Official Newsletter of Sons of Norway District Six Recreation Center

Spring 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am thrilled to welcome you all to another exciting summer camping season at Camp Norge. As the President of the Recreation Center Board, I am honored to extend my warmest greetings to all our guests and supporters, as we prepare to embark on yet another wonderful year in the great outdoors.

As I write this we are enjoying some of the first prolonged sunny days in quite a while. As most everyone knows, the winter of 2022/23 has been a doozy for the west coast and especially in the Sierra region. The "atmospheric river" events that hit us have brought more rain and snow than many places have ever recorded. For example, the total snowfall at Palisades Tahoe (formerly "Squaw Valley") this year is 690 inches. That's over 57 feet of snow!

As of this writing we still have a fair amount of snow on the ground but the warmer weather is melting the snow and bringing more, much-needed moisture to our soils.

For those of you who are new to our community, Camp Norge is a true gem of the Sons of Norway family. Located in the heart of the stunning Sierra Nevada Mountains, our camp offers opportunities for exploration, education, and recreation in a safe, welcoming environment. Our goal is to provide our guests with everything they need to make the most of their time in the great outdoors, from comfortable lodging, fun activities and cultural experiences.

One of the most unique features of Camp Norge is the sense of community that we foster here. Our camp is a place where people from all walks of life can come together to share their love of nature, culture, and fellowship. Whether you are a seasoned camper or a first-time visitor, you will find a welcoming environment that you will want to return to.

This summer, we continue to offer a fun lineup of programs and activities that are sure to please campers of all ages and interests. With access to nearby adventures like skiing, hiking and fishing, to cultural experiences like traditional Norwegian dance, art seminars and language classes, there is something for everyone at Camp Norge.

Kids are returning this year for Camp Trollfjell and Trollfjell Folkehøgskule, Camp Oldfjell (for kids at heart) and of course Memorial Day and Kretstevne weekends are already being planned.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the tireless efforts of our dedicated board and staff. I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to all those who have worked so hard to keep our camp in shape through this very challenging winter and in preparation for the summer season.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED:

As we embark on another summer of fun and fellowship, I want to remind everyone of the importance of preserving our natural environment. At Camp Norge, we are committed to responsible stewardship of the land, and we encourage all of our guests to do their part in protecting our meadow. Be sure to park in the designated areas.

In closing, I want to thank you all for your continued support of Camp Norge and the Sons of Norway. We are proud to be a part of such a vibrant and diverse community, and we look forward to welcoming you all to camp this summer. Whether you come for a week or just a few days, we promise that your time at Camp Norge will be an experience that you will treasure for a lifetime.

Sincerely, Fred Hymans Sons of Norway, District Six Recreation Board





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Click on the Recreation Center Board member's name to send an email.



Top Row L-R: Eden Washburn, Fred, Hymans and Jason Morken
Bottom Row L-R: Vicki Running, Susan Cody.
Susan Winje and Lynn Skrukrud.

Not pictured: Tom Gundershaug and Lis Barca



LET IT FLOW CAMPAIGN

Tussen Takk, you raised over \$20,000 to help us keep the water flowing. We replaced the meadow pump and added a new storage tank behind the Cozy Cabins. This will help us maintain a steady flow of water to the campsites, kitchens and bathrooms. It will also prevent the canceling events due to a lack of water.



A big thank you to the following Lodges and Organizations: Roald Amundsen Lodge, Roald Amundsen Lodge Viking Sisters Club, Sons of Norway District Six Board, Vegas Viking Lodge, Valhall Lodge, Ladies of Valhall, Bjornstjerne Bjornson Lodge, Henrik Ibsen Lodge, Nordahl Grieg Lodge, Nordahl Grieg Solveig Club, Stordalen Lodge, Centennial Lodge, Snowshoe Thompson Lodge, Gulldalen Lodge, and Narrona Lodge.

We'd also like to thank the following individuals: Brian Nilsen, Glenn Riddervold, Nancy Eikeberg, Randi Cruze, Kelly Henderson, Richard Grindeland, Janie and Pat Kelly, Barbara Jensen, Ramona Richardson, Loretta Litke, Alissa Bjerkhoel, Christine Kramer, Curt Thue, Elaine D Troseth, Eloda Linehan, Eugene and Arlene Nelson, Eva M. Johnson, Fred Hymans, Jamie Horner, John McMillan, John Stubblebine, Joy Albertson, Karla Henderlong, Kate Slama, Leland Bjerkhoel, Luella Grangaard Roberta Morrow, Sharon Bratton, Shirley Shoup, Steve Burton, Virginia Hansen, Chris Doving, Dirk Tuell, Gary Ansok, Glenn Olsen, Jay Hendrickson, Jeannie Thomson, Julie Zumwalt, Kathleen Ann Moe, Kristen Hunsbedt, Linda Tung, Lizbeth Doving, Lynn Skrukrud, Paul Jevert, Reid Family Reunion Sanders Family, Robert Dill, Scott Ansok, Mary Ellen O'Connor, Alda Feder, Carol Owens, Duane Adams, Gayle L Rodgers, Patti Nogales, Teri Morken, Robert Strand, Mary Dillingham.

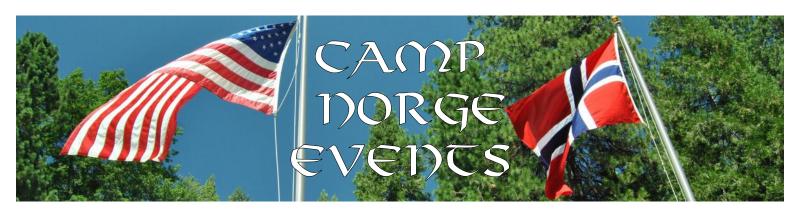
DISCRICT SIX CAMPERSHIPS

Youth half Camperships are available for

District Six Members for 2023. The District provides half camperships to youth in our district for Camp Trollfjell ages 8-13 and Trollfjell Folkehøgskule ages 14-17. Camp is held at the Recreation Center Camp Norge, Alta, CA. The amount of the half camperships for 2023 is half of the registration cost. The application form is available on the District Six Website. Click HERE for the application. All applications must be received by April 15, 2023. Please send the applications to District Six Campership Committee c/o Luella Grangaard, PO Box 832, Morongo Valley, CA 92256, or e-mail to morongo2@verizon.net

April 15th Deadline

It is time to sign up for the 2023 camp!!!



73rd Rosemaling Seminar

April 29-30, 2023

We will be painting a cup holder/wall rack with four hooks at the 2023 Spring rosemaling seminar. Classes are open to adults, 18 years and older. Class size is limited to twenty-one (21) students per class. Contact Linda Johnson by clicking HERE for registration forms or from the Camp Norge website by clicking HERE





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Memorial Day Weekend

May 26-29, 2023

The Recreation Center Board invites you to Celebrate Memorial Day at Camp Norge for a fun and relaxing three-day camping experience at your own recreation center, our "Jewel in the Sierras." Come celebrate this true American Holiday with us. We have exciting plans for the weekend you won't want to miss! Bring your tent or RV or call Camp to reserve a room at (530)389-2508. Not familiar with the rooms or wish to learn more click HERE. Delicious meals will be provided for the weekend and served in the Heritage Hall. Register for your meals by clicking HERE.

Trollfjell Folkehøgskule

June 25 to July 8, 2023

District Six Language and Heritage Camp for youth ages 14 to 17 years old who want to learn about their Norwegian Heritage. There will be multiple areas of instruction in language, culture, handverk (handicrafts) and daily living. Our students will complete a service project to benefit Camp Norge. The students will also attend the Dutch Flats 4th of July Parade. The city wide water fight is always fun, so don't forget to bring your supersoaker. Registration fee is \$1,000.00 per camper. For more information and registration forms click **HERE**. **Registration deadline is June 12, 2023.**

Camp Trollfjell

July 9-21, 2023

District Six Language and Heritage Camp for youth ages 8-13 years old who want to learn about their Norwegian Heritage, the language, culture, and daily living. The camp focuses on providing campers with a rich social experience that includes camping, hiking, swimming, and Norwegian language skills in a safe, respectful environment. It is the intent of the Camp Director to accept all who apply if adequate staff is available, up to a maximum of 50 campers. Registration fee is \$1,000.00 per camper. For more information and registration forms click **HERE**. **Registration deadline is June 25, 2023.**



come and stay!

The facility offers numerous lodging options including RV and tent sites, in addition to the historic main house, cozy cabins, and three rustic dormitories. There are two indoor group event spaces, the Social Hall complete with a full kitchen can accommodate up to 60 guests, and the Heritage Hall which offers a full commercial kitchen can accommodate up to 100 guests. The camp also boasts a pool, fire-pit, hiking trails, and horseshoe pits. For more details on our accommodations visit Camp Norge's **WEBSITE**.

Camp Norge is a great destination for weddings and family reunions.

Mountain bike and hiking trails are plentiful in the area. With only a short 30-minute drive to reach world-class ski resorts – Camp Norge is a great place to stay for your next mountain adventure. Located right off on I-80, just 1 hour from Sacramento or North Lake Tahoe.

Colfax is just 15 minutes away and Grass Valley & Nevada City are just 30 minutes away. All three towns offer great swimming, hiking, boutique shops, and gold rush history Another fun attraction - Rollins Lake Boat Rentals. It's just 15 minutes from camp - great for fishing or just enjoying a day on the lake.

Book your Camp Norge getaway today! To check availability and prices, please call us at: (530) 389-2508 or email **campnorge2@gmail.com**.













AREA ATTRACTIONS

Dutch Flat's July 4th Parade

Come to Camp Norge for the 4th of July! Just follow the Camp Trollfjell Folkehøgskule students to Dutch Flat for the parade. If you want to join in on the fun run visit Dutch Flat Community Center's facebook page to verify their 2023 July 4th celebration by clicking <u>HERE</u>. Every one is invited to the community wide water fight, so come prepared!



Please note: Camp Norge is only closed to the public during Camp Trollfjell, July 9 to 21.

North Lake Tahoe

Mark your calendar! This summer in North Lake Tahoe is packed with can't miss festivals and events. From the shores of Lake Tahoe to surrounding mountain summits and everywhere in between. For detailed information visit North Lake Tahoe's website by clicking **HERE**.



White Water Rafting

If you love the great outdoors then you may be interested in a fast-paced water adventure and go white water rafting on the South or Middle fork of the American River. There are several companies that offer guided tours for families and groups Click on any of the company names to visit their website.

Oars

All Outdoors

American River Recreation Whitewater Excitement

Donner Pass Area

Hiking: There are plenty of hiking opportunities near Donner Pass. You can a hike a 2.5 or 17 mile portion of the Pacific Crest Trail. Click **HERE** for information. For a hike that is unusual and historic at the same time, visit the railroad tunnels on Donner Pass. For more information click **HERE**. For more day hikes, including the hike at Sierra Discovery Trail, a Camp Trollfjell favorite, click **HERE**.

20 Mile Museum The Donner Summit Historical Society's 20 Mile Museum highlights the history and beauty of the Summit. You'll learn about Wagon Trains, the Transcontinental

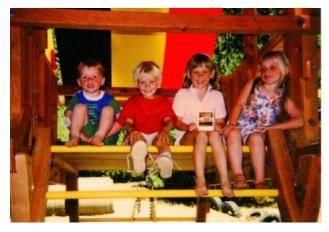
Railroad it's builders, and the 1st ski gondola in California. Click **HERE** for information.

Petroglyphs

Visit the petroglyph site, they are hard to see, but really are fascinating. Click **HERE** for information.



PLAUGROUND RESCORATION PROJECT



July 4th 1996 Weekend



Memorial Day 2018



Finishing touches May 12, 2021



Memorial Day Weekend 2021

Baylee McKenny of Viking of Lake started the Playground Restoration Project in the Winter of 2020. Jason Morken of Solheim Lodge offered to lend a hand. The original playset was installed in 1996. After 25 years it was showing it's age.

Baylee and Jason would like to thank the many donors who made the Playground Restoration Project a great success! To express their thanks to the many donors who made this project successful Baylee and Jason presented a framed listing of all of the donors at the introduction ceremony.



2021 Playground Donors

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Play structure managers: **Baylee McKenney and Jason Morken**



join our volunteer team!

Do you love to cook? Share your skills and cook for Trollfjell Folkehøgskule!

Trollfjell Folkehøgskule relies on our volunteers. Our nurse, instructors, Camp Directors, registrar, and cooks volunteer their services. For 2023 our long-standing cook, Kirby Aasen, will only be able to cook for Camp Trollfjell. We need your assistance providing food for the students and staff at Trollfjell Folkehøgskule.





Volunteer to cook from June 25th to July 8th

SIGN UP

or send an email to:

Camp Director



MEMORIAL DAY

At Camp Norge

Join us for a fun & relaxing weekend!

MAY 26-29

Swimming | Hiking | Campfire | Axe Throwing | Pickle Ball

STAY

Choose from: Main House, Dorms, or Cabins - or bring your RV or Tent

Call 530-389-2508 to reserve your spot

Tent camping? No reservation required - just show up!

DETAILS

Come for the day or the whole weekend

Tons of fun activities to choose from for all skills and abilities

Meals provided or on your own





REGISTER STARTING FEB. 1ST



SONS OF NORWAY CAMP TROLLFJELL & FOLKEHØGSKULE AT CAMP NORGE



FOLKEHØGSKULE JUNE 25-JULY 8 AGES 14-17

Family Transition Weekend July 7 - 9 Come with your family!

TROLLFJELL
JULY 9 - 21
AGES 8-13



CAMP NORGE | ALTA, CA

Norwegian Language | Folk Dancing | Rosemaling
Cooking | Hiking | Games & Sports | And a Lot More...

For more info: Website: sofn6.org/arv/ Facebook: Trollfjell Instagram: trollfjellsofn

