

Instructions to all Hosts -- Associate Membership Enrollment

Explanation: To comply with IRS regulations for tax-exempt social clubs, the California Alpine Club must limit its income from non-members using Club-owned facilities. One way to do this and to encourage new membership, carry out Club purposes and achieve the Goals for Echo Summit Lodge, is to provide for event-based memberships. The Club by-laws were revised in January of 2003 to help us accomplish these objectives (see excerpt in quotes, below). Echo policy was changed to rescind the long-standing “guest fee” charges and instead require that every non-member who is accommodated at Echo (with certain exceptions) enroll as Associate Members. We are learning as we go on this and strive to be fair and consistent. Please advise a Trustee of any questions or problems with this process.

Applicability. Associate Membership should be offered to almost every non-member who stays at Echo Summit Lodge. Exceptions are:

- 1) dependent children of non-members who enroll,
- 2) families or friends whose room and meals (or “drop-in-for-dinner”) charges are fully paid (no reimbursement) by a Club member.

Once enrolled, Associate Members and their children are accommodated at the Lodge via our standard room-and-board charge program (no “guest fees”).

The form follows the intent of the by-laws change. Each entry-blank is explained in fine print.

The new Associate Member(s) should be reminded to save a copy as a “Coupon” for use within one year as part of regular membership enrollment fee.

By-law quote: Section 2- 2.6 Associate: Associate Membership is open to any adult who is interested in becoming a member of CAC and wishes to sample Club activities and events. It is available to a prospective member for one year from the date of the first activity or event. Associate members may participate in up to three separate Club events or activities during the year. Associate members shall have the right to fully participate in such Club events and activities but shall have no other rights. Daily membership dues for such events are payable and may be applied toward the Entrance Fee should an Associate member choose within one year from date of the first participation in such events or activities to apply for Regular or Joint Membership. Associate Membership may not be renewed.