

# Camping Women Trails

January 2009

## Invitational Registration deadline is up but you can still come if you make your reservation now

Cheryl Baker, National Camps Director, reports that many people have signed in for this annual fest of good cheer in the great outdoors. She says you can still come but call or register online now (see pgs. 2 and 3) and be sure to say you are with Camping Women. You may not have a site in our designated area but you can get one as close as possible. The woman who manages reservations for Wishon Village is very accommodating and excited that we're coming. It's just that it is a private camp and has to fill spaces as soon as possible. If you're coming with someone and don't need a site be sure and send in the Camping Women registration form on pg. 3 to Cheryl Baker so the Sierra Foothills chapter will know how many "welcome packets" to make and how many to feed breakfast on Saturday morning. Also Joey needs volunteers to lead workshops. Any talent or skill you have makes a good workshop. For example, making baskets or belts (oops, that's rehab, but we too need occupational therapy).

**You are cordially invited to the CW Board Meeting  
to be held Apr. 25, 2009  
at Nora Clark's home in Fresno, CA  
4657 E. Cambridge at 9 a.m.**

**RSVP: 559-453-1663**

# CAMPING WOMEN - ANNUAL INVITATIONAL 2009 JULY 26 – AUGUST 2

Hosted by the Sierra Foothills Chapter with the help of the Sacramento Chapter



**WISHON VILLAGE RV RESORT  
IN THE SIERRA NATIONAL FOREST  
80 Miles East of Fresno at Wishon Reservoir**

[www.wishonvillage.com](http://www.wishonvillage.com)

**(559) 865-5361 Closed until April 25th**

*Go to Home Page/See Reservations on bottom right side of page, click on reservations*

Because **Wishon Village** is closed for the winter, they don't take phone calls until they reopen April 26th. This is a popular place and reservations go fast. **First:** Wishon requires Reservations be made online by MARCH 31<sup>st</sup> using their website page. If you are sharing an RV or tent site, only one person can make the reservation but you *must include number of folks and dogs*. BE SURE to type in the "comments" section that you are with CAMPING WOMEN. **Second:** Every person attending must fill-out the Registration/Waiver/Release Form plus attach a check for \$5.00. A fee has always been part of the registration. It covers costs such as breakfast & Invitational packets. *There is a limit of six (6) people per site. Wishon fees are non-refundable.*

**GET-AWAY DAYS are July 26-29**

**INVITATIONAL DAYS are July 30-to August 2**

**New Members: You can stay any number of days you choose. Workshops, silent auction and other group activities take place from Thursday through Saturday, with a breakfast on Saturday and General Meeting. Depart by noon on Sunday.**

**Wishon Village** is a destination RV and Campground Resort, at 6,750' elevation in the heart of the Sierra Nevada. Lake Wishon is 3.5 miles long with 128,606 acre feet capacity. The speed limit on the lake 15 mph to ensure safety and peaceful camping. The country store carries fishing, camping, backpacking and hardware supplies as well as canned goods, cold drinks, fresh meat, produce and dairy products, propane, notions, ice, convenience foods, books, bandannas, hats/shirts.

**Facilities:** Sites are either tent or RV; assigned upon registering

- 96 RV sites; all with power, water and sewer hookups; 1 RV rental, completely set up
- 26 Tent Sites w/12' x 16' platforms. All sites have a fire pit and picnic- table.
- Laundry facilities.
- Clean-restrooms.
- Hot showers in two locations.
- Dogs on leash are allowed (\$3 per day).
- Fishing and Party Boat Rentals.

**REGISTRATION, WAIVER & RELEASE FORM**

INVITATIONAL 2009 - Wishon Village, Sierra National Forest

July 26-Aug 2

**This does NOT reserve your campsite. Go to the Wishon Village website to make your reservation.**

**Every Person Attending** must **FILL-OUT AND RETURN BY March 31<sup>st</sup> with Check for**

**\$5.00** made payable to: NCW

Mail to: **Cheryl Baker**  
**20592 Canyonview Drive**  
**Tuolumne, CA 95379**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT \_\_\_Some handwriting is hard to read)

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Nights Staying: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person Wishon Reservation is under: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Site: TENT  RV  (Length of RV in feet \_\_\_\_\_)

**WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Phone Number of Emergency Contact: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**PHOTO RELEASE:**

USE IN CW PUBLICATIONS YES  NO

USE IN CW WEBSITE YES  NO

USE IN NEWSPAPERS YES  NO

Are you interested in teaching a class or workshop? YES  NO

If YES, please contact: JOEY JOHNSON for scheduling

## Millerton Lake Service Camp

Millerton Lake is in the foothills 25 miles northeast of Fresno. From Sacramento take Hwy 99 South to Madera, then head east on Hwy 145 for about 30 miles to the north shore. Drive time is about 2½ -3 hours from Sacramento, but it's a straight shot on the freeway.

We'll be on the north shore in the Fort Miller Campground, the third campground on the right. Sites are paved, shady, overlook the lake. There are flush toilets and showers in the campground.

We work about half a day on Saturday, then rest of weekend is ours, and camping is free, beginning Friday night till Sunday afternoon. You can arrive anytime on Friday.

This is a nice camping area and we would like to have good participation to represent our organization, so please plan on attending this service camp. The more help we have the easier it is for everyone. The State Parks can always use our help.

It's a very scenic beautiful spring time location; lush rolling, green hills peppered with the yellow, purple, orange, lavender, white blossoms of delicate wild flowers among the oak trees. There are easy hiking (walking)/mountain biking trails along the south shore extending nearly around the lake, and half way around north shore where the campgrounds are located. Table Mountain Indian Casino is only a few miles from the south shore for gaming entertainment or inexpensive dining.

The ranger isn't sure what our project will be, but hopefully the tasks will be age appropriate!! Some of our previous projects have been: clearing a trail near the campground, raking campsites, flipping picnic table tops (tops that have been damaged or carved up were unbolted & turned over to the newer bottom side), resetting new posts with campsite numbers on them, planting trees, cutting invasive plants. If you are thinking about attending contact Nora at 559-453-1663 so she can keep an eye out for attendees. Her computer died so call rather than email.



## **Send In Your Nomination For Camping Woman Of The Year**

*Criteria:* Nominee has been or is an active dues paying member for three out of the last four years; and has been active at the chapter level (serving as a chapter officer or frequently plans/coordinates events) and also has participated in some manner on the National Board or at the National level. This doesn't necessarily mean being a board officer but maybe was/is instrumental in continually helping with Invitational, such as presenting a workshop or coordinating National events (like service camps) or coordinating a joint campout with another chapter. All nominations must be accompanied with a biographical sketch describing services at both the local and National levels.

### **Camping Woman of the Year 2009**

#### **CRITERIA:**

**OUTSTANDING SERVICE AT CHAPTER LEVEL:** Nominee has been or is an active dues paying member for three out of the last four years; and described as a leader of chapter events and responsible for successful government of the chapter.

**OUTSTANDING SERVICE AT NATIONAL LEVEL:** Nominee has been or is an active dues paying member for three out of the last four years; and described as a leader of national events and responsible for successful government of the National Camping Women organization.

NOMINATIONS will be solicited each year two months prior to Invitational by the Vice President via *CAMPING WOMEN TRAILS* and through communications with Chapter Facilitators. Chapter Facilitators serve as members of the nominating committee chaired by the Vice President.

All nominations must be accompanied with a biographical sketch describing services at both the local and National levels.

Final selection will be made by the National Board at the annual business meeting at the National Invitational Campout.

**PRESENTATION** of the honor will be made by the President at the National Membership Meeting.

CAMPING WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2009 NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER AFFILIATION \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATOR \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

If nominating more than one person use one form for each nominee.

MAIL TO: Nora Clark  
4657 E. Cambridge  
Fresno, CA 93703

DEADLINE: prior to Invitational in July  
if mailing. Or give to an officer  
at Invitational

Email: Lraep2@sbcglobal.net

**Invitational Workshops 2008**

Once again, I will be coordinating workshops for Invitational. One of the things that has made this fun for me through the years is discovering the creativity and knowledge that Camping Women have. Once people get past their fear of presenting those traits to their fellow campers, people have come up with workshops that have been incredibly educational and totally fun. We all have a chance to do this again this year. I say this every year, and it proves to be true...If you are interested in it, there will be many others who are too.

Most workshops are about an hour long, but some things need more time, especially if people are making something. People are more than willing to either bring something with them that they might need, or pony up some cash to cover the presenter's costs or costs of materials. I try to accommodate presenters' requests for times of day, or which day they present. While I am not sure whether we will have a clubhouse or not, but we will have electricity, which is handy.

I will probably do another session on digital photography and maybe another one on processing your pictures once you have taken them. I know more now than I did last year. There is an interest expressed in learning or re-learning some of the basic camp skills, such as fire building and knot tying. And people always love music.

So, please think seriously about giving a workshop on something that you enjoy. I promise you, others will enjoy it too. I think it would be fabulous if we had so many workshops that we were double booked all day.

What I need to know from you is what the workshop should be called, a brief description, how long you need, if you need a special setting, is there a limit to how many you can accommodate, do they need to bring something, and is there a fee.

I am ready to sign people up now, so get those brain cells working and let's get this party started.

## **Camping Women Recognized by the Girl Scouts**



On February 7<sup>th</sup>, Camping Women was presented with a Community Partnership Award by the Heart of Central California Girl Scout Council for our work at Camp Menzies. Our first national service camp at Camp Menzies, a summer camp for the Girl Scouts, was in 1999. In addition to raising the shelter over the dining area, a crew washed all of the dishes and cookware in the kitchen and everyone participated in building new tables and benches. In subsequent years, we have built a cabin, repaired a dock, demolished a biffy (restroom) and painted various structures around camp. The weather has been varied. We have worked in warm spring sunshine wearing T-shirts and shorts, and in snow and hail.

The award presentation was very special. The organization was represented by Karen McVey, the national president, Charlotte Williams and Shirley Kammeyer, who have facilitated the camp each year, and Joey Johnson, resident photographer. The event coordinators had put together a slide show of Camping Women doing various projects through the years that played on a screen during the presentation. It was agreed that Charlotte should be the one to accept the award because she is the founder Camping Women. We were all treated like VIPs.

In addition to being recognized, we had the opportunity to hear from some amazing young women who are Girl Scouts who received awards for their achievements this past year. If anyone feels disheartened by the negative stories we hear about young people, attend one of these meetings and hear what young people are capable of and how socially conscious they are. Very uplifting.

*Joey Johnson*

## **Camping Women Assets**

Back in the 'good ole days' (the late 80's and early 90's) when our annual membership was around 300 currently active women, the organization had accumulated \$6,000 in the checking account. The Board of Directors had managed to get things done with spending very little money. (Not many members had motorhomes; we stayed in group sites, board members paid their own phone bills and made copies at work. Camping was just a lot cheaper then.) We maintain the **Checking Account** at \$6,000

In late 1993, when the treasury had reached almost \$12,000. an Investment Account was opened with \$6,000. The CW funds were put in a managed growth portfolio with **Calvert Social Investment Funds** (socially responsible funds). This left enough in the checking account to handle the extreme fluctuations in our annual cash flow.

A few years later a **Savings Account** was opened. The board decided earning interest on money was quite good for our long term growth. So the Chapter Development funds were separated from the checking account and put in savings. These funds are accumulated from earmarked donations, a percentage of Invitational revenue, and the chapter portion of at-large-members' dues. They are not allocated in the annual budgeting process. Bookkeeping is easier if they are separate.

In January 2001, Camping Women received part of **Julie Miller's** estate which was placed in the **Julie Miller Annuity**. Several thousand dollars again was transferred from the checking account and added to the estate funds to total approximately \$12,000. Julie Miller was an early member of Camping Women, in the first 40 women to join. She served on the Board of Directors from its inception until shortly before her death in 1999. Julie was voted Camping Woman of the Year in 1989. She started two chapters, first the San Joaquin Valley (Fresno) in 1980, and then Morongo Basin (29 Palms and surrounding area) in 1989. This chapter still maintains a nature trail in Joshua Tree National Park that Julie helped establish and has been named the Julie Miller Memorial Trail.

These are the four accounts for Camping Women! Rest assured, their 'care and feeding' are managed by the Financial Oversight Committee and the rest of the Board of Directors of Camping Women.

*Marge Gleason*



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Camping Women was organized in 1977 when a group of women who loved the out-of-doors became aware that there was a need for an organization that could provide camping opportunities for women under the leadership of women.

Camping Women is a nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is to offer persons an opportunity to participate in feminist outdoor programs and to experience our heritage of wilderness lands in order to develop our own potentialities.

No *adult* shall be denied membership in Camping Women because of race, creed, nationality, sex, socio-economic factors, physical condition, sexual orientation, marital status, or age.

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP** (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31)

Check one

RENEWAL \$25

NEW MEMBER \$25

NEW MEMBER \$12.50 after Sept. 1  
Membership in a second or third chapter is \$10

I wish to be a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter

There is not a chapter in my area.

I DO NOT WISH to have my name, address, or phone number published in the directory or newsletter.

Please print

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_