

# TRAILS

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### BARBECUE AND POTLUCK CELEBRATION SATURDAY, 4TH OF JULY

Just a reminder that we're having our traditional JULY 4TH BBQ and POTLUCK on Saturday, July 4th. We're preparing hamburgers, salmon burgers and veggie burgers. You prepare your favorite dish to serve 6-8, either Appetizer, Salad (macaroni, cold slaw, potato, fruit, lettuce, veggies – to name just a few), or Dessert. BYOB or donate to the Club bar.

Last day for reservations was June 30th. So, if you're late, an additional charge of \$5 will be added, \$17 for members, and \$20 for guests. It's too late to send a check, so call or email Eva Libien at 415-383-5184, elibien@yahoo.com, immediately to reserve.

We'll start the day with a hike, led by **Jordan Herrmann**. The hike will start from the Club at 10 a.m. The hike will be back in time for Happy Hour which will begin at 2:30 followed by the BBQ and potluck at 3:30.

You are welcome to stay overnight. The overnight host is **Tony Smith**. His email is tbs1932sf@gmail.com to reserve. Email him immediately . Cost is \$21 plus \$8 for breakfast if desired.

— Eva Libien and Tony Smith, Events Coordinators

### 2015 CAC FOUNDATION GRANTS AWARDED YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

Eight wonderful programs are receiving grants from your Foundation this year. We support organizations situated near our two lodges that provide environmental education, preservation and restoration of the outdoors we all enjoy. This year's recipients are:

Tahoe Rim Trail Association: To support youth backcountry camps this summer for kids ages 12 to 17.

Eldorado National Forest Interpretive Association: To purchase three backpacks loaded with backcountry emergency supplies and for trail maintenance supplies for the Desolation Wilderness volunteers.

Pacific Crest Trail Association: To contribute to the Tahoe Trail Skills College, a three day training for 40 to 50 volunteers, helping with the cost of meals, kitchen supplies and printed materials.

Tahoe Institute for Natural Science: To print materials for natural history field trips for local schools and purchase related items.

Pt. Reyes National Seashore Association: For youth backpacks and backpacking stoves to be used in five Summer Camp programs.

Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed: To pay for tree removal and a replanting project with White Hill Middle School.

Slide Ranch: To enable a class of 25 children to participate in environmental programs.

Marin Audubon Society: To purchase over 500 plants to restore tidal marsh lands next to the Corte Madera Ecological Reserve.

Thanks to all of you who have donated to the Foundation. Remember that 100% of your donations go towards our grants and are tax-deductible. To suggest an organization that might be eligible for a grants next year, contact any of our Foundation Board Members.

— Arlin Weinberger, President CAC Foundation

### Monthly TRAILS Editor ~ Susan Patrck

### California Alpine Club

The purpose of the Club is: To explore, enjoy and protect the natural resources of our land, including wildlife, forests and plants, water and scenic values; to support and promote educational programs on these and related subjects; at all times, to protect and as far as we are able, to improve the environment in which we live; and to strengthen a sense of community among our members.

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone,

I am writing this on June 6 in damp and foggy Daly City while listening to weather reports that temperatures 20 miles in any direction should be in the 90° to low 100°. It is official; summer has arrived on the coast. I hope that your situation allows you to enjoy this special time of the year. I look forward to backyard



BBQ's, picnics in the park; camping with our grandson at our favorite park (Calaveras Big Trees), zip lines in Murphy's and all sorts of outdoor activities. I just can't do them in Daly City until our coastal summer arrives in October.

While at Echo's Spring Work Party, I had a conversation with **Jon Burau**, club member and scientist who is studying the expansive water system of California's delta. Our short conversation tweaked my interest. I am trying to arrange a date so that Jon can come to Alpine Lodge and share his exceptional knowledge and answer questions. I promise his Q & A discussion will be interesting. The event will be announced in Trails and email messages.

The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs will have its 83rd annual conference this year at the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center in Corbett Oregon. The dates are Friday August 28 to Sunday August 30. Last year the conference was at Echo Lodge. A bequest from deceased CAC Member **Win Hayward** is responsible for underwriting the expenses of the conference and keeping the cost for the event to \$85.00. Representing CAC at the conference are Board Members **Ann Meneguzzi** and **Bill Mayers**. If you are interested please let me know.

Jay Gustafson (Vice President) and Mark Sapiro (Board Member) attended their first official meeting in May. I am sure their presence, knowledge and skills will inject new ideas and energy into the Board's activities. Jay has already introduced several proposals. Two proposals, which are in the developmental stage, are to have uniform emails addresses for Board Members, Trustees, Committee Chairs, etc., and to have written Welcome Protocol for new members. Fortunately Mark Sapiro has hands-on experience of email list management software and other possible options.

Our new mail service, Direct Mailing Systems did a wonderful job of getting Trails mailed and to members on time.

### Thank You,

— Jim Nixon, President

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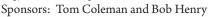


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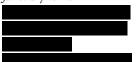
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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SATURDAY, JULY 18, Alpine Lodge Board Meeting, 2 pm, Quarterly Meeting, 3 pm Lunch or Dinner

AUGUST - NO BOARD MEETING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, Alpine Lodge Board Meeting, 2 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, Alpine Lodge Board Meeting, 2 pm Quarterly Meeting, 3 pm Lunch or Dinner

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, Alpine Lodge Board Meeting, 2 pm

DECEMBER - NO BOARD MEETING

If you have any questions or wish to have an item on the agenda, contact **Jim Nixon** at jimnixon2000@yahoo.com or call 650-756-7771. Members are welcome at Board meetings.

— Jim Nixon, CAC President

### NEW MEMBERS' WELCOME DINNER JULY 18, AT ALPINE LODGE

All new members for calendar year 2015 are invited to the Alpine lodge on Saturday, July 18, 2015. The Club and Alpine Trustees have a number of activities "for new members and their guests. The activity list is designed for those who may want to spend the whole day with the overnite or for those who wish to participate in just one or two events. The Club's aim in this offering is to familiarize new members with Alpine Lodge, how it works and how to book an overnight, how the up-keep of the facility is maintained by volunteers from the club, and of course meet and greet on the trail or in the lodge other members with whom new friendships might be made.

The day starts with an invitation to new members to join in with the Alpine Trustees in a morning work party. A lunch is offered by the Trustees for each work party participant, and for those new members who just want to show up for lunch, the Club offers that for free also.

In the early Afternoon, the CAC Board will meet, followed by a members Quarterly meeting, to which all new members are invited. After these meeting, two hikes are to be offered; one hike will take all who choose up the mountain to the West Peak and back, a 3 hour venture with a very special ending back at the club... and a second less ambitious hike out and back in about 90 minutes, with views of the Bay from a fairly flat fire road. Then new members are invited to a traditional "Happy Hour" on the back

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### ALPINE HIKE LEADER SCHEDULE OPEN HOUSE EVERY SUNDAY AT ALPINE LODGE

| Saturday July 4     | 10:15 AM | Jordan Herrmann<br>Fourth of July Hike | 510-520-9782 | 1A |
|---------------------|----------|--|--------------|----|
| Sunday July 5       | 9:30 AM  | Open                                   |              | 2B |
| Sunday July 12      | 9:30 AM  | Jordan Herrmann                        | 510-520-9782 | 2B |
| Sunday July 19      | 9:30 AM  | Howard Ortman                          | 415-456-5912 | 2B |
| Sunday July 26      | 9:30 AM  | Open                                   |              | 2B |
|                     |          |  |              |    |
| Sunday August 2     | 9:30 AM  | Carol Bodtker                          | 415-884-0850 | 2B |
| Sunday August 9     | 9:30 AM  | Bill Mayer                             | 415-785-3516 | 2B |
| Sunday August 16    | 9:30 AM  | Jock MacDonald                         | 415-381-2870 | 2B |
| Sunday August 23    | 9:30 AM  | Eva Libien                             | 415-383-5184 | 2B |
| Sunday August 30    | 9:30 AM  | Rob Freinkel                           | 415-608-7938 | 2B |
| , ,                 |          |  |              |    |
| Sunday September 6  | 9:30 AM  | Open                                   | 415-383-5184 | 2B |
| Sunday September 13 | 9:30 AM  | Open                                   |              | 2B |
| Sunday September 20 | 9:30 AM  | Lynn MacDonald                         | 510-525-3843 | 2B |
| Sunday September 27 | 9:30 AM  | Open                                   |              | 2B |

Hike Coordinator: Pauline MacDonald, at 415-381-2870 or luddite48@comcast.net

### **IMPORTANT! RAIN CANCELS**

ALL SUNDAY 2B HIKES DEPART FROM
THE ALPINE CLUB AT 9:30 AM SHARP.
SUNDAY 2B HIKES ARE 7-10 MILES
AND UP TO 2000 FT. ELEVATION GAIN.
ALTERNATE LEVELS OF SUNDAY HIKES ARE
SOMETIMES OFFERED IN ADDITION TO
THE 2B HIKE AND MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT
START TIME. CHECK THE SCHEDULE. A 1A
HIKE IS 5-6 MILES AND UP TO 1000 FEET. A
1B HIKE IS 5-6 MILES AND 1000-2000 FEET.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEAD A HIKE CURRENTLY SHOWN AS OPEN, PLEASE CALL PAULINE MACDONALD (415-381-2870)

NOTES: All hikes initially convene at the Alpine Club; however hikes may then reconvene at a trailhead of hike leader's choice. All hikers should have prior hiking experience and be able to hike at a moderate pace (i.e., approx. 2 miles per hour). If you hike in front of the leader and are not at the stated destination when the leader arrives, the leader will consider you no longer on the hike.

# ALPINE LODGE SUNDAY INNKEEPERS

| July 5    | Gerry & Patty Montmorency |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| July 12   | Marguerite Murphy         |
| July 19   | Beve and Ron Leve         |
| July 26   | Nuala Caulfield           |
|           |                           |
| August 2  | Ursula Pedersen           |
| August 9  | Alice Lehmann             |
| August 16 | OPEN                      |
| August 23 | Nuala Caulfield           |
| August 30 | OPEN                      |
|           |                           |

Hello fellow Alpine Club Members!

I am the Innkeeping Coordinator (recruiter & scheduler) for the Alpine Lodge Sunday Open House. Please, would you consider signing up to be the Innkeeper(s) on a Sunday of your choice and selecting one of the dates shown below as OPEN - or any Sunday after that. It is a great way to spend a day at our beautiful Alpine Lodge while at the same time fulfilling a portion of your volunteer responsibilities. You need not be host trained to serve as Innkeeper(s) however, I can provide you a list of brief instructions/suggestions which outline what the Innkeepers traditionally have done. Also, if you don't wish to serve alone (you are a new member for example) consider serving together with another member – and co-innkeep!

## ALPINE LODGE WORK PARTY SCHEDULE

Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Lunch will be served. Overnight is possible. Please contact the host to RSVP

| WORK PARTY             | HOST          | CONTACT INFO                            |
|------------------------|---------------|---|
| Saturday, July 18      | Barbara Hills | 530-756-4916<br>eyeski-2@sbcglobal.net  |
| Thursday, August 13    | Edie Nelson   | 831-423-5576<br>edieforsyth@hotmail.com |
| Thursday, October 1    | TBD           |   |
| *TBD -To be determined | — Dan         | Larson, Alpine Trustee                  |

Please note that I update the web calendar as soon as I get a volunteer. Therefore, it is advised that you check the calendar on the website regularly for the latest status. The public side of the website contains just the 1st names of the innkeeper(s) but the members' side of the website contains more detailed information.

Please call me to reserve a date or provide feedback (916-690-1828) or better yet, e-mail me at janashob@gmail.com or shober@csus.edu.

Thank You! Happy Trails To You All!

— Jana Shober, Innkeeping Coordinator

# **CAC CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND VOLUNTEERS**

Many of you offer to help with events at Alpine Lodge every year, but we would love to have help from other members and especially new members. Helping with some aspect of an event is a great way to meet people and make new friends. We always have lots of fun. The tasks are divided into groups, so that many hands can make light work.

by email. You can find contact information for the sponsor/host/task leader in the event description on our website calendar. More detailed task descriptions and templates for managing an event are/will be located The chart below shows the major task areas for each event and the number of volunteers needed. If you can volunteer in any capacity for these events, please contact the event host, task leader, or BoD Sponsor you have any trouble with the Events spreadsheet, contact Jordan Herrmann at jordanzon82@gmail.com and give him your phone number. See the CAC Box on page 2 for the list of the Event Committee members. on the website. You can sign up to help with an event by going to our website at californiaalpineclub.org MEMBERS>QUICK LINKS. Just double-click on the appropriate cell and enter your name to volunteer. If

| CAC Social Event Calendar Volunteers 2015-16 | July 4th,<br>BBQ  | July 18, Q'tly<br>Mtg                         | Sept 7, Labor<br>Day Potluck | Oct 17,<br>Quarterly<br>Meeting | Oct 31,<br>Halloween<br>Party, TBD | Nov 26,<br>Thank sgiving<br>Dinner | Dec 5,<br>Children's<br>Holiday Party | Dec 19,<br>Holiday Party  | Dec 25<br>Christmas<br>Day Dinner | Jan 1, 2016<br>NY Day<br>w/Soup & Salad |
|--|---|---|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| BoD Sponsor                                  | Need  | Jay Gustafson                                 | N/A                          | Helena Troy                     | N/A                                | Need                               | Ann Meneguzzi                         | Margy   | N/A                               | Jay Gustafson                           |
| Event Host(s)                                | Eva Libien  |   |                              |                                 |                                    |                                    | Mary Frey<br>Ann Meneguzzi            | Margy   |                                   | Tony                                    |
| RSVPs/<br>Accounts                           | Eva   | Bev Leve                                      |                              |                                 |                                    |                                    | Mary Frey                             | Margy   |                                   | Tony                                    |
| *Head Chef                                   | Cooks BBQ<br>Need 2   | Barbara Hall;<br>Lunch<br>Bev Leve;<br>Dinner |                              | Bev?                            |                                    |                                    | Ann Meneguzzi                         | Tim - need 4<br>cooks; Marguerite;<br>Salad:Carol B, Gretta,<br>need 3 more |                                   | Tony B/F<br>2nd                         |
| Table Setup & Decoration                     | Setup: tables, chair,<br>umbrellas-need 4.<br>Put out utensils<br>(need 1)<br>decorate tables |   |                              |                                 |                                    |                                    |                                       | Need 4  |                                   |   |
| Name Tags &<br>Place Cards                   | N/A   |   |                              |                                 |                                    |                                    |                                       | Need 1  |                                   |   |
| *Cleanup<br>Supervisor                       | Tony Smith  |   |                              |                                 |                                    |                                    |                                       | Need 5  |                                   |   |
| Overnight<br>Host                            | Tony Smith  | BevLeve                                       |                              |                                 |                                    |                                    | Ann Meneguzzi                         |   |                                   | Tony Smith                              |
| Other<br>Volunteers                          | Jordan-Lead Hike  |   | Jordan-Lead<br>Hike          |                                 |                                    |                                    |                                       | 8 Apps  |                                   |   |

Abbreviations: O/N = Overnight; B/F = Breakfast; Lun = Lunch; Din = Dinner; Apps = Appetizers; Spon = Sponsor; BoD = Board of Directors; TBD = To be Determined; N/A = Not Applicable; Deco=Decorations; Help = helpers

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A merry band of paddlers joined Bob Hanson for a 5-day canoe trip down the Smith River in Montana, on May 10-14. True to tradition, Bob did a masterful job of organizing logistics, planning the itinerary, choosing the campsites, and buying the food and supplies. The paddlers included Ruth Tretbar, Jean Rodgers, Stephan Berlinski, Ricia Wise, Jim and Margaret Ballou, Jim Hogan, David Stanley, Bob Hanson, StuSparling, Arnold Champagne, Jan Lockie, Bonnie Blackaller, Renee Hamilton, and two guests, Karl Livengood and David Stanley's daughter, Andrea, who brought her own kayak. The weather was brisk, but each day ended with a roaring fire in camp, along with good food and engaging conversation. While rain was predicted, it arrived only at night, leaving the days free to enjoy the magnificent scenery, watch for bald and golden eagles, enjoy the wildflowers, count the myriad baby geese and ducks following their parents at river's edge and dodge those pesky rocks in the river! The Smith proved to be a challenge and delight for all.

— Renee Hamilton, Party Member



MERRY PADDLERS ON THE SMITH RIVER

Bob Hanson and His Merry Paddler



## TRAIL CLEARING ON THE PACIFIC CREST TRAIL

The California Alpine Club, The Tahoe Rim Trail and the Pacific Crest Trail Association will once again spend a lovely weekend together doing work to make the PCT even more beautiful than it already is. The dates for this year's adventure are August 21st through August 23rd. The California Alpine Club will provide accommodations, meals, showers, beds and a day getting sun and exercise out on the PCT.

The cost of the weekend is covered by the trustees at Echo Lodge, to whom we owe our thanks. What you will need to bring: sleeping bag, toiletries, bath towel, good work clothes, good work boots, a hat sun screen and gloves. We will provide hard hats and tools.

Space is limited to no more than eight (8) volunteers from each organization. Spaces will fill up fast, so Contact Tom Coleman the CAC coordinator for this activity.

Thank you, enjoy the trails and give back.

—Tom Coleman, Alpine Trustee travmcgee@comcast.net

### **ECHO CONSERVATION WEEKEND**

The Conservation Weekend, June 3 to 7, was a great success. Led by long-time exemplary and fantastic hosts, **Karen** and **Jerry Wagner**, we explored some of the beautiful habitat within easy reach of the Lodge. Besides the bountiful wild flowers and shrubs, the group spotted over fifty species of birds. Some highlights were the robin sitting on its nest, the merganser mom lighting off (successfully) an attack by a mallard on her brood of nine chicks, and an airborne osprey clutching a fish.

This was a benefit for the California Alpine Club Foundation. Foundation board members and friends prepared Saturday evening dinner (Mary Cosgrove, Jay Gustafson, Ann Meneguzzi, Bill Meneguzzi, Allen Utterback and Beryl Kay) and Sunday breakfast (Rose Chen, Kevin Hogan). The evening's "wine sponsorship" raised funds for the foundation. Thank you to those who so generously contributed. Three birthdays were celebrated as well!

We were priviledged to have with us Dr. Barry Rice, an Astobiologist – a "scientist in love with the Earth and Stars". After dinner Barry gave a lively and fascinating presentation on his passion – carnivorous plants of the Western USA. Besides beautiful slide he showed us some of the plant specimens has has preserved, and demonstrated in a humorous way how the plants capture their prey.

Thanks to everyone for such a good time and to the Echo Turstees for allowing the weekend proceeds to benefit the California Alpine Club Foundation, which supports grassroots environmental nonprofits in the Tahoe and Tamalpais Regions.

- Beryl Kay, Foundation Board Member

### ALPINE LODGE EVENTS AND HOST CALENDAR

**Event Reservations:** Contact the host or leader listed. If you must cancel, please alert your host as food preparation is based on reservation count. CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR LATEST UPDATES.

ALPINE LODGE PHONE # 415-380-8250 **OUTGOING LOCAL CALLS ONLY; NO PAY PHONE** WIFI NOW AVAILABLE

To Schedule an Event: For a private member event or a Club function, please leave a message with your request, name, email, and phone number at 415-381-4975. A volunteer will contact you and assist you in booking the event.

Phone Russ Toran 707-321-3845 anytime or e-mail to toranski@aol.com Accommodations Phone 415-381-4975 Alpine Lodge Phone 415-380-8250

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JULY 10-11 FRI-SAT PRIVATE RENTAL Becky Sterling Fay 415-246-8428

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**JULY 18 SAT BOARD/MEMBERSHIP MEETING** 

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**JULY 31-AUG 1 FRI-SAT** PRIVATE EVENT/ COASTWALK

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AUG 5-8 WED-SAT DINING WITH **CHEF KIM ALLEN JONES** 

Mary Cahill 530-798-9601

422 Lamarque Court Grass Valley CA 95945 a childs view@yahoo.com

AFTER WEDDING PARTY **AUG9SUN** 510-610-7549

Patty Montmorency 622 Carlston Ave Oakland CA 94610 Nosedown9115h@gmail.com

AUG 11-12 TUE-WED **SONOMA ACADEMY** 

RETREAT Oona Mcknight 707-545-5108 2345 Alvarado Ave

Santa Rosa CA 95404 oonamcknight@gmail.com

**AUG 13 THUR** WORK PARTY Edie Nelson 831-423-5576

140 Archer Dr Santa Cruz CA 95060 edieforsyth@hotmail.com

elibien@yahoo.com

LABOR DAY POTLUCK **SEPT 7 MON** 

Eva Libien 415-383-5184 2 Eucalyptus Knoll Street Mill Valley CA 94941

SEPT 11-12 FRI-SAT ALPINE SCRAPEBOOK AND CRAFT WEEKEND

Wendi Olmstead 707-766-8038 144 Sunrise Parkway Petaluma Ca 94954 wendiolmstead@comcast.net

SEPT 19 SAT **BOARD MEETING** 650-756-4396 Iim Nixon 50 Seacrest Court

Daly City CA 94015 jimnixon2000@yahoo.com

OCTOBER 1 THUR

WORK PARTY To be determined

**OCTOBER 2-4 FRI-SUN** PRIVATE EVENT 707-591-0696 Shirlee Stiles

2478-Copperfield Court Santa Rosa CA 95401 s.stiles@att.net

OCT 12-13 MON-TUES OVERNIGHT OPEN TO MEMBERS

Cindy Whitehead 415-717-6164 PO Box 2376

San Anselmo CA 94979 tamangel36@comcast.net

OCTOBER 17 SAT BOARD/MEMBERSHIP MEETING

650-756-4396

Jim Nixon 50 Seacrest Ct Daly City CA 94015 jimnixon2000@yahoo.com

**OCT 19-21 MON-WED** ROSSMOOR/CAC

**EVENT** 

Tony Smith 650-207-1619 2345 Tice Creek Drive #4 Walnut Creek, CA 94945

NOV 5 THUR **WORK PARTY** 

To be determined

tbs1932sf@gmail.com

NOV 6-8 FRI-SUN **CRAFTS & SCRAPBOOK** 

RETREAT 707-766-8038

Wendi Olmstead 144 Sunrise Parkway Petaluma Ca 94954 wendiolmstead@comcast.net

**NOV 26 THUR** THANKSGIVING

TURKEY & POTLUCK

To be determined





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http://californiaalpineclub.org 291 members registered!

Please REGISTER for our new website, if you have not already done so!

— Website Implementation Team



### ECHO LODGE HOST APPRECIATION & TRAINING, MAY 15-17, 2015

OMG, hardly any snow all winter, but about 5 inches arrived on May 14<sup>th</sup>, the day and night preceding the start of Spring Host Appreciation & Training at Echo Summit Lodge. Fortunately, Trustee **Cindy Toran** arrived on Thursday just as the snow began. It was such an event that a news crew was on hand to greet and interview Cindy and take photos that were broadcast on NBC evening news. Poignant that such a small amount of snow could be such a news item!

**Mary Larkin-Berlinski** planned and orchestrated outstanding meals for the weekend with the assistance of **Diane Ryan**. What a team! They produced such delicious meals and superbly met various non-standard dietary needs with ease. Many folks were clamoring for Mary's delectable and healthy recipes.

Luckily the roads were clear for the ride up to Echo Lodge on Friday and the weather cleared before the ride home on Sunday. But it was cold and blustery with snow squalls and showers all weekend. Some folks who took a "short" hike in Desolation Wildness/PCT after Sunday clean-up ended up in a hail shower – very cold and wet but energized by the invigorating hike led by **Jay Gosvico.** 

Thanks to all the graduates of the 2015 Spring Host Training & Appreciation:

Holly & Scott Wolfe, Gayle Abbott, Beryl Kay, Camille Smith-Ballon, Mary & Roger Rigney, Nuala Caulfield, Susan McCarthy, Erik & Carol Bodtker, Dave Chalk, Diane Budo, Dan Ryan, Genie & Tim Frye, Lillian Young, Ann Meneguzzi, Margaret & Rick Jacobson, Francois Piccin, Mae Harms, Jay Gosvico

The Fall 2015 Host Training is scheduled for Nov 6-8. You too can enjoy this special weekend hosted by Echo Trustees and then move on to giving a special gift to fellow CAC members by hosting a session at Echo Summit Lodge.

— Cindy Toran, ESL Trustee



Spring 2015 Echo Lodge Host Appreciation and Training Group

### ECHO SUMMIT LODGE HOST SCHEDULE

To make reservations for a session, contact the host listed as early as possible. A deposit (minimum \$15 per person/day) is required to hold a reservation. Private Events are not available to the general CAC membership. Other sessions below are either general hosted events or hosted events with a special theme as described. Contact the host for details.

Phone Cindy Toran at 707-**321-3262** until 7:30pm or

e-mail to cktoran@gmail.

Echo Lodge Telephone 530-659-7274

Phone Cindy Toran 707-321-3262 anytime

until 7:30 PM or e-mail to cktoran@ gmail.com

Echo Lodge Telephone: 530-659-7274

**ESL Trained Hosts**: Anyone available to keep the lodge open at the end of August and into the Labor Day Weekend (Aug 28-Sep 7)? Also, it's not too early to sign up for your favorite time in the Winter 2016 schedule. We are especially looking for host(s) for the Thanksgiving and Christmas/New Year's holiday times. Let me know if you can help with these special occasions. Enjoy your summer!

Note: I will be traveling August 13 -September 8th so responses to e-mail may be somewhat delayed and I will not have phone contact.

The next Echo Lodge Trustees' **Meeting:** Contact Cindy at cktoran@ gmail.com for the next scheduled meeting.

Problems or Concerns about Echo Summit Lodge? Contact Cindy Toran at 707-321-3262 or cktoran@gmail. com. Discussions will, of course, be kept confidential.

### **ECHO SUMMIT LODGE** SUMMER/FALL SCHEDULE

JUN 28-JUL 2 SUN-THURS HOSTED EVENT Rick and Margaret Jacobson 707-548-5740 1354 Ridley Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95401 mgjacobson66@gmail.com

**JUL 2-6 THURS-MON** 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY - COOP **MEALS** 

707-486-8288 Tim Seeley 4819 Foxglove Ct., Santa Rosa, CA 95405 seeley@sonic.net

**IUL 6-8 MON-WED** AVAILABLE FOR

TRAINED HOSTS

AUG 28 - SEP 7

AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS

707-829-3728

**JUL 8-12 WED-SUN COOP MEALS** 

Art Ewart & Kathleen O'Dea 707-481-2432 2360 Dominic Dr, Novato, CA 94947 artewart@gmail.com

**JUL 12-18 SUN-SAT HIKES AMONG** THE WILD FLOWERS / COOP MEALS

Mary Cahill & Bill Jones 530-798-9601 422 Lamarque Ct, Grass Valley, CA 95945 A\_childs\_view@yahoo.com

**JUL 18-24 SAT-FRI PCT HIKES/COOP MEALS** 

Sandra Chappelle 530-886-8738 380 Stoddard Way, Auburn CA chappellesandra@yahoo.com

JUL 24-27 FRI-MON HOSTED EVENT Gayle Abbott 916-456-3523 5207 Carrington St, Sacramento, CA 95819

gaylea@surewest.net

**JUL 27-30 MON-THURS** AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS

JUL 30-AUG 2 THURS-SUN HOSTED EVENT Lillian Young & Genie/Tim Frye 650-588-5689 3650 Sneath Ln, San Bruno, CA 94066 lcyou@sbcglobal.net

AUG 2-9 SUN-SUN **COOP MEALS** Jan & Erika McCulloch 650-756-7771 50 Seacrest Ct, Daly City, CA 94015

**AUG 9-11 SUN-TUES COOP MEALS** Kristina & Ben Gale 415-381-9319 158 Morningsun Ave, Mill Valley, CA 94941 krissegale@yahoo.com

**AUG 11-14 TUES-FRI** HIKER'S WEEK /COOP MEALS

(2B hikes led daily) Edna Trimm

janmariemcculloch@gmail.com

703-304-5197 608 Tazewell Rd NW, Vienna, VA 22180

edna.trimm@verizon.net

AUG 14-16 FRI-SUN HOSTED EVENT Gary Pryde 916-224-5535

5522 Auburn Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95841 garypryde@yahoo.com

AUG 16-21 SUN-FRI AVAILABLE FOR TRAINED HOSTS

**AUG 21-23** TRAIL CLEARING WEEKEND Tom Coleman 415-531-4650

travmcgee@comcast.net

AUG 23-28 SUN-FRI HOSTED EVENT Diane/Bruce Friend & Edie Nelson 510-654-4218 6124 Chabot Rd, Oakland, CA 9418 bifed@comcast.net

SEP 8-11 TUES-FRI **COOP MEALS** 

Susan McCarthy & Ann Meneguzzi 408-293-0891 1141 Willow Glen Way, San Jose, CA 95125 mccarthysf@gmail.com

SEP 11-13 FRI-SUN PRIVATE EVENT Carolyn Williams & Fred Sharp 916-899-1289

wildflowersbycarolyn@hotmail.com

SEP 18-20 FRI-SUN PRIVATE EVENT Lee & Phyllis Yamada 831-438-5749 lkyboletes@gmail.com

SEP 24-27 THURS-SUN FALL FUN & WORK

Contact: Bob Henry

clyde33301@comcast.net OCT 2-5 FRI-MON PRIVATE EVENT

415-922-6775 Nuala Caulfield ntcaulfield@msn.com

**OCT 8-11 THURS-SUN** PRIVATE EVENT Lynn Garric & Claudia Zbinden 707-756-2639 cransac@sonic.net

OCT 11-18 SUN-SUN **FALL COLOR HIKES** Lin Mangiante & Barbara Crockett 650-697-7403 424 Hazel Ave, Millbrae, CA 94030 foxtails@pacbell.net

**OCT 18-25 SUN-SUN** PRIVATE EVENT John & Barbara Hills 530-756-4916 eyeski-2@sbcglobal.net

NOV 6-8 FRI-SUN **HOST APPRICIATION & TRAINING** 

Cindy Toran 707-321-3262

cktoran@gmail.com

**NOV 12-15 THURS-SUN** HOSTED EVENT Lynn Garric 707-756-2639 5400 Alpine Rd, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

cransac@sonic.net

\*\*\* Watch for updates in future issues of Trails! \*\*\*

### ECHO LODGE DIRECTIONS:

Echo Summit Lodge is located at the summit of Old Meyers Grade above Lake Tahoe, one mile from U.S. 50 on Johnson Pass Road. To contact someone at the lodge call 530-659-7274.

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deck, followed by a CAC sponsored dinner, free to each new member.

After dinner, the club will show three short, award winning movies concerning Mt Tam and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. New members who have booked in advance, will be offered accommodation in the Lodge and Tam Building at a special, half price introduction rate.

New members may choose one or all of these events and offerings for their Saturday's pleasure. Prior to the event, the membership committee will be sending, a menu of these offerings to each member seeking reservations. Guests are also encourage to come along... they will be charged the usual fees for food and lodging. Membership Team members intend to make this a semi-annual event... setting an active and knowledgeable course for each new members joining the club.

Bev Leve will be taking reservations for lunch, dinner, overnights, and breakfast. The meals will be delicious and we will need good help with cleanup and dishes. RSVP to Bev at hikingbev@gmail.com or 707 539-2802. Send your check to Bev Leve at 7614 Oak Leaf Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409. New members have FREE lunch, dinner, and a discounted rate of \$10.50 for overnight. All work party participants have FREE lunch.

Lunch: Adults \$5; Kids FREE (ages 17 and under)
Dinner: Adults \$8; Kids (ages 4-17) \$3; (4 and under) Free
Overnight: Members \$21; Non-members \$31; Kids (4-11)\$10.50
Breakfast: Adults \$5; Kids (ages 17 and under) Free

— The New Member Outreach Team

### TRAILS NEWSLETTER ALERT

Please email articles for the **September 2015** issue to **Helena Troy** at hmtroy@aol.com. Helena should receive articles for the September issue no later than August 5th. Electronic files are greatly appreciated.

Digital photographs are appreciated and will be published as space permits. Send photographs to the editor, uncropped, as jpeg attachments to an e-mail message. In the attached e-mail, please state clearly the names of the people in the photo, the date and place of the event, and the title of the corresponding article if applicable. Make sure you have permission from the people in the photos to publish their photos in TRAILS. For photographs in other formats, contact the editor.

The editor for the October 2015 issue will be Richard Thornton at rgthorn@pacbell.net. Editors are always needed! If you would like to assist with the publishing of TRAILS, please contact Susan D. Patrick at susandpatrick@msn.com or 360-943-6439.

— Susan D. Patrick, Publications Chair