

Camp Lassen 75th Anniversary

A Great Success

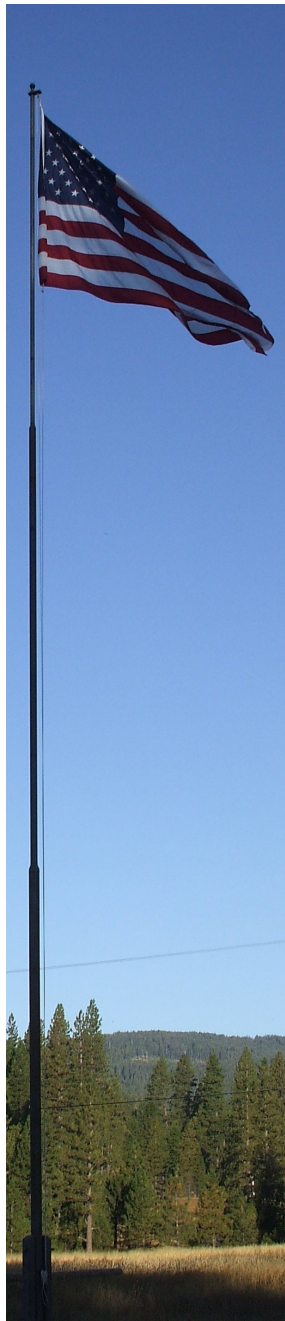
For all those that were able to join the celebration, a very special Scouting weekend was held this last September. Over 400 Alumni, staffers & Scouting Families enjoyed a weekend of good food, fellowship, fun, adventure and pride.

Old acquaintances were renewed, new friendships began and the start of the new parade grounds and Lodge rebuilding effort was kicked off.

Alumni traveled from places like Alaska (Phil Martin), Florida (Bud Smith), Arizona (John Sparks), Idaho, (Bob Skinner) and even Red Bluff (Scott Matthews)! The 1950's generation included scouters like Bill (Bubba) and Wayne Edmiston, Jim (Moose) Morris, the 60s with Steve Carter, the 70s with Dale Stadelman & Joe Simon, the 80s with Rich Bullerjahn, Rich Campbell, and Billy Mitchell, and John Sparks from the 90s. Of course we had a great team putting on the program of the great 2000 generation.

An alumni group of Camp Directors, with Bud Smith acting as spokesperson, led a moment of re-commitment and silence for the rededication of the Lodge. *Really* old alumni like Ren Wakefield, Bob Williams, and Jim Thorup, were joined by youngsters Stan Suderow and Jeff Chappell. A Troop 2 mini reunion was gathered by Mike Miller, Moose Miller's son, and brought together the likes of Dave Dion, Chris Hicks and John McDermott.

Throughout the weekend, alumni were treated to a rare collection of photos, patches, cannons, drums, costumes, banners and uniforms gathered by the Lassen History buffs. With all the program areas open, everyone enjoyed history walks of camp, tall tales of old staff exploits, and the great skits of the Camp Lassen Thespians.



The afternoon was capped off by a special retiring ceremony for the flags and poles used for the last 20 years or so. The newest generation of Alumni were given the privilege and treat to perform the christening ceremony of our newest flags. The ceremony team included Courtney Hersh, Dylan Osborn, Katie Ganaway, John Sprock, Domonic DeNardo, Caleb Sprock and Detail Commander Tim Lynch.

***New Flag Poles are the backdrop
for weekend ceremony***



While we did not attain the 145-foot height of the original camp flagpole, our brand new 70' tall pole with the Red White and Blue billowing in the light breeze, brought misty eyes to many at the assembly. Special thanks to Rob, Chuck and Jerry Norris of Norris Steel Fab for the donation of all the labor and to Joel Adema for pushing the idea to the forefront and the many hands that helped. Over \$7,000 was raised for the \$15,000 valued project. Chico and other Butte County Veterans groups, Troop 2 and a few alumni (Steve Estes) made this project possible.

A project to build a *Fleur De Lis* patterned sitting/retaining wall, inlaid with Scout Laws, will integrate the three existing camp monuments adjacent to the Lodge at the top of the parade grounds. Granite coping atop the new wall will also provide means to help fund the renovation of the lodge, as major donors will be recognized for gifts or memorialize loved ones. (Full details are on the last page)

***For some things,
time seems to stand still!***

In case you're wondering what camp looks like some 30 or 40 or 50 years after you were there, it really looks about the same. The Lodge is rustic as ever, the block house (2 story) still needs a new roof and a coat of paint, the health lodge is about the same on the outside, but the inside has been rearranged several times over the last 30 years.

The original cabins are gone and replaced with new cabins, or "Adirondacks", the lake is as scenic as ever and the dam has been rebuilt several times. New electrical systems, sewage systems, ranger cabin, and a new trading post & ADA shower house, COPE Center, and water tower and climbing center, and a horse riding center have been added over the years.

Overall, camp looks really good.

Just Some of the Old Timers



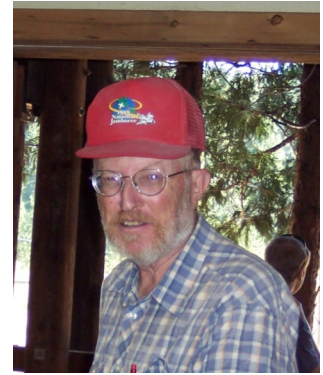
I'm not sure if we can say the same of some of our alumni. Featured in the following pictures are our alumni going back some 50 years. Recognize these guys? Featured from top right; Mike "Moose" Miller, Wayne Edmiston, Larry Wahl, Jim "Moose" Miller, John Sutthoff, & Bill "Bubba" Edmiston. Check out the next page and see who you recognize. Boy, Moose must have been a popular nickname back then.



Steve Estes, Matt Adema, Don Altig, Travis Vodden,



Bob Williams



Gene Russell



Hal Whiteman



Denica Luger, Nancy Holzhey



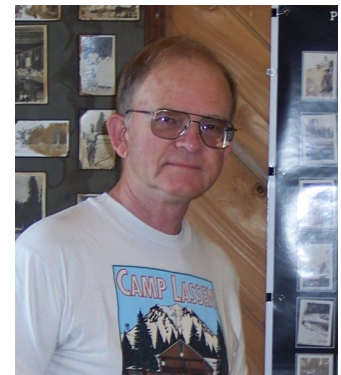
Rob and Jerry Norris, Flag Pole Fabricators



Dave and Camille Dion



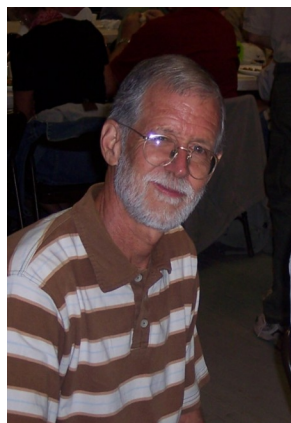
Steve Carter and Family



Ren Wakefield



Justin Vodden, Shirley Bohan



Dave Nopel



Jim Thorup, Jimmy Smith, Joe Simon



Matt Tennis



Stan Suderow



Jeff Chappell



Bud Smith



John Sutthoff , Robert Simmons



Dan Raymos

A Special Thanks to everyone that helped out for the Anniversary and Family Camp. While we can't list everyone that made the weekend a great success, we would like to thank the following Alumni for making it a great weekend.

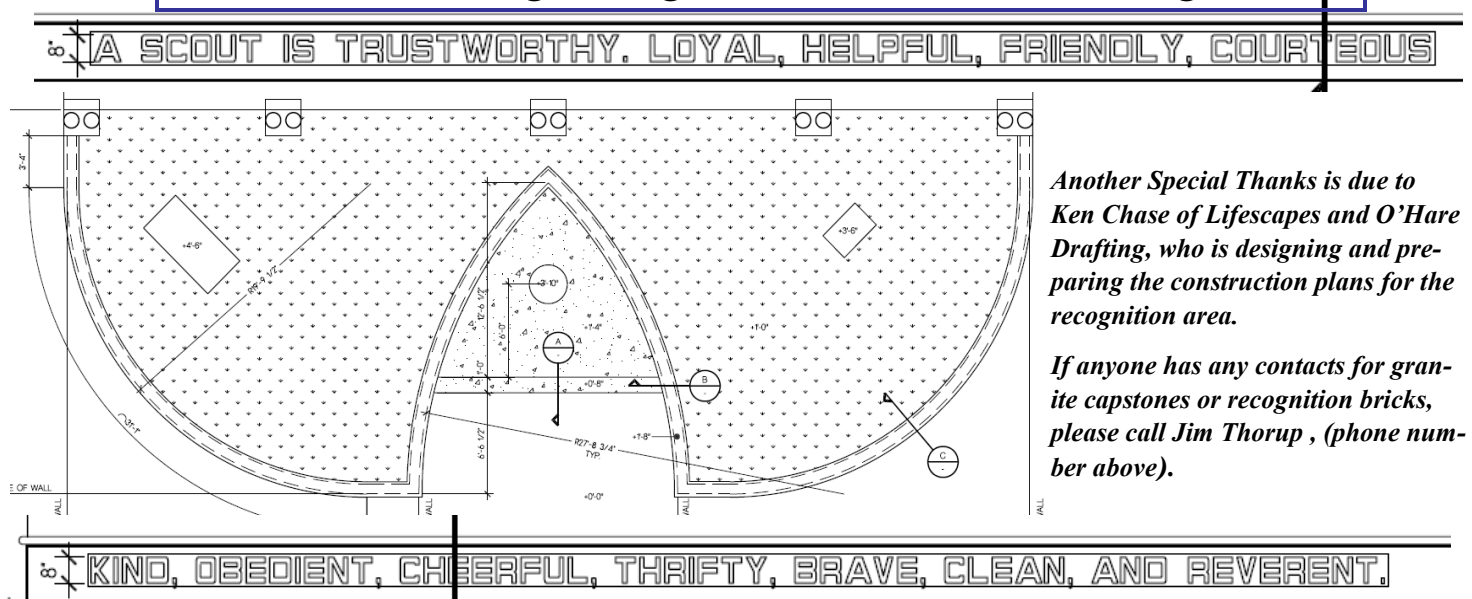
Chairman Matt Tennis, Committee members Stan Thompson, Steve Estes, Joel Adema, Bubba Edmiston, Ren Wakefield, Travis Vodden, Justin Vodden, Jim Thorup, James Smith, Exploring Post #414 , Dan Ramos, Matt Adema, Rob, Chuck and Jerry Norris, Dave Nopel, Jeff Chappell, Maurine Sprock (Trading Post) and the entire Camp Lassen Family Camp Staff and Alumni.

Visit http://sites.gec-bsa.org/lassen/Camp_Lassen/75_Anniversary.html or e-mail jdthorup@sbcglobal.net for current information.

Over the years many thoughts and ideas have been tossed about for how to recognize the great volunteers and special Alumni that have been a part of Camp Lassen and to raise some funds. A recognition memorial center to be located at the top of the parade grounds, has been designed to show gratitude and to help preserve the lodge. Shown below is the draft plan for the monument. The Scout Law will be chiseled in the concrete wall and 12" x 18" granite capstones will be placed on the top perimeter to act as a bench as well as recognition stones. There will also be two drinking fountains (the original saved during construction) and a 4' wide concrete skirting where commemorative fired bricks will be placed.

The donations for Capstone Recognition will start at \$1500 and range up to \$7500, pending location. The bricks perimeter will be in the \$300 to \$500 per brick range. If you're interested, give Jim Thorup a call at 530-891-0287.

The New Lodge Recognition/Memorial Center Design



Another Special Thanks is due to Ken Chase of Lifescapes and O'Hare Drafting, who is designing and preparing the construction plans for the recognition area.

If anyone has any contacts for granite capstones or recognition bricks, please call Jim Thorup , (phone number above).