



**12th Annual
Friends of Camp Whitsett Family Weekend
(formerly called Reunion Weekend)**

**SWIMMING AND BOATING
FIELD SPORTS
HANDICRAFT
HORSEBACK RIDING
HIKING**

**C.O.P.E. COURSE
CAMPFIRE
HEARTY CAMP MEALS
MEMORABILIA AUCTION
HISTORICAL DISPLAYS**

WE ARE ALSO PLANNING ADDITIONAL SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEKEND

July 3-5, 2010 (Saturday thru Monday)

Please join us for a weekend of fun and fellowship at Camp Whitsett.

The cost of the weekend is \$25.00 (Weekend Only) or \$45 (Weekend Plus Monday) per adult and child 11 and older, and \$15.00 (Weekend Only) or \$30 (Weekend Plus Monday) per child 4-10 years old. Children 3 and under are free. River rafting can be arranged for an additional fee if available. Meals will be provided from Saturday lunch through Monday breakfast.

Registration forms (found elsewhere in this newsletter) must be received by June 26, 2010

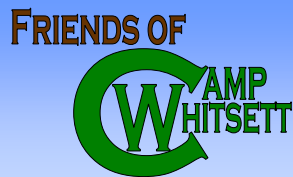
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The Friends of Camp Whitsett is a Charitable Non-Profit Unincorporated Association registered with the State of California. It is not affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America, Inc., or the Western Los Angeles County Council, Inc.

The purpose of the Association is to support the program of Camp Whitsett, which is owned and operated by the Western Los Angeles County Council, B.S.A., Inc., through donations of goods and services, monies, and volunteer resources; to act as the custodian of the history of Camp Whitsett through the collection and display of Memorabilia and Records; and to provide social activities for its members.

Donations of goods and services and monies to the Friends of Camp Whitsett are tax deductible.

Camp Director's Message

Friends,

It seems like just yesterday we took down the tents at Camp and headed home, having finished another summer of service and fun at the most beautiful place on earth. The months have flown by with the Christmas party, staff interviews, a pre-camp leaders meeting, and everything else that falls under getting ready for summer. Believe it or not in less than two months the 2010 Whitsett staff will arrive at camp and the massive undertaking will begin anew.

It seems like this year we face more changes than normal at camp. Different faces, new programs, changes in process and procedure, all seem to have changed the game. However, when I think back through my relative short tenure at camp this is the norm rather than the exception. One of the beautiful things about camp is that it is a living thing. While the facilities and the environment provide a backdrop and a classroom for our campers, it is the human element, the camp staff that is always truly in flux. Every summer the staff is different, with new personalities, challenges, and unique opportunities.

I'm excited about the new faces on our director staff. Many of our area directors are new in their positions this summer, but the majority has worked their way up through the staff having started as counselors in training and junior staff members. This means that we will have great continuity and experience to draw on throughout the summer. Our enrollment for summer is on track for success. The cuts we were forced to make last year made us healthier, stronger, and more innovative, as we work to bring as many Scouts to camp as possible in a State with a lot of competition. Customer service will continue to be foremost in our minds throughout the summer.

For those of you who are unable to spend your entire summer at camp, we understand. Some day most of us will have to get "real jobs." Nevertheless we invite you to join us for a week as a volunteer commissioner or make sure you visit during the family weekend over the July 4th holiday. There are so many changes in facilities and appearance that have happened in the past few years that camp will seem new to those who have seen it as recently as five years ago.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Family Weekend and sharing the magic of Camp Whitsett with you all.

Yours in Scouting,

Andrew Sisolak
Camp Director, Camp Whitsett
District Executive, Crescent Bay, WLACC

Camp Whitsett Divide Ride



Saturday October 9, 2010

***Ride nearly 60 miles through the
big trees of the Sequoia National Forest
to benefit Boy Scout Camp Whitsett***

sponsored by the
Friends of Camp Whitsett

for information and registration:
www.whitsett.org/divideride

THE CAMP WHITSETT DIVIDE RIDE

SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS OF CAMP WHITSETT

OCTOBER 9, 2010



The Camp Whitsett Divide Ride benefits the nearly 4000 scouts who take part in a summer camp experience at Camp Whitsett each year as well as many non-scouts who use the camp for programs year-round. Camp Whitsett's Mission is to inspire Character Development through Physical Challenges, Outdoor Experiences and Environmental Education. A top quality camp facility is essential to providing a top quality experience.

Proceeds from this ride will be used to continue to improve the facility and resources of the camp and serve the needs of thousands of youth each year.

ABOUT THE RIDE

The Divide Ride will begin at an elevation of 7200 feet in the resort community of Ponderosa, California. Traveling south along the Western Divide Highway, riders will go through the Giant Sequoia National Monument. The route descends to 4700 feet over the first 25 miles and near the town of Johnsondale turns toward Camp Whitsett. The last 35 miles of the ride are an "out-and-back" climbing to over 5500 feet and then returning along the same route to end at beautiful Camp Whitsett.

SUPPORT

Checkpoints will be placed along the route to monitor the progress of the riders and provide support. Each rider or team also needs to have its own support vehicle.

TO REGISTER

Register online or send in a registration form at <http://www.whitsett.org/divideride>.

Registration is \$30 per rider and \$20 per non-riding support person. Riders must raise a minimum of \$250 in pledges.

TWO OPTIONS: SOLO OR TEAM RIDING

Riders can participate as either Solo or Team riders. Solo riders will ride the entire 60 mile route. Team riders can ride relay-style, changing riders as necessary to complete the ride. Each rider on a team must raise the minimum pledge of \$250.

TENTATIVE RIDE SCHEDULE

7-10am	Rider Check-in/Safety inspection
10:30am	Opening Ceremony/Rider Briefing
11am	Start of Ride
5pm	End of Ride
6pm	Dinner/Awards Ceremony



FRIENDS OF CAMP WHITSETT

The Friends of Camp Whitsett is a charitable non-profit unincorporated association dedicated to the improvement of Camp Whitsett, through donations of monies, materials and volunteer service to the camp.

The Friends of Camp Whitsett was originally founded as the Camp Whitsett Alumni Association as a way for former members of camp staff to give back to the camp. Now, the organization is open to anyone who has a desire to support the camp—former and current staff, campers and those who know and appreciate the value of Camp Whitsett. In addition to the Camp Whitsett Divide Ride, the FOCW also holds an annual reunion weekend at the camp each July. For more information, please visit <http://www.whitsett.org>.



President's Message

Friends,

I receive emails each month from former Whitsett staff or campers who stumbled across the Whitsett website and are happy to see the camp still going so strong. They are excited to renew their memories of camp, and to see others building their own memories. As a result of their visit, they all want to be put on the Friends of Camp Whitsett list to be kept informed of Camp Whitsett "doings".

Big things are in the works for the Friends of Camp Whitsett, "things" which will set the direction for our association far into the future. A number of board and members recently took part in a reorganization project, to look at where we are and where we want to be as the organization backing Camp Whitsett. From that one-day conference came a number of ideas that will help us grow, and make us a more potent force to help Whitsett grow.

Some of the activities include giving us a larger presence on the Web. We now have a Facebook page devoted to the FoCW both as a group (<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?ref=home#!/group.php?gid=102815609759851>) and as friends page (<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?ref=home#!/pages/Friends-of-Camp-Whitsett/106332399388497>). We will be able to post information on current happenings of the FoCW, as well as help former Whitsett staff and campers link up. We will soon have a link set up so those who wish can contribute to our efforts. The FoCW is sponsoring a Bike-Ride in October to raise funds. We are going ahead with an idea from camp to have a bigger and better Family Weekend. And, more is in the works!

Elections are just around the corner. The FoCW is NOT just a social organization, but is making efforts to become more active in all aspects of Camp Whitsett support. We're looking for people committed with time and energy to be on the board and to head up the various committees that are coming about as a result of our Reorganization Conference. Look elsewhere for election information. If you are committed, we want you.

See you at the Family Weekend in July – this ought to be a good year.

Chuck Smith

Friends of Camp Whitsett Wants YOU To Run For Office!

It is once again time for Elections to fill all elected positions on the Board of Directors, including the five Officer positions and five of the six Director positions (one Director position is appointed as a representative of the Council).

Friends of Camp Whitsett is looking for interested individuals willing to help Camp Whitsett by helping our association. Anyone who is a Member of the Friends of Camp Whitsett, as defined in Article III, Section 1 of the Bylaws, is eligible to run for election to a position on the Board of Directors. There is no age or residency requirement for any position.

If you are interested, please MAIL a letter of intent to the Elections Committee Chairperson, Dave Larson, at 24138 Matthew Place, Newhall, CA 91321, by June 1, 2010. The names of all candidates, along with a ballot, will be published in the next issue of the newsletter.



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MEMBER REPLY FORM

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Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

2010 Camp Whitsett Family Weekend REGISTRATION

WEEKEND PLUS MONDAY

_____ Adults, and Children 11 and older, will be attending @ \$45.00 each = \$ _____

_____ Children between 4-10 will be attending @ \$30.00 each = \$ _____

WEEKEND ONLY

_____ Adults, and Children 11 and older, will be attending @ \$25.00 each = \$ _____

_____ Children between 4-10 will be attending @ \$15.00 each = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Ages of the children attending _____

I would like to make a donation to the Friends of Camp Whitsett

___ **Unrestricted**\$ _____

___ **Restricted**\$ _____

Camp Whitsett Alumni Tracking

If you have not done so recently, please complete the information below so that we can update our records and keep you informed about future events.

Years Served on Staff _____ Areas Worked in _____

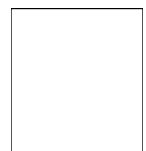
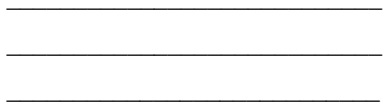
Profession _____

Marital Status _____ Children?/Ages _____

Favorite Camp Memories _____

Names and addresses of Staff members that you have stayed in touch with

Please return this form and monies to the Association at the address indicated on the reverse by June 26, 2010. Make checks payable to "Friends of Camp Whitsett".



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