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ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY AT ALPINE LODGE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

Planning has begun for our annual holiday party which this year will be held Saturday Dec. 19. We will be cooking up a storm and it will be delicious and a lot of fun as it usually is. A number of wonderful folks have already volunteered to be behind the scenes to make this a delightful event. This is often a sold out event so we expect a big crowd. The cost will be \$28 for members. BYOB or purchase drinks from our donation bar. Non-members pay an additional \$10 Associate Member dues. Happy Hour will begin at 5pm and dinner will be served at 6pm. We'll have 2 hired dishwashers/clean up help, but will need some servers, clean up supervisors, and appetizers. If you can help with one of these roles please let me know. For reservations, volunteer to help, and provide hors d'oeuvres, call Margy Eller at 415-383-7307 or email me at margyeller@gmail.com. Make checks payable to **Margy Eller** and mail to 66 Great Circle Drive, Mill Valley, CA 94941. Reservations must be in by December 12. We can only accommodate a limited number and it's always a sellout, so book early.

Margy Eller, Event Sponsor

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY DECEMBER 5

All generations are invited to the Children's Holiday Party on December 5 from 2 to 5pm. Tim Cain, a wonderful guitarist, and the Balloon Lady will be there to entertain us all.

Each parent is to bring a gift wrapped with your child's name printed on it. The gifts will be distributed to the children when Santa makes his surprise visit.

The Club will provide beverages, ham and rolls. Those attending will bring a favorite dish to share. The cost is \$20 for two adults and their children if you sign up by November 21. Reservations after that date will be \$30. Additional adult family members will be \$10. Sign up with **Mary Frey** by sending your check to Mary Frey, 100 Thorndale Drive, Apt 251, San Rafael, CA 94903. Make sure you indicate how many children and adults you are bringing.

Help is needed to put on this event. Please let Mary know if you are willing to help when you make your reservations or contact her by phone or email at 415-492-2510 or Marymaryhiker@aol.com to volunteer or ask questions.

Ann Meneguzzi and Mary Frey, Event Coordinators



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 Alpiners,

As always I wish you and yours the best of everything.

Late September was busy. Jan and I had just returned from Spain after completing the final stretch of the Camino de Santiago and receiving our Compostela certificates. On Monday, September 28 V-P Jay Gustafson and I provided snacks and set up the hall for a special meeting at Alpine Lodge. The Bay Area District (BAD) of California State Parks chaired the meeting. They have been conducting a Change In Use (CIU) analysis for Easy Grade trail located at Mt. Tam. Additionally, staff from the Accessibility Division of California State Parks was present to provide information on ADA upgrades that will be made at the Sidney B. Cushing Memorial Amphitheater (Mt. Theatre). BAD district and Statewide Trail staff gathered input from interested members of the public on the CIU of Easy Grade trail and the ADA upgrades. There was about 25-30 in attendance. The two-hour discussion was congenial and ranged from the explanation of the process for doing the study to questions of safety with bicycles and walkers sharing the trail. There were few questions on the ADA upgrades.

The following Sunday, October 4th, the CAC was one of 35 Exhibitors in the Discover Mt. Tam event. Members Amy Pertschuk, Renee Lee and I joined 34 other groups on the lawn behind the Mill Valley Community Center. Each group was expected to explain their role on Mt. Tam. We were provided with a large table, tablecloth and chairs under individual tents. All of the groups were associated with Mt. Tam. I do not recall all but they include Muir Woods Association, Save the Redwoods, California State Parks, Marin Municipal Water District, Mountain Play, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, National Park Service, Golden Gate Parks National Conservancy, Marin County Parks, and many more. The event was organized so that stakeholders in use and health of the mountain could meet each other and the community all in one space. Because of the meeting, we have one family with children preparing to join the club. This was the first such event. I look forward to the club being invited again.

I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Jim Nixon



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

DONATION HELPS PRESERVE WETLANDS

Earlier this year, the CAC Foundation donated to the Marin Audubon Society to help purchase land in the Corte Madera Ecological Preserve. The purchase of the Madera Bay Park marsh and upland complex in Corte Madera is now completed. Planning for restoration of the natural habitat is underway and when that's done, the 5.2-acre property will become part of the Preserve. On September 27, a celebration and tour of the site marked the purchase.

This is another example of the Foundation using your donations to make a difference in our community. Please remember the Foundation in your year-end giving. All contributions are 100% tax-deductible.

Arlin Weinberger, CAC Foundation President

California Alpine Club



WEBSITE IS AVAILABLE

<http://californiaalpineclub.org>
309 members registered!

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

— Website Implementation Team

ALPINE HIKE LEADER SCHEDULE

OPEN HOUSE EVERY SUNDAY AT ALPINE LODGE

Sunday November 1	9:30 AM	Open	415-302-1760	2B
Sunday November 8	9:30 AM	Margy Eller	415-383-7307	2B
Sunday November 15	9:30 AM	Pete Sager	415-472-1275	2B
Sunday November 22	9:30 AM	Jock MacDonald	415-381-2870	2B
Sunday November 29	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday December 6	9:30 AM	Jennie Bruyn	415-456-1877	2B
Sunday December 13	9:30 AM	Carol Bodtker	415-328-7644	2B
Sunday December 20	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday December 27	9:30 AM	Open		2B
Sunday January 3	9:30 AM	Open	2B	
Sunday January 10	9:30 AM	Bill Mayers	415-785-3516	2B
Sunday January 17	9:30 AM	Bill Mayers	415-785-3516	
Sunday, January 24	9:30 AM	Rob Freinkel	415-608-7938	2B
Sunday January 31	9:30 AM	Open		2B

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

IMPORTANT! RAIN CANCELS

ALL SUNDAY 2B HIKE DEPART FROM THE ALPINE CLUB AT 9:30 AM SHARP.

SUNDAY 2B HIKE ARE 7-10 MILES AND UP TO 2000 FT. ELEVATION GAIN. ALTERNATE LEVELS OF SUNDAY HIKE 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

November 1	OPEN
November 8	Marguerite Murphy
November 15	Geri Rosenberg
November 22	OPEN
November 29	John and Jana Shober
December 6	OPEN
December 13	Marguerite Murphy
December 20	OPEN
December 27	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, November 14	CANCELLED	
Thursday, December 3	Tom Coleman	travmcgee@comcast.net
Saturday, January 23	Tom Coleman	travmcgee@comcast.net
Saturday, February 3	Tom Coleman	travmcgee@comcast.net
Saturday, March 5	Tom Coleman	travmcgee@comcast.net

Tom Coleman, Alpine Trustee

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.

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 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 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 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.

CAC Social Event Calendar Volunteers 2015-16	Oct 31, Halloween Party, TBD	Nov 26, Thanksgiving Dinner	Dec 5, Children's Holiday Party	Dec 19, Holiday Party	Dec 25, Christmas Day Dinner	Jan 1, 2016 NY Day w/Soup & Salad	Jan 17, 2016 Q'tly Mtg	Mar 19, 2016 St. Patrick's Day Dinner	April 30, 2016 Awards Dinner	May 25, 2016 Memorial Day Pot Luck
BoD Sponsor	Barbara Smith	Need	Ann Meneguzzi	Margy	N/A	Jay Gustafson	Mark	Helena Troy	Mark	N/A
Event Host(s)			Mary Frey Ann Meneguzzi	Margy		Tony		Need 1	Need 1	
RSVPs/Accounts			Mary Frey	Margy		Tony		Need 1	Need 1	
*Head Chef			Ann Meneguzzi	*Tim, Helpers: Marguerite; Elaine, Martin, Salad: Carol B, Gretta, need 3 more		Tony B/F 2nd	Bev Leve - Need lunch chef and helpers	*Ed Troy, Need 4 cooks, 6 helpers	Tim Warden, Need 4 cooks, 6 helpers	3 Volunteers needed to BBQ
Table Setup & Decoration				Sarah Davis, need 2 more. Servers: Ursula Pederson Need 3 more				Need 3	Need 3	2 Volunteers needed
Name Tags & Place Cards				Mary Jane McKown, Name tags: Margy or ?				Need 1	Need 1	N/A
*Cleanup Supervisor				2 dishwashers/ clean up crew hired, Need 3 supervisors				Need 5	Need 5	
Overnight Host			Ann Meneguzzi			Tony Smith				
Other Volunteers	Jordan			10 Appetizers/ Melanie to tend bar				5 Apps	8 apps	Jordan-Lead Hike Confirmed for 2016

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

FALL WORK PARTY 2015!!



You know something special is going on when Tom Coleman comes out of the kitchen at 1:00 on Saturday afternoon and yells “this is wild! There’s never been a work party like this!” I had my belief that one can never underestimate the determination of our members reconfirmed over and over during this Fall’s event. With four days to complete 24 tasks our members rose to the challenge. New tile in the great room, new counter-tops and sink in the kitchen, kitchen cabinets sanded and sealed, a new range replaced the old Wolf, concrete repairs under the shed, the well house was modified to open easier and safer, carpets cleaned, linens laundered, floors stripped and sealed, firewood stocked, the microwave was relocated and some much needed shelving installed, and a general deep cleaning of the lodge was accomplished! The A-Team that made all this happen? **Kurt Eichstaedt, Masami Takesui, Kate Twain, Renee Hamilton, Marcia Paulsen, Steve Cosby, Jon Burau, Ryan Reeves, Chris Krueger, Lorraine McKie, Cole Watanabe, Tessa Edwards, Rick and Margaret Jacobson, Shelly Navine, Austin Henry, Jay Gosuico, John Watanabe, Mary Larkin-Berlinski, Nick Gregoratos, Alex Hannemann, Mike Maddox,** and my friend and mentor **Tom Coleman**. And a special thanks to the cooks that kept us nourished and wondering what could be better than this meal, **Jackie Avery** and **Cindy Pawlcyn**.

Thank you all for making this a very successful and fun work party.

Bob Henry, Echo Trustee

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.

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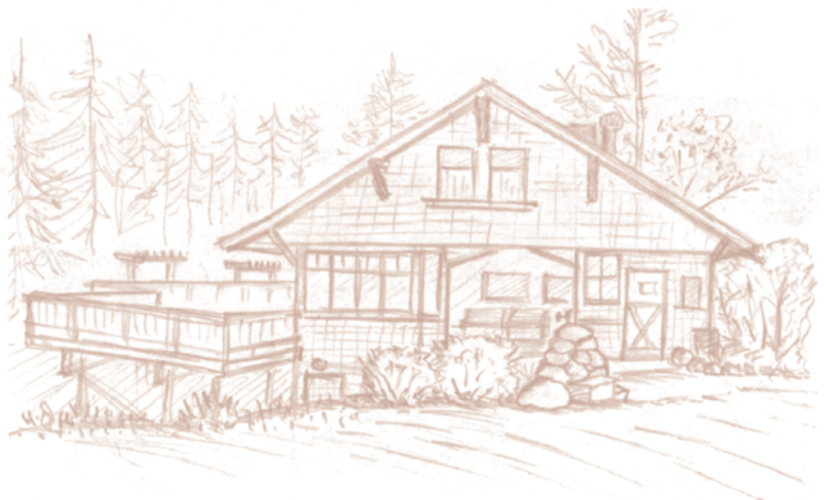
PRIVATE EVENT
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JAN 1 FRI TOP MT TAM/SOUP AND SALAD
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Thanksgiving Festivities

ECHO LODGE THANKSGIVING WEEKEND NOV. 25- 29TH

Hunter Merritt and **Ken Patera** are hosting Thanksgiving at Echo Lodge this year. They encourage members, especially members with children, to join them. There will be children from ages 4 to 14 to make this an all ages adventure!

Please confirm with Hunter at merritt.hunter@gmail.com or 916-873-6253 no later than November 15. We are planning this as a co-op cooking weekend so please let us know if you are willing to bring and prepare a meal.

We hope you will join us for a fun filled holiday and weekend.

Hunter Merritt, Event Coordinator



ALPINE THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER OPTIONAL OVERNIGHT AND FRIDAY HIKE

You are invited to come to the Alpine Lodge on Thanksgiving Day, November 26 for happy hour at 3pm and dinner at 4pm. Eva Libien will be your dinner host. The turkey and gravy will be provided. You provide a favorite dish to serve 6 people. Suggestions: Choose from a salad, stuffing, sweet or mashed potatoes, vegetables such as brussel sprouts, or string beans, or a pie such as pumpkin, apple, or pecan. You may also bring a non- traditional dish that will complement the turkey. We also need some appetizers. BYOB or donate to the Club bar. The cost of the feast is \$14 for members and \$17 for nonmembers. Please make your check payable to **Eva Libien** and send it to her at 2 Eucalyptus Knolls Street, Mill Valley, CA 94941. If you need more information call or email Eva at 415-383-5184 or elibien@yahoo.com.

Also include a note letting her know the dish you are bringing. This is very important so we don't have too much of one dish. The last day for signup is November 19. After that date the price will increase by \$5.

Please let Eva know if you can volunteer to make the dinner a success by helping roast the turkey, carving, serving, decorating and after dinner clean up.

There is an optional overnight with breakfast on Friday morning and a hike beginning at 9:30am. Tony Smith will be the host and hike leader. The overnight cost is \$21 for members and \$31 for non members plus \$5 for breakfast. If you plan to stay over night, please include your check and reservations for the overnight and breakfast with your dinner check to Eva.

Eva Libien and Tony Smith, Event Hosts

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 7:30 pm or
e-mail to cktoran@gmail.com.
Echo Lodge Telephone
530-659-7274

Echo Summit Lodge has a fresh supply of firewood in the basement to keep our lodge toasty warm; snow shovels are ready for action, we have a new kitchen stove and counter top, and all was spiffed by our awesome group of CAC volunteers at the Fall Work Party! We have Hosts, trained and ready to take your reservations; contact them while they still have room available ... and, enjoy winter in the Sierra Nevada! Let there be snow!

Winter Hosts: El Nino is on its way this year!!! We need your help to keep Echo Lodge open for CAC members. Now is the time to plan your Winter/Spring 2016 host events at Echo Lodge. There is still plenty of open time on the calendar, marked as *Available for Trained Hosts* in the schedule below. *We especially need hosts for the early Christmas holiday season, starting around December 18 through Dec 30.* Private Events are also available mid-week Jan-Mar and any days Apr-Jun as well as October 1-December 18th. Give me a call or send an e-mail to let me know your preferred times. I will do my best to accommodate your requests.

Sincerely, Cindy

The next **Echo Lodge Trustees' Meeting:** **Thursday, December 3rd** 5:30 pm by teleconference. Contact Cindy Toran at 707-321-3262 to attend.

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 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.

ECHO SUMMIT LODGE FALL /WINTER SCHEDULE

OCT 30-NOV 1 FRI-SUN PRIVATE EVENT
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FEB 7-11 SUN-THURS PRIVATE EVENT
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FEB 11-15 THURS-MON PRESIDENT'S WKND

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