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WHAT'S UP AT CAMP

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SACRAMENTO INJECTS \$230,000 INTO CAMP LASSEN

2015 brought many amazing improvements to our beautiful Camp. Thanks to an impressive infusion of \$230,000 from the Golden Empire Council (G.E.C.) in Sacramento, and thousands of man-hours from local businesses and volunteers, our beloved facility is now ready for summer fun! Under the new leadership of Golden Empire Council Executive Charles Brasfield, critical steps have been taken to upgrade the camp's program, facilities and infrastructure. Following is a brief run-down:

New Scoutcraft Camp Cooking Facility and HQ

For many, the phrase "Boy Scout



cookout" means little more than a classic wiener roast. In truth, however, camp cooking is an art form with ever-increasing levels of sophistication.

Despite its rustic, outdoor charm, Camp's historic Scoutcraft area has lacked the space, tools, and sanitary environment to conduct outdoor cooking lessons on a large scale. Additionally, only a fraction of the requirements for Cooking Merit Badge (offered at the Scoutcraft area) specifically relate to outdoor cooking.

..... The rest are more general in nature, needing piles of standard equipment, pantry space and refrigeration.

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Thanks to a core of volunteers provided by the Alumni Association – Jim Thorup, Dave Dion, Dave Burkland, Dale Staddelman and many others – we've performed a massive overhaul to the old bike shed (formerly, the trading post and nature lodge) which is now home to a large indoor food prep and outdoor cooking center.

New Bouldering Wall and Climbing Center Renovation

Camp Lassen is now equipped with a state-of-the-art "bouldering" experience near the lodge, and an amazing 32-foot multi-skill climbing wall above the C.O.P.E. course. The bouldering structure, made possible with generous contributions of manpower and expertise from Pat Conroy Construction of Chico, lies in close proximity to the Main Lodge and parade grounds. Accessible to anyone passing by or hanging out, the 12 x 20-foot structure is equipped

with hundreds of low-elevation rock attachments – a great down-time caloric-burner.

For those seeking an even bigger adrenaline rush, camp now offers a massively upgraded 3-story Wall Climbing Center, largely donated by Kurt Carman, owner of BCM Construction.



Bouldering structure

The new wall features multiple courses tailored to different skill levels, including some totally boss, inverted "pop-out" features. The cub climbing section has been moved around the corner to a different side of the tower, which is now rounded out with a fresh coat of paint, new trim, and clear fiberglass siding for natural lighting on the interior. It's righteous.

Introducing New Council Executive Chuck Brasfeild



We at the Alumni Association are pleased to welcome Chuck Brasfeild as our new Golden Empire Council Scout Executive. Brasfeild replaces Jim Martin, who retired after 30+ years of service in The Boy Scouts of America. Coming from Flint River Council in Georgia, and originally from Orlando, Florida, Brasfeild brings 15+ years of experience as a professional and volunteer scouter. As a youth in Troop 2576 in Kent Island, MD, he attained the rank of Life Scout and was an Ordeal Member in the Order of the Arrow. (In addition to serving as Executive, Chuck is also a volunteer; he serves as Cub Master of Pack 217 in Fair Oaks. All three Brasfeild children are active in Scouting). About Camp Lassen, after attending Cub Resident Camp recently, he said "What an outstanding program the Lassen Team provides to families in Northern California." Awesome to have you on board, Chuck!

Restroom Renovations

When campers gotta go, campers gotta go. That's why Uriah Bakke, a multi-generational Camp Lassen enthusiast and owner of Precision Construction, "toileted" away for weeks-on-end in preparation for the summer flushing season. The focus of his efforts was a total overhaul of the North and South restrooms, which he has equipped with new private showers, wainscoting, counter tops and all new fixtures. Seeing is believing, and this summer if you're up camp-way you should think of a reason to trot on over and "go to it." No binder's twine here.

New Dock!

This summer we inherited new docks from Camp Pahatsi, which sadly suffered severe fire damage ten years ago. While much-loved, Lassen's old wooden docks had one foot in the grave and the other on



a banana peel. The much-newer 10 x 60-foot Pahatsi dock, which was waterlogged and partially sunk, received a complete donated overhaul from Thomas Welding in Chico. It is now the best dock Camp Lassen has ever floated (Thanks, Tom!). Also, this project could never have hap-

pened were it not for George Wurlitzer Farms, which hauled all the dock sections from the central Sierras off I-80 to Butte Meadows.

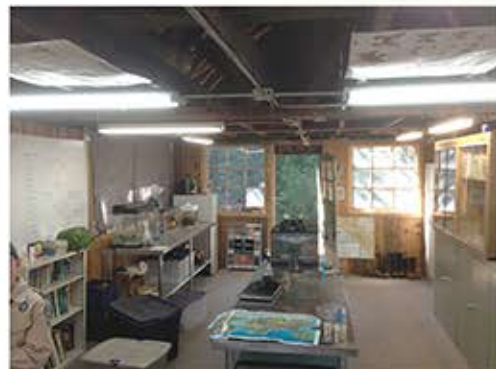
Nature Center Renovation

Once a hangout for bespectacled butterfly chasers and riparian nymph



aficionados, the Nature Lodge – and the badges that are taught there – have

become central to Scouting's mission in the 21st century. Simply put, the building we have been using as a HQ for the Nature Program was not up to the broad-based task. Today, the old lodge on the edge of the meadow has been renovated inside and out, thanks to efforts by Ren Wakefield and the Alumni Association volunteer corps.



James Smith

1969 - 2015

And now a belated obituary. Last January the Camp Lassen family lost a much-beloved little brother, James Smith. Born with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, James grew up in and around Camp Lassen and became a colorful fixture, helping whenever and however he could. His is a beautiful story of how scouting - and Camp Lassen - grows and shapes boys into men. Jimmy, we will miss all the personality and character you brought to our lives, and will never forget the love you had for Camp Lassen and its people.



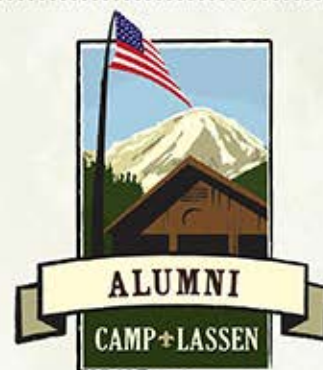
MAIN LODGE REPORT

As you are all well aware, the Lassen Lodge was in desperate need of repairs seven years ago, when the Alumni Association and broader community pulled together to raise funds and manpower for critical repairs. All told, through our 75th Anniversary capital campaign, we were able to raise \$32,000! Here is a list of improvements that will help ensure the survival and continued viability of this one-of-a-kind regional treasure that we call our own:



Lodge sketch by of Don Nelson, former Scoutmaster - Troop 770 Paradise

- New footings to replace the rotten ones.
- Skirting replacement around the Main Lodge.
- Relevelled the Lodge Floor with 120 new concrete footings and posts.
- Bridged a massive old "stove pit" underneath with I-joists, new beams and posts.
- Repaired the sections of floor around the posts that hold up the roof.



Lassen Alumni Association

If you haven't already done so, take time to join up with the Camp Lassen Alumni Association. Just visit www.camplassen.com/alumni and sign up today, or call Jim Thorup at (530)864-5553 for more info.

For questions or comments regarding the "What's Up at Camp?" newsletter please contact mdtennis@gmail.com



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- Contribute materials for future projects and my industry is _____
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- Support Scouting and Camp Lassen with a gift of:
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\$230,000 Cash infusion into Camp Lassen
Lifelong supporters, legacy financial contribution
Comprehensive leadership on Camp facilities
Comprehensive leadership on Camp program and facilities
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Cash contribution for program equipment
Camp cleanup and bench project
Miscellaneous facilities and program projects
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Engineering of electrical system, lodge septic
Bouldering Wall
Wall Climbing Center
Waterfront Improvement
Extensive and various projects
Road Upgrade
Cash contribution
Equipment purchase, project help



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Miscellaneous facilities and program projects
Equipment donation and plumbing volunteer
Bathroom remodel
Lodge septic
Hazardous tree removal
Miscellaneous facilities projects
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Cash contribution
Critical professional assistance
Landscape Design
Lodge septic
Waterfront Improvement
Lodge septic
Equipment purchase
Miscellaneous facilities projects
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Miscellaneous facilities projects... And beer
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Nature Lodge Renovation
Waterfront Improvement