



# The Wolf's Howl

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The Voice of Camp Timberwolf — Home of Troop 212 Summer 2015

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## Camp Improvements and Repairs

The Spring Work Party performed several camp improvements and repairs in addition to the regular annual maintenance tasks. The larger 2015 projects included:

- Finished the interior T&G pine of Cabin 1 (Thank you Carlos!)
- Stained & Sealed the entire mess hall deck and railing (Thank you Don, Larry, and Fred)
- Dropped 6 dead trees and mulched the foliage, along with rounds for firewood (thanks Scouts & Scoutmasters)
- Replaced remaining six toilets with low flow, pressure assist versions (Thank you Chris!)
- Milled several slabs of fir for use as the mess hall tables in the fall (Thank you Wayne)
- Built a new base for one ping pong table that should be indestructible
- Finished the new baseboard in the kitchen – should help with rodent activity
- Started putting up T&G pine in Cabin 2. We got the ceiling and most of the closet done
- Painting of remaining doors and trim around camp
- New larger fire hose at camp-fire pit
- Refurbishing the interior of Cabin 2, similar to Cabins 1 and 3.

Thank you to Vice President Mike Hulbert for organizing and overseeing the work and Kristin Hulbert for feeding the hungry helpers.

The annual maintenance items include initiating the water system for the season, cutting down dead trees, removing fallen tree branches and other debris, repairing winter damage, 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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:DonDrennan@gmail.com).

We would like to thank the Robak family for the donation of an AED defibrillator for the camp. We would also like to thank donations made in memory of Chet Wittenborn.

## 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](http://www.Facebook.com). There are more photos of the work party on the Facebook page.

## 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, and Jim Stoutamore.

## 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.

## In Memory – Chet Wittenborn



We remember our friend and Director Emeritus, Chet Wittenborn, who was a great supporter of Camp Timberwolf.

Chet, 95, passed away February 12, 2015, in Olathe, Kansas. He was born April 5, 1919 to Rev. Walter and Lottie Wittenborn in Chicago, Illinois.

Following service in the Army during WWII, he began a career in the packaging business, starting in Neenah, Wisconsin, then to Kansas City, retiring in Walnut Creek, California.

He was a member of Second Presbyterian Church in Kansas City and Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, Moraga, CA, where he was active in Men's Bible Study.

While in Wisconsin he was active with the Boys Brigade, a Christian youth group and in California was active with Camp Timberwolf.

He is survived by sons John and Scott, their wives, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Donations can be made to Camp Timberwolf in his memory (see page 1).

## 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.

## 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.

## 2015 Reservation Schedule

Date	Group	Contact
May 22 (Fri)	Open water system	Mike Hulbert/Rich Holden
May 22 – 24 (Sun)	BSA Troop 212 work party	Tony McKensie
May 23 - 28 (Thu)	Opening work party	Mike Hulbert
May 30 – Jun 14	Open	Rich Holden
Jun 15 – 78	Upward Bound	Audrey Peters
Jun 20 – 27	McHugh Family	Cheryl McCarthy
Jun 27 – July 3 (Fri)	Spinfarkle Family	David Howe
Jul 3 (Fri) – 9 (Thurs)	MVPC Family Camp	Don Drennan
Jul 9 – 11	MVPC Dad's Adventure	Brad Gates
Jul 11 – 17 (Fri)	Robak Family	John Robak
Jul 17 – July 25	BSA Troop 212	John Drennan
July 25 – Aug 1	Graves Family	John Graves
Aug 1 – 8	Gardner Family	Ross Gardner
Aug 8 – 15	Open	Rich Holden
Aug 15 – 22	Bay Area Rescue Mission	Tim Hammack
Aug 22 – 28 (Fri)	Bay Area Rescue Mission	Tim Hammack
Aug 28 (Fri) – Sep 4 (Fri)	Bay Community Fellowship	Curtis Fleming
Sep 4 (Fri) – 7 (Mon)	Robinson Family	Tim & Heidi Kinsinger
Sep 7 (Mon) – 12	Bay Community Fellowship	Curtis Flemming
Sep 12 – 16 (Wed)	TBD	Rich Holden
Sep 16 (Wed) – 23 (Wed)	CCC Camp	
Sep 23 (Wed) – 30 (Wed)	TBD	Rich Holden
Sep 30 (Wed) – Oct 7 (Wed)	CCC Camp	
Oct 7 (Wed) – 11(Sun)	Closing work party	Mike Hulbert

(Subject to change)