



# CAMP CONNECTION

Official Newsletter of Sons of Norway District Six Recreation Center

Winter/Spring 2024

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Here's What's New at Camp Norge!

The camp looks beautiful in winter and this year is no exception. And as the snow melts and our 2024 season gets going, we have so many improvements to share with you.



**Major upgrades to Dorm One:** Dorm One has needed TLC for a long time! Thanks to the generous donation from the Frances Quick Estate, we are replacing windows and doors, upgrading the siding and lastly, the decking is due for replacement as well. Watch for these upgrades to take place this spring as weather permits.

**Upgrades to Social Hall:** By popular demand, we are in the middle of adding an automatic dishwasher to the Social Hall along with new counters, sink, floor and a beautiful deck. We are really excited about this as this is one of the camp's original buildings! This project should be complete before our first guests check in this spring

**New signage, building names and map:** As we work to expand our marketing efforts and invite new groups and families to enjoy our Camp, we know that our new visitors sometimes have trouble locating their bedrooms and seminar rooms. We are meeting that need with a three-part plan. First, we are renaming a few buildings to match what our guests already call them. The Main Lodge was originally named as such but over time the name gradually morphed into the Main House. Well, we are officially reverting the name back to The Main Lodge, which is how many of our new guests like to call it.



The six-bed building next to the Social Hall, commonly known as "the Barn", will be renamed the "Family Cabin" to better match its appeal.

**Quick Quiz! Do you know the other popular nickname for this building?** The first person to send me an email with the answer gets bragging rights plus a free drink of their choice at the Memorial Day Weekend Event!

Secondly, keep your eyes peeled for new signage to start showing up on buildings and around the property and a fun new site map to help our newer guests find their way.

**New Reservation System.** One of the most popular replies to the guest survey we held last fall was in response to the need for an online reservation request system. Well good news! Thanks to the hard work of board members Jason Morken and Lynn Skrukruud, our new system is in beta test stage as I write this. The system will allow guests to request their room and dates of their planned visit as well as other features including viewing photos of the rooms and descriptions of the amenities. It already looks amazing and we hope to release version 1.0 to our members before Memorial Day Weekend.

**Board Openings.** With the 2024 District Six convention just around the corner, we have an important announcement to share. We have openings on our board. If you have ever wanted to help with the planning, operation, marketing and development of our beautiful camp, and you have the type of skills, knowledge and experience fitting this challenging position, be sure to let us know. We need your help.

**Hygge Hus Campaign Begins!** We have always wanted to find a way to make it easier for our elderly and disabled members to come to camp to join the fun events and family gatherings. Our mountain terrain and decades-old accommodations can make Camp Norge a challenging place for some folks.

**Enter, our new project:** The Hygge Hus ("comfy house" in Norwegian). The goal is to build a structure(s) providing two separate apartment-like units complete with restrooms. The plan is to construct these units adjacent to Heritage Hall with easy, level access to the hall for people using canes, walkers, or wheelchairs. **But we need your help!** We are kicking off our Hygge Hus Fundraising Campaign to raise the \$50,000 we need for phase one of this exciting project. We have secured a Foundation grant and initial "seed" donation of \$6,000. As of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, we have received an additional \$10,000, making our total seed donation amount to over \$16,000. Phase One covers all the preliminary work, including a feasibility study, design proposals, permitting, and site prep. The fundraising campaign will run throughout the year, culminating at the District Six Convention in Las Vegas in June.

### How Can You Help?

- Donate to this campaign. Think about your friends and family who want to come to Camp Norge and donate to this campaign today.
- Talk to your Sons of Norway Lodge leaders and be ready to donate at Convention in June.
- Post this message on your Facebook Page.
- Forward this message to your friends and family.

If you have questions, please contact Fred Hymans or any member of the Sons of Norway, District Six, Recreation Center Board for details.

Let's come together to build the Hygge Hus and make Camp Norge a Haven for all, regardless of age or ability.



To donate to the Hygge Hus campaign, click [\*\*HERE.\*\*](#)





**Upcoming Events:** Check out details on Pages 04 and 05 for some great events coming this season to your favorite camp:

- Norwegian Folk Dance Retreat
- Rosemaling Seminars
- Trollfjell Folkehøgskule
- Camp Trollfjell

**Come join us in Alta this season!** We have rooms for those who like the indoor life and tons of room for RVs, trailers, campers and tents. No matter how you like to take in the great outdoors, Camp Norge has room for you and your family or groups. Call us today or visit our website for more information by clicking [HERE](#). **See you at Camp!**

**Fred Hymans, President**  
District Six Recreation Center Board

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

### Penny Joseph Knudsen

Andrew Furuseth Lodge also donated \$24,000 for clean water-related projects as a tribute to Penny’s memory. The memorial plaque pictured here, to be installed in the building Penny created, the Stabbur. The plaque was presented during the dedication of the Stabbur at the 2022 Northern California Kretsstevne. Many thanks to Andrew Furuseth Lodge which donated \$1,000 for the beautiful custom plaque.



### Frances L. Quick

Frances was a member of the Edvard Grieg Lodge #6-074 in Southern California and loved Camp Norge. In her trust, Frances generously left a bequest of \$115,000 to Camp Norge. Ms. Quick’s niece and trustee, Dianne Johnson, joined us to present the check during the 2022 Northern California Kretsstevner. The presentation was followed by a grateful Champagne toast. We are eternally thankful to Frances for her thoughtful gift and her family members for spending time with us and sharing Frances’ love of Camp Norge.

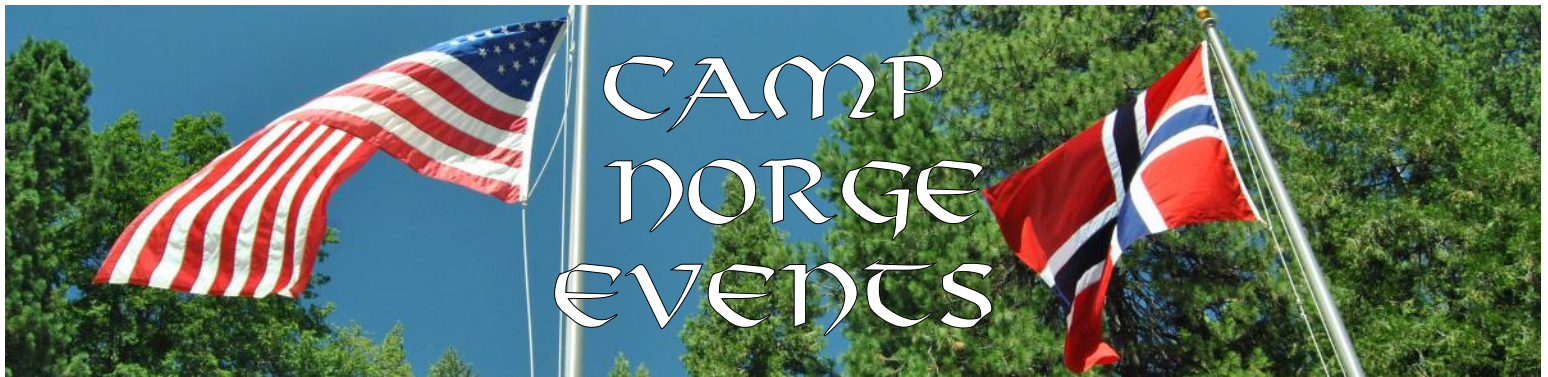
# ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) offers a way for landowners to improve their property through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The purpose of this program is for fuel load reduction by clearing excess brush and removal of dead and down trees which will help protect our camp from future devastating California wildfires.

We are very pleased to announce Camp Norge has been approved for this grant. We'd like to thank our Camp Manager Susan Winje, and past Recreation Center Board President Linda Carruthers for their assistance in obtaining this grant. Linda and Susan will continue to work with the EQIP program to execute the work plan the USDA prepared for Camp Norge.

## PROPERTY UPGRADES

A special thanks goes to Susan Winje and Tanya Stark, our Camp Caretaker, as they diligently work on a comprehensive update of our buildings. This includes the replacement of floors, bed frames, mattresses, the removal of box springs, and painting, inside and out. These and other tasks will continue throughout 2024.



## FOLKEDANS STEVNE

**April 5-7**

Dancers of all skill levels are welcome to Camp Norge for our Spring Folkedans Stevne, a Norwegian Folk Dance retreat. Open to all skills levels including complete beginners and advanced dancers. No partners are necessary; we mix and match as needed. For more information contact Zena Corcoran at [zmcocoran@gmail.com](mailto:zmcocoran@gmail.com) or Meg Laycock at [meg@jstub.com](mailto:meg@jstub.com).

## ROSEMALING SEMINARS

**April 27-28**

Penny's Rosemaling Seminar is a bi-annual event at Camp Norge. The Rosemaling Seminar offers you the chance to learn the decorative folk art of rural Norway.



Our Teachers will be: Onya Tolmasoff and Sue Regadanz, filling in for Karen Nelson, VGM. Onya's project is a cheerful Os design on a soft white background. The charming stool has been produced by Larry Pickett. Karen's project is in the Agder style on a charcoal background.

Click [HERE](#) for the latest information on Penny's Rosemaling Seminars at Camp Norge. Click [HERE](#) to learn about the California Rosemaling Association.



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# 2024 EVENTS AT CAMP NORGE

## WORK PARTY

**April 21**

We are inviting hard-working volunteers for a fun day of teamwork to help get our buildings and grounds ready for a busy summer season. We have plenty of projects from easy to strenuous! These projects include: landscaping, light repair work, window washing, kitchen cleanup, dusting, raking and sweeping, etc. Meals and lodging are FREE! Lunch and Dinner are provided for all volunteers. Please contact Susan Winje today to reserve your room at (530) 389-2508 or [susan.winje@campnorge.org](mailto:susan.winje@campnorge.org).

## MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

**May 24-27**

Join us for a delightful and laid-back three-day camping experience at your very own Camp Norge. The district-wide camp-out is the perfect way to kick off your summer. Activities for the weekend include kids' games, an off-site hike to explore the scenic surroundings, friendly pickle ball or horseshoe matches. Click [HERE](#) for information on all of Camp Norge's accommodations, rooms, camping and RV sites. Stay updated with current information by clicking [HERE](#).

## TROLLFJELL FOLKEHØGSKULE

**June 30 through July 13**

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 Flat's 4th of July Parade. The city-wide water fight is always fun, so don't forget to bring your super-soaker. Registration fee is \$1,000.00 per camper. **Registration deadline is June 15, 2024.** Click [HERE](#) for camp information and the registration form. To apply for a District Six campership, click [HERE](#).

## CAMP TROLLFJELL

**July 14-27**

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. **Registration deadline is June 29, 2024.** Click [HERE](#) for camp information and the registration form. Apply for a District Six campership by clicking [HERE](#).

# SAVE THESE DATES!

## KRETSSTEVNE

**August 30-September 2**

Zones 1,2 and 3 invite YOU to our "Jewel in the Sierras" for our annual "Gathering of the Clan"! Over Labor Day weekend, we'll have delicious meals, entertainment, swimming, hiking, s'mores at the campfire and our famous Horseshoe Tournament. Information will be posted [HERE](#) as information is finalized.

## CAMP OLOFJELL

**September 21-24**

The 4th annual event brought together 50 people for 15 classes over four days. Classes included storytelling, rosemaking, viking apron dress making, viking astronomy, and so much more. Information will be posted [HERE](#) as information is finalized.



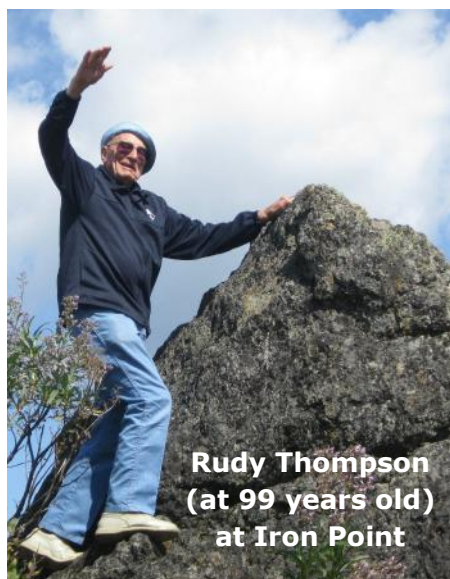
## COME AND STAY!

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



**Rudy Thompson**  
(at 99 years old)  
at Iron Point

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

### **Iron Point Euchre Bar Trail**

A quick 15 minute drive from Camp Norge, the trail to Euchre Bar starts at Iron Point and drops 1780 feet in 1.5 miles to the North Fork American River, a designated Wild and Scenic River. While steep, the trail is in very good shape with lots of shade. The trail dates back to the California Gold Rush. Euchre was a card game popular with the early miners. At the river, one can find remnants of buildings, ditches and old mining equipment. A bridge, built in 1965, crosses the river. The main trail continues up river 2.5 miles to Humbug Bar. For directions click [HERE](#) and information from the Forest Service website click [HERE](#).





Information on how you can own this Råndastakk bunad, donated to Camp Norge by Bev Anderson will be sent to Lodge Editors and Presidents in April. (Above, Sheryl Hawes of Nordahl Grieg #6-052 models the size 8 bunad purchased by Bev while in Oslo.)

CAMP OLDFIELD



SAVE  
THE DATE

September 21 - 24, 2024.

Come for the weekend  
or stay for all four days.

Details will be available  
in mid May, keep up to  
date by clicking [HERE](#).

## CAMP AMBASSADORS WANTED

Are you passionate about Camp Norge? We need YOU! The Recreation Center Board is looking for enthusiastic people to serve as camp ambassadors. You will spread the word about our beloved Camp Norge and share your experiences there with your fellow lodge members. You know your lodge best as well as how your members get their information (newsletter, website, social media, in-person gatherings, etc.). You will work with the Recreation Board's Century Committee to share information and updates on everything happening at camp. We're looking for ambassadors throughout District Six so that all of our members know about our "Gem in the Sierra". If you're interested in learning more, please contact Kristen Hunsbedt at [kristenhunsbedt@gmail.com](mailto:kristenhunsbedt@gmail.com) or 408-828-3503.



# WORK DAY!

*Help prepare camp for summer!*

Sunday, April 21st

9am- 5pm

Projects for all ages & abilities.

*Helpers can stay the night at camp for free!  
Breakfast, lunch & dinner provided.*

*Bring gloves, tools, paint supplies, and cleaning supplies.*

Please RSVP — Email Fred at [fred.hymans@campnorge.org](mailto:fred.hymans@campnorge.org)





# Camp TROLLFJELL & FOLKEHØGSKULE Help Wanted

NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE INSTRUCTOR  
(CAMP TROLLFJELL ONLY)  
GAMEMASTER (GAMES & SPORTS)

ROSEMALING INSTRUCTOR  
COUNSELORS  
COUNSELERS IN TRAINING

**FOLKEHØGSKULE**  
**JUNE 30-JULY 13**  
**AGES 14-17**

**TROLLFJELL**  
**JULY 14 - 27**  
**AGES 8-13**

STAFF CAN RECEIVE UP TO A 50% REGISTRATION DISCOUNT FOR THEIR CHILDREN. FOR QUESTIONS ON DISCOUNTS AND HOW TO APPLY, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AT [CAMP.DIRECTOR@SOFN6.ORG](mailto:CAMP.DIRECTOR@SOFN6.ORG).



# MEMORIAL DAY

At Camp Norge

Join us for a fun & relaxing weekend!

## MAY 24-27

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*

### 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/  
Open to all Sons of Norway & Young Scandinavian Club members and their families & friends

### REGISTER FOR MEALS

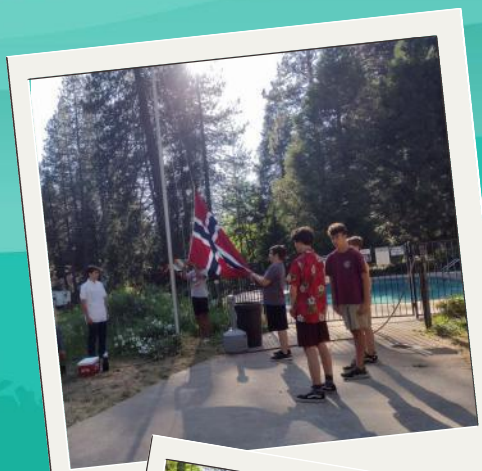
[campnorge.org/site/memorial-day](http://campnorge.org/site/memorial-day)  
*Deadline to register for meals 5/16/24*







# Camp TROLLFJELL & FOLKEHØGSKULE



- NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE
- HIKING
- FOLK DANCING
- ROSEMALING
- GAMES & SPORTS
- AND MUCH MORE!

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**CAMP NORGE**  
**ALTA, CA**

FOR MORE INFO:

- WEBSITE: [SOFN6.ORG/ARV/](http://SOFN6.ORG/ARV/)
- FACEBOOK: TROLLFJELL
- INSTAGRAM: TROLLFJELLSOFN

