



# Camp Connection

Official Newsletter of Sons of Norway District Six Recreation Center

Summer/Fall 2015

## A Season of Change at Camp Norge

Remember the old Pete Seeger song performed in 1965 by the Byrds? Sing along with me... "To every-thing, turn, turn, turn." While written as a reference to a Biblical passage and widely considered a Peace song, to many "Turn! Turn! Turn!" reminds us that the world around is always changing. The seasons come and go, our children grow up much too fast and our lives are filled with constant change.

At Camp Norge it's no different. As many of our members know, we saw some major changes to the Recreation Board this past spring. The Rec. Center Board is the body of eight members elected at District Six convention to oversee the well-being and operations of our Camp.

In late May we received the resignations of our President, Linda Carruthers, our Vice President, Cheryl Malseed, and our long time Secretary and Camp matriarch, Penny Joseph Knudsen.

While having those valuable members leave the board was a real challenge, we have not said goodbye to them. Linda continues to help us with special projects, and remains an invaluable asset to the camp. Penny is leading her annual Rosemaling class in late September, and we expect to see her at future activities and events as well.

We also saw a change in our on-site staff. Many of you may have met our new caretaker David Black. Dave started with us in late winter and has been a real blessing. If you look around the property during Kretsstevne you may notice a new rock wall here, or a repaired railing there; all the work of our attentive and highly skilled new caretaker.

The most exciting change on the property was unveiled during the Memorial Day family weekend. I'm referring to the charming new Stabbur located at the North East corner of the meadow, near the cozy cabins.

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## Language & Heritage Camps Big Success Camp Trollfjell

Camp Trollfjell was back again this summer under the new leadership of Erik Peters and Clayton Davis and this year's camp was as successful as ever.

Cultural education ranged from Norwegian history poster projects to traditional cooking lessons, language classes, folk dance and crafts including Rosemaling. From campfire songs to flag ceremonies and the famous (infamous?) staff hunt and "kumbaya".

This year's Viking Olympics events included the lelse and lutefisk toss and stairs bowling and the annual talent show was a huge success as well. This year's campers came away with new and renewed knowledge and experience in their rich Norwegian heritage.

### Trollfjell Folkehøgskule

For one week in July, Camp Norge welcomed its first

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The Stabbur

## Forest Fire, Fire Suppression and Drought Worries

We dodged a bullet this Summer when a huge forest fire raged just a few miles from Camp. The Lowell Fire started on July 25th a few miles East of Alta and Camp Norge. Calif. Dept. of Forestry (CDF) called for evacuations in several Nevada County communities and the fire spread for several days, but never toward Interstate 80 or the Camp. It eventually burned over 2,300 acres, destroyed 2 structures and caused 6 injuries. Fortunately CDF was able to contain the fire within a few weeks and saved dozens of communities and hundreds of dwellings.

Camp Norge's fire suppression system went through some important repairs just weeks before the start of the Summer season. Our complicated system requires constant monitoring and maintenance.

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## Did You Know ?

In Case of emergency, the California Department of Forestry (CDF) has an agreement with the Camp that they can pull water from our swimming pool...with helicopters?

## News from the Road

Hi, My name is Kirby Aasen I'm the newly elected Vice President to the Recreation Center Board of Directors and I have some good news to share about our camp.

I spent four days doing maintenance at Camp this May, two of which were in monitoring the subcontractors for Crown Castle—in case you didn't know, Crown Castle is who we have our cell tower lease agreement with. These subcontractors laid down 1,200 feet of new asphalt on our road from the upper driveway at the main house all the way up to the cell tower & our fire water tanks. In other words we now have a new road! Check it out!

Fraternally Yours

*Kirby Aasen*



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The Stabbur (*ask a Norwegian-speaker for the pronunciation*)--which translates roughly to “storehouse”--was originally envisioned by Penny Joseph Knudsen to be a more attractive or “fancy” enclosure for the meadow well pump.



Penny and Linda dedicate the Stabbur on May 24th, 2015

But as donations trickled in, Penny and Linda Caruthers realized this could morph into a bigger, fancier building. And morph it did! Come visit Camp this fall and take a tour of this beautifully designed structure that enhances the Camp and compliments the foothills landscape. You will be pleasantly surprised! Plans are underway to add furniture to accommodate up to four people so stay tuned for the opportunity to rent the Stabbur for your next Camp visit.

In the spirit of change we have welcomed new and diversely talented members to our Board of Directors. Two new members include Bruce Fihe from Santa Cruz, a member of Nordahl Grieg Lodge in Los Gatos and Chair of the Social Media Support Committee of District Six, and David Lutes from Solskinn Lodge in Palm Desert. Our new elected officers are Kirby Aasen, Vice President; Vicki Running, Secretary, and ‘yours truly,’ President.

As the Board navigates their new roles I am confident that the collaborative efforts of this very experienced and dedicated group will work to serve the needs of the Camp, its members and all who come here. While the board may be somewhat new on the job, we are fortunate to have eight highly experienced and hard working professionals who are focused on doing what is right for Camp.

Additional changes will be in the way of upgrades and enhancements to modernize our website and Facebook page. This work will be managed by our newest board member Bruce Fihe, and we are looking forward to the new updates beginning in late summer.

This newsletter itself is another change coming to Camp Norge. We have been planning the “*Camp Connection*” and new logo for months and we hope readers will appreciate and enjoy the updates and happenings from Camp. This issue provides information about improvements and repairs throughout the property: road construction, as well as repair work done to our fire suppression system and our fun work party weekend.

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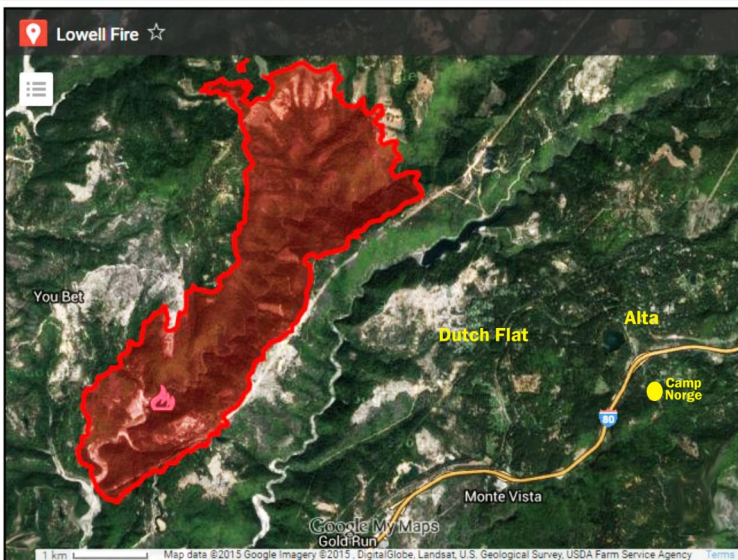
Did you know there are pipes running from the fire tanks on the hill, beneath much of the Camp which provide emergency water supply in case of a fire?

Occasionally those pipes freeze or get crushed by an RV or just get old and have to be repaired. This was one of the many projects our team handled as we prepared for our Summer season.

The severe drought which plagues the West of course affects Camp Norge and our water supply. The Camp gets its water from both a natural spring as well as from a few wells on the property.

You can help by reducing water use in the kitchens and restrooms. For example, try to limit showers to five minutes. We all need to pitch in.

We had a big scare last Fall when our natural spring actually started to dry up; causing our storage tanks to get rather low. We all have to do our part to reduce water consumption. For example we have stopped watering the meadow and have instituted other conservations measures as well. Be sure to let us know if you notice a leaking pipe or other water waste on the property. And as always be VERY careful with fire!



August 1, 2015 at 7:08 AM

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These are the types of necessary changes and improvements that this Board will focus on to serve and maintain this beautiful property and improve your Camp experience.

So dear members, as we prepare to welcome the many families for Labor Day, Kretsstevne weekend, as we see the leaves on the trees turning colors in anticipation of the turning of the season, we are reminded that life is indeed full of change. Your new Camp leadership is working hard to make sure the changes you see are all positive, productive and good for the members and for the camp. Be sure to let us know if you have a suggestion. See you at Camp!

Fred Hymans, President

## 2015 NOR. CAL. KRETSSTEVNE

Coming very soon to a High Sierra Norwegian Camp near you!

This year's Kretsstevne, the annual Labor Day weekend of family fun and fellowship, looks to be as fun as ever. For example, besides the usual delicious meals and entertainment, horseshoe tournament (can anyone dethrone the Bjerkhoel family?) bingo, kids' games, swimming pool fun, hiking and general camaraderie, this year's event will include some excellent historic and cultural offerings.

On Saturday afternoon Sept. 5 at Camp Norge we will welcome Bill Hoffland with The 99<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion (sep) WWII Educational Foundation presenting a talk on The 99<sup>th</sup>—aka "*The Viking Battalion*" Bill will present a slide show along with a mini museum of 99<sup>th</sup> memorabilia. It will be a very interesting event and well worth the cost of admission!



Don't miss the woodcarving class with Joe Perry on both Saturday and Sunday. Carve a letter opener and complete a Bas Relief \$40 fee includes knife, safety gloves and materials.



Contact: Tom Gundershaug at [gundielodi@gmail.com](mailto:gundielodi@gmail.com) or 209-200-0842. Bring your tent or RV or call Sandy to reserve a room (530) 389-2508. Check out the accommodations at Camp Norge at [www.campnorge.org](http://www.campnorge.org).

The reservation form is part of this newsletter and can be found at: [www.sofn6.org](http://www.sofn6.org) and on the Camp Norge website as well.

### We Need an Old Truck!

Attention Friends of Camp Norge!

The Rec. Board is asking for a loving member or friend or neighbor to donate a pickup truck to Camp Norge. Dave our caretaker gets plenty of use out of the Gator 4x4, but he needs something a bit more roomy (and street legal) that he can use when working on the property. If you know someone who owns a truck and who is willing to part with it, please let us know.

Thanks!

The Rec. Board.





Camp Trollfjell campers mug for the camera

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Norwegian language and heritage campers age 14 -17. Trollfjell Folkehøgskule counselors helped their students learn Norwegian culture in three areas of interest:

- ◇ Culinary Arts – students learned to prepare delicious Norwegian style foods.
- ◇ Carpentry – students built a wonderful, permanent set of benches around the camp fire ring.
- ◇ Handverk – among other crafts this year’s students learned the arts of knitting and chip carving.



Trollfjell Folkehøgskule students and counselors after finishing their carpentry project

Camp was so well received they plan to expand to two full weeks next July! So for the first time, the entire month of July our Camp will be occupied by Trollfjell campers! Check [www.sofn6.org](http://www.sofn6.org) or the Camp Norge website for updates and registration information.

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 (530) 389-2508 [www.campnorge.org](http://www.campnorge.org)

Save the Date!

Sons of Norway

- ❑ Friday, Sept 4, 2015, 9:00am  
**Recreation Center Board Meeting** open to all members of District Six—in the Social Hall at Camp Norge
  
- ❑ September 26-27, 2015  
**62nd Rosemaling Seminar**, at Camp Norge. Presented by Penny Joseph Knudsen. See Camp Norge website or attached flyer for details and registration information.
  
- ❑ **Fall Work Party**—we will need your help to winterize the Camp—watch for more information coming soon.

Camp Norge

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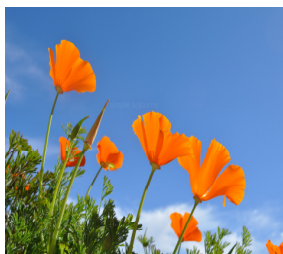
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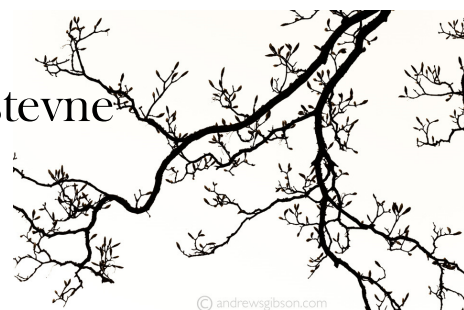
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# Celebrate Labor Day

## 2015 Northern California Kretsstevne

### —Camp Norge—



September 4, 5 and 6th, 2015

The District Six Board of Directors invites you to **Camp Norge** for the annual “Gathering of the Clan” at our “Jewel of the Sierras”!

♥ **Woodcarving Class with Joe Perry** Saturday and Sunday—9:00-4:00pm

Carve a letter opener and complete a **Bas Relief** \$40 fee includes knife, safety gloves and materials

Contact: Tom Gundershaug at gundielodi@gmail.com or 209-200-0842

♥ Saturday afternoon we will have Bill Hoffland with the **99th Infantry Battalion (sep)**



**WWII Educational Foundation** presenting a talk—”The Viking Battalion”. He brings a slide show along with a mini-museum of 99th memorabilia. Very interesting!!!



♥ Work on your Cultural Skills Cooking Pin with Mary Beth throughout the weekend.

Bring your tent or RV or **call Sandy to reserve a room (530) 389-2508**. Check out the accommodations at Camp at [www.campnorge.org](http://www.campnorge.org).

**Delicious meals** provided by our lodges will be served in the **Heritage Hall**. The usual Kretsstevne activities will be available: horseshoe tournament, bingo, kids’ games, swimming pool fun, hiking and general camaraderie!

Mail this form and a check for the meals, **made out to NCK** to: Karl Eikeberg,  
2211 Coloma Street, Oakland, CA 94602



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge Name & # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Frokost.....Adult(s) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Children (under 12) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$3.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Dinner.....Adult(s) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12.00=\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Children (under 12) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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2015 Kretsstevne Pin ..... # of pins X \$2.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Or purchase the weekend package and save (includes the pin)**

Weekend Package....Adult(s) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Children (under 12) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PRE-REGISTRATION of meals is imperative in order to purchase the correct amount of food.



**The Registration Deadline is August 20, 2015.**

**Make checks payable to NCK and mail to Karl Eikeberg.**

**SIXTY SECOND**  
**ROSEMALING SEMINAR AT CAMP NORGE**

September 26/27, 2015

It is time to make your reservations for the adult (18 years and over) Fall Rosemaling Seminar at Camp Norge. We will have three classes. The teachers are Karen Nelson, Mardella Ivers, and Onya Tolmasoff

We will be painting a 14" beaded square plate. Karen is teaching a Rogaland pattern on an Oakmoss Green background. Mardella will teach a Rogaland design by Vi Thode a black green background and Onya is teaching a Valdres design on a medium dark green background. Check the Camp Norge Website for pictures of all three projects: [www.campnorge.org](http://www.campnorge.org). I don't have all the pictures yet, but they will be coming shortly, I am assured.

Please make your bed reservation with me. I develop the list of who is in which room. You will pay for your bed when you arrive at Camp. It is not included in your class fee. Bring your current membership card. If you can't locate your membership card, bring the last issue of your Viking Magazine. It has your number in the address box. Members pay \$16.20 per night; guests pay \$27.00 for beds in the dorms, which includes 8% Placer County Occupancy Tax. Only members are allowed to stay in the main house and the cozy cabins. For people who want to room together, I need to receive the list of names with the first reservation. RV's are encouraged as we have a limited number of beds. Members pay \$25 per night for up to four people per RV. Guests pay \$35 per night for RV's. Camp has electrical and water, but no sewer hookups. Tents are \$15 for up to four people for members, \$20 for non members. No occupancy tax on RV's or tents. Pets are \$2 per night. Pets are not allowed in any of the buildings, pool area or sleeping rooms at any time.

Please include your full phone number, address and lodge name and number when registering. If you have e-mail, please include your e-mail address. It is so much faster and cheaper if I need to talk to you. The supply lists will be sent when I receive your registration form and check. **ABSOLUTELY NO E-MAIL RESERVATION REQUESTS.** I need the check and registration form together. Be sure to send a self addressed stamped envelope for your supply list and class confirmation information if you do not have e-mail. I will not be sending you a supply list unless you send me a self-addressed, stamped envelope or your e-mail address with your registration form. I use Microsoft Word running on the Windows 7 program

The cost of the seminar will be \$87 for registration which includes the class and wood piece all base coated and ready to go, hall rent, and the meals. There will be \$25 cancellation fee for any cancellations, but absolutely no cancellations after Sept. 9th. It is difficult for people on the waiting list to take your place if they do not have at least a couple of weeks to make their plans, so please be thoughtful. Melanie Souza will again do our cooking. The cost for food for the weekend is included in the \$87 registration fee. The food includes breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. You were so very generous and cooperative with the cookies last time. I do so appreciate that. We will ask just one class to bring cookies, and will rotate those classes each time. The information will be on your supply list.

My e-mail address is [pennyjknudsen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pennyjknudsen@sbcglobal.net). My phone number is (916) 941-6433. Please **cut off** and complete the following registration form, make your check payable to Penny (not Camp Norge) and return as soon as possible with your stamped, self-addressed envelope for supply list if you do not wish to receive it by e-mail, to:

Penny Joseph Knudsen, 3774 Park Drive, El Dorado Hills, California 95762

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SEPTEMBER 26/27, 2015 ROSEMALING SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ I need a bed reservation: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ I want to room with: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Lodge \_\_\_\_\_

Class I want is: Karen \_\_\_\_\_ Mardella \_\_\_\_\_ Onya \_\_\_\_\_ I am bringing my RV \_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing \$87 for registration fee for food and class. I am bringing my tent \_\_\_\_\_

My spouse and/or family will be eating with us and I enclose \$35 for each \_\_\_\_\_