



10th Annual Reunion Weekend July 19-20, 2008

Please join us for a weekend of fun and fellowship at Camp Whitsett. Highlights will include:

SWIMMING AND BOATING
FIELD SPORTS
HANDICRAFT
HORSEBACK RIDING
HIKING

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

The cost of the weekend is \$40.00 per adult and child 11 and older, and \$25.00 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 Sunday breakfast.

Registration forms (found elsewhere in this newsletter) must be received by July 13, 2008

E-mail Steve Lombard at friendsofcampwhitsett@earthlink.net with any questions or concerns.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS - PROPOSED REVISION TO ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

Following the procedures outlined in Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Friends of Camp Whitsett, the following amendment to said Constitution and Bylaws has been submitted to the Board of Directors, and is now being submitted to the general membership for comment.

The proposed amendment would remove in it's entirety the final sentence from Article IV, Section 4 of the Bylaws, which reads as follows: "Officers must reside within the boundaries of the Western Los Angeles County Council, B.S.A. or its successor council."

The effect of this amendment, should it pass, would be to remove the residency requirement

currently in place for Officers of the Board of Directors (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian). There is currently no residency requirement for Directors on the Board. This would allow association members in good standing who reside outside of the boundaries of the Council to run for and be elected to Officer positions.

Anyone wishing to submit comments on the revisions may do so, and they will be published in the next issue of this newsletter, along with a ballot for voting on the revision.

Contact President Steve Lombard at friendsofcampwhitsett@earthlink.net with any questions.

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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.



Fellow Alumni:

As we enter a New Year, the staff at W.L.A.C.C. are hard at work preparing for yet another summer season at Camp Whitsett.

There have been many changes in the Camp staff and program over the past couple of years, following the announcement of Clif Stewart as Camp Director in 2006. Clif has overseen Camp Whitsett for the past couple of summers, and has managed to inject some much-needed cohesiveness and enthusiasm into the staff, and institute welcome changes to the program.

Soon after the completion of the 2007 summer season, Clif accepted a new assignment for W.L.A.C.C., working with the Council's Cub Scouting program. On behalf of the Friends of Camp Whitsett, I would like to thank Clif for all of his efforts during his all-too-brief tenure at Camp Whitsett, and wish him well in his new position at the Council.

For the 2008 Summer season, Jon Mackenzie will assume the role of Camp Director, with Andrew-Sisolak-taking-on-the-role-of Asst.-Camp-Director. Greg-Lewis-will be-the-Program-Director. The-Position of-Business-Manager-will-be-changed. The Friends of Camp Whitsett

looks forward to working with Jon and his staff this year, and helping to make 2008 an even better season for Scouts coming to Camp Whitsett.

In other news, the proposed bylaw changes voted on last year were approved, and the official legal name of our alumni association has been changed to the Friends of Camp Whitsett. The Board of Directors will now take steps to file this change with the State of California and then make the changes with our financial institution.

Hard on the heels of the massive changes recently approved, a new, single, proposed revision to the Bylaws is being put forth elsewhere in this newsletter. I urge anyone wishing to make comments on the proposed change to submit them to the editor, so that they can be published in the Summer 2008 issue of this newsletter.

And finally, this summer marks the end of the current term of the Board of Directors, and we will be submitting a slate of directors to the membership in the Summer issue of the newsletter.

Any member in good standing of the Friends of Camp Whitsett is eligible to run for a position on the Board, and I urge you to consider the possibility yourself! If you are interested, please contact me so that we can discuss it.

I wish all of our members the best for 2008, and I hope to see you at the Reunion!

STEVE



IN MEMORIAM - ELEANOR MONSON

BY CHUCK SMITH

Eleanor Monson, beloved wife of long-time camp supporter Larry Monson, passed away the week of October 28th after a long illness. Eleanor spent many summers at Camp Whitsett, helping out in the Trading Post, and along with her husband, entertained staff during the evenings from their trailer. Her favorite evening past time - Rummy Cubes. It was always a pleasure to see Larry and Eleanor's trailer coming into camp. Larry backed into place while Eleanor stood outside and guided him; it usually only took one try to get set-up. Larry had been coming to camp for many years, sharing some of his time with Emerald Bay, too. Larry and Eleanor were special friends of the camp and the staff. She will be missed.



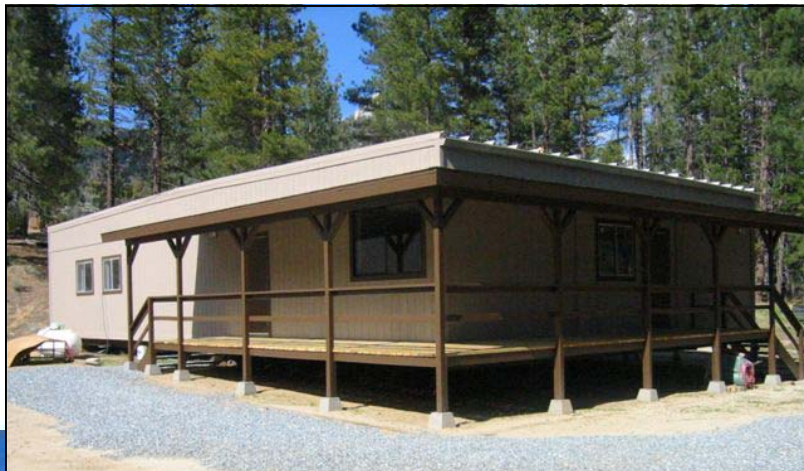
Eleanor with Larry at the old Dining Area (now the Handicraft Area) in 1978. (Photo courtesy of Alumni Scott Brown).



SHOPPING LIST

- \$ 200 Canopy for Overnight Area (Need 5)
- \$ 250 Mountain Bike (Need 20)
- \$ 500 Stainless barbecue grill for Overnight Area
- \$ 1,000 Rowboat (Need 4)
- \$ 1,000 New tanks and cages for Nature Lodge
- \$ 1,000 Replace two Low C.O.P.E. elements
- \$ 1,500 Campfire Circle lighting
- \$ 2,000 Sailboat (Need 2)
- \$ 2,000 3000 watt generator for Overnight Area
- \$ 2,000 Sea Container storage for Scoutcraft Area
- \$ 2,500 Teepee for Overnight Area
- \$ 5,000 Restroom w/flush toilets for Rifle Range

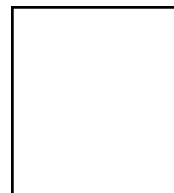
These items are all on the wish list for Camp Whitsett this year; you can donate the entire cost of an item, or a portion, and the money will be spent on the item you specify. Please consider making a donation today!



The Friends of Camp Whitsett donations in 2007 included a second kiln for the Handicraft Area (similar to the model shown here), a new sailboat for the Waterfront (just like the one shown), and tables, chairs and beanbag couches for the new Staff Lounge, aka "the Feldman" in honor of the main benefactor, pictured above.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Friends of Camp Whitsett, and made these donations possible!

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Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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2008 Alumni Reunion Weekend REGISTRATION

_____ Adults, and Children 11 and older, will be attending @ \$40.00 each = \$ _____

_____ Children between 4-10 will be attending @ \$25.00 each = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Ages of the children attending _____

I would like to make a donation for the following:

___ **Canopy for Overnight Area** \$ _____

___ **Mountain Bike** \$ _____

___ **Barbecue Grill** \$ _____

___ **Rowboat** \$ _____

___ **Nature Lodge tanks and cages** \$ _____

___ **C.O.P.E. elements** \$ _____

___ **Campfire Circle lighting** \$ _____

___ **Sailboat** \$ _____

___ **Generator for Overnight Area** \$ _____

___ **Sea Container for Scoutcraft Area** \$ _____

___ **Teepee for Overnight Area** \$ _____

___ **Restroom for Rifle Range** \$ _____

___ **Other** _____ \$ _____

___ **Unrestricted (Use where it is most needed)** \$ _____

TOTAL DONATION \$ _____

Please return this form and monies to the Association at the address indicated on the reverse by July 13, 2008. Make checks payable to "Camp Whitsett Alumni Association".

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.

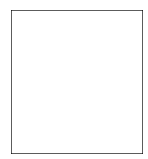
Years Served on Staff _____ Areas Worked in _____

Profession _____

Martial Status _____ Children?/Ages _____

Favorite Camp Memories _____

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



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