

California Alpine Club

Founded April 1913 • Incorporated 1936 • CAC Foundation established 2004



Membership Application

Founded in 1913

THE PURPOSES of this Club are:

- To explore, enjoy, and protect the natural sources of our land, including wildlife, forests and plants, water and scenic values;
- To support and promote educational programs these and related subjects;
- At all times to protect and, as far as we are able, improve the environment in which we live; and
- To strengthen a sense of community among our members and Associate Members.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The California Alpine Club (CAC) is a non-profit, outdoor-oriented social club with special interests in recreation, self-reliance, and conservation. The CAC Foundation (CACF) gives annual grants to support local environmental causes in the San Francisco Bay Area and Lake Tahoe regions. Donations to CACF are tax-deductible. Year-round, CAC members organize domestic and international travel outings as well as special events and activities at our two historic lodges. Both lodges boast professional kitchens, private bedrooms, dormitory facilities, and spectacular locations. More information can be found in CAC's newsletter, TRAILS, and at californiaalpineclub.org. CAC has approximately 500 memberships and 700 members. Family memberships are encouraged.

CAC ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- Day & Weekend Hikes • Backpacking Trips
- Snowshoeing, Cross-Country & Alpine Skiing
- Car Camping, Wilderness & Base Camp Trips
- Dinners & Parties at Alpine Lodge on Mt. Tam
- Kayak & Canoe Trips • Picnics • Barbecues
- Bird Watching • Health Spa Weeks
- Conservation Benefit Programs
- Youth and Family Events

ALPINE LODGE is located on the south slope of Mt. Tamalpais at 730 Panoramic Highway, Mill Valley, California 94941 (about a quarter mile from the Mountain Home bus stop); 415-380-8250. The lodge is available for the enjoyment of our members and their guests; it is not available for rent by the public. Every Sunday from 9am-3pm, Innkeepers host Sunday Open House, offering hospitality, refreshments (for a nominal fee), and a tour of Alpine Lodge.

ECHO SUMMIT LODGE is perched on top of Old Meyers Grade along the south rim of the Lake Tahoe Basin on Johnson Pass Road, off U.S. Hwy 50; 530-659-7274. This year-round mountain lodge with commanding views of Lake Tahoe and the surrounding Sierra Nevada mountains sits at an elevation of 7,365 feet. The Pacific Crest Trail and the alpine lakes of Desolation Wilderness are within easy walking distance. Echo Lake, a mile from our lodge, is a delightful place in the summer to swim, fish, and boat. In winter, the area excels for ski touring, sledding, and snowshoeing. Nearby well-known downhill ski areas include Sierra at Tahoe, Heavenly, and Kirkwood.

MEMBERSHIP EXPECTATIONS

CAC lodges are maintained and operated by the membership. In order to keep our low, co-op prices, members are expected to contribute to Club operations at least once a year. Alpine Lodge holds mid-week and Sunday work parties; Echo Lodge accommodates bi-annual, multi-day "fun and work" parties. To coordinate a major Club event, host at Echo Lodge, cook a large dinner, coordinate the clean-up for Club events at Alpine Lodge, edit our TRAILS newsletter, proofread CAC documents, fill a leadership position, join a committee, or organize a wilderness hike or camp-out are just some of the other ways to satisfy this annual work obligation.



Alpine Lodge
Mt. Tamalpais



Echo Summit Lodge
Lake Tahoe

4/28/02

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

When applying for membership in California Alpine Club, prospective members are required to:

- Subscribe to the purposes of the CAC as stated on the front page of this form.
- Attend at least two Club events, one of which must be a “work” activity as approved by the CAC leadership, and obtain two new-member sponsors.
- Complete the application form in full, and READ the Dues and Entry Fee information carefully. Send completed application forms and correct fees to the Membership Chair (see information below).
- Former members may be reinstated without an entry fee within five years of the date of membership lapse. Reinstated members do not need to attend two Club events, but still must have two current sponsors.

NEW MEMBER SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Explain to candidate members the purposes of the Club, how the Club operates, and how the lodges are maintained and financed.
- Help candidate members sign up for a work party or arrange a work activity.
- Accompany and introduce new members at their first Quarterly Meeting Lunch/Dinner. (Lunch/Dinner is complimentary for new members.)
- Encourage new members to become active participants by helping with Club events and projects, and by assuming leadership roles.

Send CAC Member Application and check made payable to California Alpine Club to Beverly Be, Membership Chair, 7614 Oak Leaf Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409. Questions? Contact Bev at membership.cac1913@gmail.com or 707-539-2802. You may download this form at californiaalpineclub.org.

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The Echo Summit Lodge is an equal opportunity service wider and permittee of the United States Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit.

DATE: _____

“I (we) hereby apply for membership in the California Alpine Club (CAC). I (we) have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions Membership, and I (we) acknowledge that membership in the CAC is subject to these Terms and Conditions and requires acceptance the CAC Board of Directors. I (we) further agree to abide by the rules and regulations of CAC as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation as a California Non-Profit 501(c)(7) and the Club’s by-laws.” (For a copy of the by-laws, contact the Membership Chair.)

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS Check category of membership:

| Type of Membership | Entry Fee | Annual Dues | Total |
|---|-----------|-------------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Member | \$20 | \$100 | \$120 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Members | \$30 | \$170 | \$200 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Member (18-26, on April 1st) | | \$20 | \$20 |

PAYMENT INFORMATION Annual Dues are payable by April 1st of each year. If the application is tendered between July 1 and December 31, pay half the Annual Dues; at all other times pay the full dues amount. If the application is tendered between January 1 and March 31, dues are prepaid for the following fiscal year, which begins in April. Contact the Membership Chair if you have questions about the membership application process.

APPLICANT INFORMATION Please complete the following information. Personal information is confidential and only for official CAC use.

PLEASE PRINT

First Name _____ Last Name _____ DOB _____

Joint Member First _____ Last Name _____ DOB _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code (9 digits, if available) _____

Phone _____ Email Contact _____

Volunteer Skills _____
(e.g. chef, carpentry, sewing, plumbing, web programming, bookkeeping, legal, party planning, editor, outdoor leadership, educator, musician, insurance agent ...)

There is no Entry Fee for Student Members.

“I have enclosed \$_____ for Entry fees, and \$_____ for Annual Dues, FOR A TOTAL OF \$_____, with the understanding that if the application(s) is declined, the total amount shall be refunded.”

WORK & SOCIAL ACTIVITIES Please list two Club events attended. One event must be a “work” activity:

1) Event _____ Date _____

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Signature of Applicant _____ Signature of Joint Applicant _____

CAC SPONSOR VERIFICATION “We, the undersigned Members of California Alpine Club, state that we personally know the above named applicant(s), believe him/her/them to be of good character and interested in supporting the Purposes of CAC, so therefore sponsor the applicant(s) for CAC membership.”

Sponsor 1 _____
Print Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____ Comments _____

Sponsor 2 _____
Print Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____ Comments _____

(Note for Sponsors: Joint members are considered as one Sponsor.)

NOTE: You will be notified when the Club’s TRAILS newsletter is available via email. Contact Membership Chair if you do not have an email address.