, Tom McIntosh, Sam Sperry, Brad Whittaker, and Nellie Wilkerson.

Directors Emeriti include Don Bonander, Don Drennan, Frank Jackson, Rudi Metzner, Fred Nielsen, Jim Stoutamore, and Chet Wittenborn.

Check-In/Check-Out Procedures

In order to keep the camp in top condition, we are continuing the check-in and check-out procedure to track damage and 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.

Camp Timberwolf on Internet & Facebook

Camp Timberwolf has a web site at <http://camptimberwolf.org> and a Facebook page that can be found by entering “Camp Timberwolf” in the search box at www.Facebook.com. There are more photos of the work party on the Facebook page.

Lake Usage

Use extreme caution when swimming in Lower Bucks Lake. There are cold currents in places that can cause strong swimmers to suddenly have difficulties. Never swim alone and always have adult supervision of children and youth in the water.

Please leave the raft anchored in place where it belongs. We have had damage to the ladder and deck when the raft was moved closer to shore, and then ran aground when the lake level dropped.

The canoes need be chain locked to a tree at the beach when not in use. **Life jackets must be worn by everyone** in the canoes. Life jackets are available and must be returned to the storage container. All other boats are privately owned and not available to renters without prior arrangement.

Garbage Dumpsters

The garbage dumpsters are picked up on Wednesdays, so 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 confirm your reservation, so that an extra dumpster can be ordered.

Remember to empty all garbage cans at the camp every night and always lock the dumpsters to keep the garbage away from the bears.

2014 Reservation Schedule

Date	Group	Contact
May 23 (Fri)	Open water system	Mike Hulbert/Rich Holden
May 24 – 26 (Mon)	BSA Troop 212 work party	Tony McKensie
May 24 - 29 (Thu)	Opening work party	Mike Hulbert
May 31 – Jun 6	Open	Rich Holden
Jun 7 – 14	Open	Rich Holden
Jun 16 – 18	Upward Bound	Audrey Peters
Jun 21 – 28	McHugh Family	Cheryl McCarthy
Jun 28 – July 5(Fri)	Spinfarkle Family	David Howe
Jul 5 – 10(Thurs)	MVPC Family Camp	Don Drennan
Jul 10 – 12	MVPC Dad’s Adventure	Brad Gates
Jul 12 – 18(Fri)	Robak Family	John Robak
Jul 18 – July 26	BSA Troop 212	John Drennan
July 26 – Aug 2	Graves Family	John Graves
Aug 2 – 9	Gardner Family	Ross Gardner
Aug 9 – 16	Open	Rich Holden
Aug 16 – 23	Bay Area Rescue Mission	Tim Hammack
Aug 23 – 29 (Fri)	Bay Area Rescue Mission	Tim Hammack
Aug 29 – Sept 1 (Mon)	Robinson Family	Tim & Heidi Kinsinger
Sep 1 – 6	Bay Community Fellowship	Curtis Flemming
Sep 6 – 11 (Thurs)	Bay Community Fellowship	Curtis Flemming
Sep 11 – 24 (Wed)	Open	Rich Holden
Sep 25 – 30(Tu)	Closing work party	Mike Hulbert



Bucks Lake



Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project

Why do campgrounds at Bucks Lake look so different?

In fall of 2013 the Plumas National Forest started implementing the Bucks Lake Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project which includes forest thinning, hazard tree removal, piling and prescribed fire in and around the Bucks Lake Recreation Area. This project will make the Bucks Lake area more fire resilient.

Why the large piles?

The large piles you see in the campgrounds at Bucks Lake and along the road are left over limbs, branches, and small trees from forest thinning. They will likely be burned in late Fall of 2014 once they dry out and weather permits safe burning conditions.



What is a hazard tree?

A hazard tree can be dead or alive. Many factors such as disease, insects or fire can contribute to a tree becoming hazardous. One or several of these factors increases the tree's risk of failure. When trees like these are in or around populated areas there is a potential for injury or damage to property. Bucks Lake is a top priority for hazard tree abatement due to its popularity and high visitor use. We want to make it safe for people who live and visit here.

Why is forest thinning necessary?

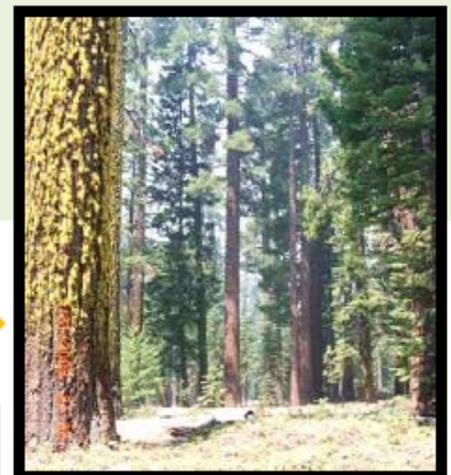
Extinguishing fires has created unnaturally dense forests in many areas such as Bucks Lake. When trees are packed this densely, they compete for water, soil, nutrition and sunlight, which in turn reduces the tree's ability to withstand insects, disease and drought. Depending on conditions, fires may also burn hotter in dense groups of trees making it less likely trees will survive the fire. This project was designed to reduce tree density, targeting unsafe trees, to make the forest healthier and also to account for visitor safety.



Example of an overgrown forest



Example of a healthy forest



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Need more information?

If you have questions or concerns about the campgrounds or cabins around Bucks Lake, please contact Erika Brenzovich at 530-283-7620. For general questions about the project, please contact Joe Smalles at 530-283-7654.