



Camp Connection

Official Newsletter of Sons of Norway District Six Recreation Center

Spring 2016

2016 Promises to be a busy year

Greetings! The Camp Norge staff and board are excited about the 2016 season and are gearing up for a busy year.

It all starts with our annual Spring work party weekend on April 30 & May 1. Please make plans to join us at camp that weekend. We all pitch in to get the camp ready for the Summer season by tidying up the grounds, dusting out the rooms, making beds, etc. No matter what your skill or energy levels are, we need your help. Being a lifelong pyromaniac, my favorite job has always been working the burn pile; a job President Linda always let me do. Well let us know what you enjoy working on and we will do our best to reserve that job just for you! And remember, meals and lodging up at camp are provided to all volunteers on work party weekends.

Memorial Day will be another fun weekend in 2016. As you may know, this is our big fund-raiser! So the board always tries to come up with fun and interesting activities for all who attend.

Some of this year's Memorial Day activities are back by popular demand including a quilting demo., cooking lessons and an exciting field trip to a local attraction.

New this year is something we are especially excited about and hoping to build into an annual event: a **meatball cook-off and Aquavit tasting**.

As always we will have our craft fair and silent auction and this year our culinary guide will be board-member Kirby Aasen. We still have some rooms available for those without RV's. Call camp to reserve a room for Memorial weekend today.

This Summer's cultural activities are filling up fast. One of the highlights is the 63rd Annual Rosemaling seminar, April 23rd. Lead by Penny Joseph Knudsen. Make your reservations soon.

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Language & Heritage Camps Now Taking Reservations

Camp Trollfjell is the Sons of Norway 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 (dates are July 10 to 23rd) focuses on providing campers with a rich social experience that includes camping, hiking, swimming, Norwegian language skills in a safe, respectful environment.



Long-time Rec. Center Board Member and Camp supporter extraordinaire Jack Johnson, hard at work during a recent work party.

According to Erik Peters, the camp's director, this year's camp will be even better than the last. He encourages families to make their reservations early.

Note: The \$100 early bird discount for returning campers is available until May 17.

Visit <http://sofn6.org/arv/camp-trollfjell/> for details and to make reservations.

Trollfjell Folkehøgskule, language and heritage camp for youth ages 14-17 is back for its second summer and camp has been extended to two weeks!

Camp activities include culinary arts, carpentry and handverk (knitting and hardanger) as well as language classes.

The Staff will include the Director and six teachers with visiting presenters in the evenings. The students and teachers will reside in the Dormitories and the Barn.

Please visit <http://sofn6.org/arv/trollfjell-folkehogskule/> for more

information and to make reservations.

We know several lodges provide "CamperShips" to help with the cost of Camp. So be sure to ask your Lodge officers what may be available.



Did You Know ?

Did you know our Camp Caretaker, David Black is a (semi) retired, professional tennis instructor?

News From the Board

Kirby Aasen, Vice President
Sons of Norway Recreation Center Board

Greetings fellow members, I'm writing to let everyone know about the great things that are happening with your beloved Camp Norge.

As many know, last year the Camp saw a new Building go up (The Stabbur), Roads repaved, infrastructure repaired, a new caretaker hired (David Black) and changes to your Camp Board of Directors. And even though some of these have been challenging to say the least, we enthusiastically look forward to the 2016 season.

The Board of Directors met on Nov. 6, 2015 on a Friday with a camp work party following on Saturday & Sunday. Though turnout for the annual "Winterizing" party was small we were able to accomplish some necessary tasks to button up the camp for winter and begin preparations for opening in the spring.

Going forward, lighting is being improved, beds are being upgraded as needed and the general maintenance needs are slowly being addressed as our budget allows.

The big news many will appreciate—we will be upgrading our Wi-Fi system for access in the Heritage Hall & Meadow!

This next year will see some new exciting events taking place at the camp along cultural & heritage lines (check the website campnorge.org for more details).

The Rec. Board is planning a work party for the spring April 30-May 1 to get the camp ready for the new-year (again check the website www.campnorge.org for more details). We can use the help of our members for all sorts of needed tasks at the camp and it also is a great way to fellowship with other Sons of Norway members outside of your home lodge.

Last year the age range of members that attended was from 1–102 years young. No matter what your skill-level is, we can find a job for you. As in the past, meals will be provided along with accommodations for those who attend.

Please contact our main number to reserve your room: (530) 389-2508.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve and we look forward to seeing you soon!

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The 2016 District Six Convention will be here before we know it. This year's convention takes place June 19-22, in Loveland, Colorado. The Recreation Center board will be there to participate in the meetings and fund raising activities as well as offer the newest T-shirts and other promotional items to our members. Be sure to come by our table and check out the merchandise.

Reservations for the summer weekends are filling up fast. Please call at your earliest convenience to reserve your date for family reunion, church outing or camping getaway. Think of Camp Norge when planning your next big celebration or impromptu get-away.

See you at Camp!

Fred Hymans, President

Memorial Day Plans Underway

Each year we hold two big weekend, fund-raising events up at Camp. Memorial Weekend is sponsored by the Recreation Center Board and the Labor Day event (aka: Kretstevne) by the District Board. Proceeds from both go to help keep Camp Norge running smoothly. So your participation is much appreciated.

This year we are planning for another fun weekend with food, games, field trips and some special fund raising activities as well.

Help us reach our goal of raising \$1,000 this year by competing in this years:

Meatball cook-off:

Bring your best recipe and prepare to face off with rivals from around the District as we put family recipes from Bismarck to Bergen to the test!

Aquavit tasting:

While you are waiting for the lines to go down for the meatballs, test your Norwegian palate on a selection of Aquavit varieties, both commercial and home-made by our members.

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Whether you like to cook 'em, or just eat 'em, Memorial Day Weekend will be "Meatball Weekend" at Camp Norge!

Celebrate!

**Fourth of July Weekend
July 2, 3 & 4, at Camp Norge.**

**We will be open as usual during the
July 4th Holiday.**

**Call (530) 389-2508 today to
reserve a room!**



sixth DISTRICT CENTURY CLUB

An auxiliary of the 6th District Recreation Center Board

The Century Club invites individuals and lodges to become members of their group and help support maintenance of Camp Norge. The club has been in existence since October 1996.

Half of the dues collected go directly to Camp Norge solely for the purpose of maintenance of the facilities. The other half goes into savings with the Sons of Norway. The Century Club's goal is to increase the size of the fund to take care of the maintenance of the camp without any other help.

Please see the Century Club application at the end of this newsletter.

The Century Club will be recruiting new members at the District Convention in June. Be sure to visit them there.

Silent Auction Items Needed for Memorial Day Weekend

Know someone who has more knick-knacks than they have room for? Please help us reach our fund-raising goal by donating your "gently used" items to our auction. Items from or about Norway are especially treasured!

Contact Fred Hymans if you have items or ideas to donate.
Fred.hymans@campnorge.com or
(916)412-3797



DROUGHT CONDITIONS EXPECTED TO REMAIN

Despite some much appreciated precipitation thanks to "El Niño", the camp is expected to experience continued severe drought conditions. According to the California State Department of Water Resources' website, seven of the nine years since 2007 (when the 2007-09 drought began) have been dry. California also experienced record warmth during this time, heightening impacts to mountain snowpack and cold-water fisheries. 2014 and 2015 were, respectively, the warmest and second-warmest years in 121 years of statewide average temperature records.



Although 2016 is the wettest year since the drought began in 2012, one somewhat improved season does not compensate for four prior years of drought. As of March 30th, snowpack stands at 87% of the April 1 average.

As most of you know, we share a spring with two of our neighbors. Our spring provides us with some of the best water in the Western US. But we do not have an unlimited supply. Your patience and assistance will be much appreciated.

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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.



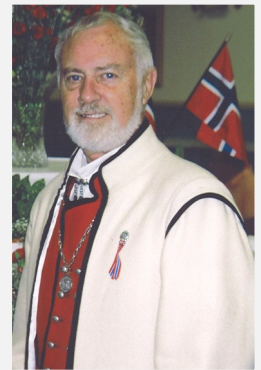
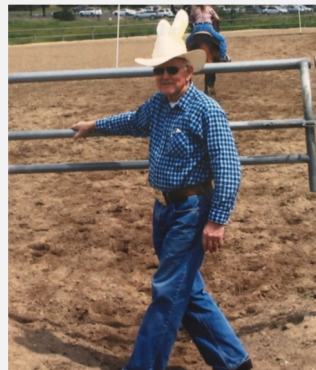
In Memoriam

The District Six Recreation Center lost two beloved friends over the past months.

Bob Olsen who passed away earlier this year, was a huge fan and supporter of Camp Norge. Bob was a 12 year veteran member of the Recreation Center Board, eight of which he served as president. As Penny Joseph Knudsen put it: "nobody loved that camp more than Bob." He was known by many in the District as "Uncle Bob" and his legacy will always be felt at Camp Norge.

International Director District Six and former District President, Lyle Berge passed away unexpectedly on March 3, 2016. During his four years on the Recreation Center Board Lyle was a great advocate for the needs of our youth campers and members in general. "Over the years Lyle made an impact on everyone with whom he came into contact. Lyle Berge is gone, but the memory of his selfless dedication to Sons of Norway will remain." --Jon Tehven, International President

We are forever in debt to these two gentlemen for their tireless support of the Camp.



CAMP NORGE
RECREATION CENTER
SONS OF NORWAY
250 CANYON MINE ROAD



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Please limit your showers to 5 minutes if possible and try to run other faucets as little as possible. The meadow is lush and green right now. Yet, we expect we will need to cut back the watering to little or none during the dry months. So if it looks a little brown in the late Summer, we know you will understand. If you happen to notice water running for no apparent reason, please do your part to limit waste.

A quick tour around the property and you may even notice a few trees with brown needles, or worse. Thanks to the efforts of our Board V.P. Kirby Aasen, PG&E, has agreed to cut down and remove a large dead pine tree which looms near power lines, adjacent to the main house. This will save the Camp thousands of dollars. We hope this sort of thing won't continue. But with an ongoing drought we know anything is possible.



**Show your love for your camp.
Support the**

Century Club

Contact Lise Fleming: lisenorsk@earthlink.net
Or at: (909) 624-2868

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Craft Fair and Silent Auction:

Back again this year will be our annual craft fair with handmade items available at bargain prices. If you have some items you would like to offer let us know. We will do our best to set up a table for you.

And the ever-popular silent auction is back as well!

Rumor has it we will have some excellent items available for bidding this year. So don't miss it!

More details will follow soon. But be sure to plan on spending Memorial Day weekend at camp!

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Alta, CA 95701
(530) 389-2508 www.campnorge.org

Save the Date!

Sons of Norway
Camp Norge

- ❑ **Saturday, April 23, 63rd Annual Rosemaling Seminar** presented by Penny Joseph Knudsen. See Camp Norge website for details and registration information.
- ❑ **April 30 and May 1, 2016 Spring Work Party**—we will need your help to open the Camp for the season.
- ❑ **Saturday, May 28 through Monday, May 30th Memorial Day Weekend** come enjoy and support your Camp Norge.
- ❑ **June 19-22, 2016, District Six Convention**, Embassy Suites Hotel, Loveland, CO. Go to www.d6in16.com for more info.

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SONS OF NORWAY

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.



Celebrate Memorial Day at Camp Norge

May 28, 29 and 30th, 2016

The Recreation Center Board invites you to **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!

- ♥ Beginning with an awesome **museum field trip** on Saturday
- ♥ A **Craft Fair** together with hosted **Cocktail Party** and **Silent Auction** on Saturday evening. (Please contact Fred to donate your silent auction items ASAP at fred.hymans@campnorge.org)
- ♥ An exciting **hike** on Sunday.
- ♥ **Meatball Cook-off** and **Aquavit Tasting** on Sunday!

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 on ⇒ www.campnorge.org.

Delicious meals will be provided for the weekend and served in the **Heritage Hall**. The usual amenities will be available: swimming pool, horseshoe pit and the hiking trail and more!

We expect a big crowd so call and reserve early!



Mail this form below and a check for the meals to: Camp Norge, P.O. Box 622, Alta, CA 95701

Name _____ Lodge Name & # _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact # (____) _____ Email _____

Saturday BrunchAdult(s)_____ x \$8.00 = \$_____ Children_____ x \$4.00 = \$_____

Saturday DinnerAdult(s)_____ x \$12.00 = \$_____ Children_____ x \$6.00 = \$_____

Sunday BrunchAdult(s)_____ x \$8.00 = \$_____ Children_____ x \$4.00 = \$_____

Sunday DinnerAdult(s)_____ x \$12.00 = \$_____ Children_____ x \$6.00 = \$_____

Monday Breakfast.....Adult(s)_____ x \$8.00 = \$_____ Children_____ x \$4.00 = \$_____

Or purchase the weekend package and save!

Weekend Package....Adult(s)_____ x \$40.00 = \$_____ Children_____ x \$20.00 = \$_____

Total Enclosed \$ _____



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

The Registration Deadline is May 18, 2016. Make checks payable to Camp Norge.





Folk dancing by the main house—among the pines at Camp Norge—during Language and Heritage Camp.

LOTS TO DO AT CAMP NORGE— IT'S A YEAR-ROUND FACILITY

- ◆ A VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL CAMPING:
VEHICLES IN THE MEADOW OR ON THE PAD. KOZY KABINS.
TENTS IN THE MEADOW
DORM-STYLE ACCOMMODATIONS.
- ◆ BASE-CAMP FOR NEARBY AREA ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING:
HIKING, FISHING, BOATING, SIGHT-SEEING IN THE SUMMER & SKIING AND OTHER SNOW ACTIVITIES IN THE WINTER AT TAHOE & OTHER NEARBY SITES.
- ◆ AT THE CAMP:
SWIMMING
HORSESHOES
VOLLEYBALL
NATURE WALKS
- ◆ DURING LANGUAGE & HERITAGE CAMP:
NORWEGIAN ARTS AND CRAFTS
FOLK DANCING
NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE LESSONS
TROLLS AND NISSER
NORWEGIAN FOODS
SPORTS ACTIVITIES

WHY YOU SHOULD SUPPORT THE CENTURY CLUB

Have you ever felt that your contribution to a charitable cause would not make a difference, so you dropped the request in the waste basket? By joining the **Century Club**, you can be part of a group which makes a difference to many children and adults alike—by furnishing funds for the **maintenance and funding of special projects** of a wonderful campground nestled in a beautiful wooded area near Alta, California.

Enjoy the four seasons at Camp Norge with Summer providing clean air and the sweet smell of pine trees. In Winter you can enjoy the crisp air as your breath freezes and you view the blanket of snow covering the trees and meadow. This can be your base camp when you return after a day's activities at such nearby ski resorts as Tahoe and Squaw Valley.

Your membership in the **Century Club** will ensure that the Camp will have funds to provide maintenance to keep this valuable property a *first-class recreational facility*. Your friends will know that you are a **Century Club** member by the pin you will be wearing.

Each summer, children enjoy the annual **Language & Heritage Camp** as shown in several of the pictures in this brochure. Camp Norge has many regular activities such as the Northern Kretsstevne, rosemaling classes, "Norwegian only" language weekends and holiday activities held on **Memorial Day** and **Labor Day**. If you have never been to Camp Norge, we encourage your lodge to plan a week or weekend and enjoy this beautiful setting. Ask your Zone Director or call the Camp Manager at (530) 389-2508 for additional information on rental rates & overnight fees.

You will feel good when your friends ask you about the beautiful **Century Club** pin you will be wearing, and you can tell them that you are helping with the **maintenance** of our beautiful Camp Norge. The By-Laws of this organization provide for releasing one-half of the funds collected each year from present and new members. In the past, we have helped make possible new laundry facilities, swimming pool repairs, auxiliary equipment for the camp's all-purpose tractor, the renovation of the manager's apartment, a new deck overlooking the meadow, a new stairway and the rebuild of restroom facilities. Also, a leader in fund-raising for Heritage Hall.

SIXTH DISTRICT RECREATION CENTER CENTURY CLUB

(An auxiliary of the 6D Recreation Center Board)



FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CENTURY CLUB

CONTACT
YOUR LODGE CENTURY CLUB
REPRESENTATIVE OR ASK THE PERSON
WEARING THE PIN

or

Fill out the application on the reverse side
and mail it in today.

Check Out Camp Norge on the Web:
www.campnorge.com

CENTURY CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mr. Ms. Mrs. (circle one)

(Name)

(Address)

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Home Phone) (Work Phone)

(e-mail address)

(Lodge affiliation)

**PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING AS
MEMBERS OF THE CENTURY CLUB:**

(Name) (Lodge)

(Name) (Lodge)

(Name) (Lodge)

**ENCLOSED IS PAYMENT OF THE ANNUAL DUES
(@\$100/MEMBER) REQUIRED TO
JOIN THE CENTURY CLUB.**

_____ @ \$100
(No.) (Total)

Make checks payable to:
"Sixth District Century Club" (Date)

Mail to:
Lise Fleming, Treasurer
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1104 Alamosa Dr.
Claremont, CA 91711
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THE CENTURY CLUB SUPPORTS CAMP NORGE



The meadow at Camp Norge: It offers RV camping, a place to play games, to picnic, to enjoy the beauty of the hills.



Each summer, a prime use for the camp is to serve as the home for the 6th District's Language & Heritage Camp.

 ★ At the 6th District Convention in Sacramento in June of 1996, then President Karl Eikeberg arranged for the
 ★ delegates and guests to visit and see first hand the beautiful and wonderful asset that we all have in Camp
 ★ Norge, at Alta, California. The 46+ acres of Camp Norge are a recreational wonderland with a main house,
 ★ three dormitories and several small cabins that are used for sleeping facilities, a social hall for preparation of
 ★ meals, a swimming pool, and other opportunities for various recreational activities.
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 ★ The meadow offers facilities for RV camping and tenting as well for picnics, social get-togethers and fun
 ★ and games, including a swimming pool that doubles as a fire-fighting reservoir. The wooded areas offer
 ★ opportunities for hiking and exploring Even though you are close by Interstate 80, there is a sense of
 ★ seclusion that is special. The camp has its own water supply, as well as the amenities offered by electricity
 ★ and bottled gas, and a year-round resident hostess/manager. The camp has an on-site cell phone tower.
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 ★ One of the past International Directors of Sons of Norway, Asbjørn Røstad, looked out over this beautiful
 ★ vista in 1996 and made the remark that he would like to see a program set up to help with the maintenance
 ★ of the camp—always a challenge. Someone else mentioned a plan that had worked for other organizations,
 ★ and the idea of a Century Club was born. Individuals dedicated to the camp's growth and future would join
 ★ the club with annual dues of \$100.
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 ★ The idea grew and meetings were held with nine members making up the organizing committee, later
 ★ known as the Founders. They prepared the By-Laws and elected the initial officers: President, Roger
 ★ Merrill 8 6-50; Vice President, Karin Brevig, 6-25; Secretary, Sherrill Swenson, 6-64; Treasurer, Joe
 ★ Rasmussen8, 6-64; and Publicity Director, Lynn Lende8, 6-64. The initial Directors at large were Ola
 ★ Brevig, 6-25; Ordale Johnson, 6-68; Bob Olson, 6-50; and Asbjørn Røstad, 6-24. Meetings are held on a
 ★ regular basis twice a year at Norway Hall, Norrøna #50, Van Nuys, CA, and once per biennium at Camp
 ★ Norge.
 ★ (8 deceased)
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