



UM SHASTA CAMP HAPPENINGS

Special Edition—December, 2004

The Purpose of Shasta Camp

The purpose of the UM Shasta Camp is to provide a place of retreat where all may encounter the Creator's Spirit in self, in others, and in the world of nature, and thus develop a conviction of our shared responsibility for the stewardship of all creation.



About Shasta Camp

Shasta Camp is a place of recreation and retreat located eight miles west of the town of Mount Shasta in the mountains of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. It is available all year round for summer and winter accommodations.

The Camp offers a rustic chalet, 24 tent camping sites, 12 RV sites for self-contained units, plus a shower and restroom facility.

We welcome any group, family, or individual who enjoys and respects the special beauty of the Camp, and are in harmony with our purpose.



The Latest On the Retreat Center!

Ground has been broken for the new 6,900 square foot Retreat Center. The footings have been poured and the retaining wall has been constructed—and all before the snow started! We are encouraged that this is a good start and we are optimistic that the dream of a retreat center at Shasta Camp is starting to become a reality.

The Retreat Center will include a meeting room that will accommodate 70 people, a kitchen, several bedrooms, which will sleep a total of about 40 people, bathrooms and showers. The uses are endless! We are currently in a fund raising mode and between grants, matching funds challenges and other types of fundraising, have raised about 60% of the funds needed to complete the Retreat Center.

Want to help? See the article in this special edition newsletter entitled “Want to Be a Part of the New Retreat Center?”



Caretaker's Cabin Status

As many of you are aware our caretaker's cabin burned to the ground in November, 2003. Paul Armantrout is our caretaker and does an excellent job of making sure that things run smoothly at Shasta Camp all year round. Those of you have met Paul know he is a true Christian and loves people—*all* people! We are fortunate to have him as our caretaker. OK, I was supposed to talk about the status of the new cabin, but just had to give Paul a plug or two!

The new cabin is fantastic thanks to good insurance and the labor of many volunteers! The exterior is finished (walls, roof, siding, windows, foundation, etc.) and the inside is about 85% complete. We anticipate that Paul will be able to move in within the next couple of weeks, before the snow gets really bad.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who worked on this project.



Winter Is Great At Shasta Camp...

For those of you who would like to experience the beauty of Shasta Camp in the winter, Buckner Lodge is available for your enjoyment.

The camp is located at 4,800 feet thus providing for a lovely winter wonderland for playing in the snow

and building snowmen. There are many trails surrounding the Castle Lake area for cross-country and back-country skiing plus snowshoeing.

The **Mount Shasta Ski Park** is also located nearby. During the winter months, Castle Lake often freezes over allowing for ice skating and ice fishing.

Visit our web site at www.shastacamp.org for links to **Mount Shasta Ski Park** for alpine skiing and snowboarding and the **House of Ski & Board** for current conditions and/or equipment rentals.

The **House of Ski & Board** will also take reservations for your stay at Shasta Camp. Buckner Lodge, which includes a kitchen and Mess Hall houses up to 30 guests. A central wood stove provides comfortable warmth whatever the weather and there is plenty of room to gather in the Mess Hall for games, socializing, and the requisite hot chocolate!

Please note that during the winter months, access to the camp involves a short trek to the lodge and facilities on a snow packed trail.



Want to Be a Part of the New Retreat Center?

If your church is planning a Christmas Alternative Gift program, won't you please consider listing the UM Shasta Camp Retreat Center as one of the options? Many churches have already responded to matching funds challenges with the proceeds from various fundraisers such as dinners, quilt auctions, etc. The Retreat Center is going to happen and we are excited about what it will mean to churches in the Shasta District, the California Nevada Annual Conference, and many private citizens and organizations.

Just think—dinners and meeting space for 70; accommodations for 40; a beautiful setting with views of Mount Shasta; a quiet and restful place for

a retreat, a planning session, a time of fellowship, a family reunion, and other uses too numerous to mention.

Be a part of this dream—help us make it a reality. If you need more information or handouts regarding the new retreat center and/or the camp for your Christmas Alternative event or other fundraising activities, please e-mail:

Dave Wolf, Fund Raising Chairperson
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For Shasta Camp Alternative Christmas gift cards, please e-mail Pat McCallister orofino2@sisqtel.net

All donations and gifts should be sent to:

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Write checks to: **UM Shasta Camp**

Memo: **Retreat Center**

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Matching Funds Still Available!

The first matching funds challenge of \$5,000 has been met, however, another generous donor has offered an additional \$5,000 matching funds challenge. This means that if we meet this second matching funds challenge also, we can add \$20,000 to the Retreat Center fund. What an opportunity!

As of late November, we are able to report that approximately \$2,000 has been received towards the second \$5,000 matching funds challenge.

All contributions are welcome—please make checks payable to **UM Shasta Camp**, indicate “**Matching Funds**” in the memo section and mail to Fai Schwarzenberg (see address above.) In order to be

matched, donations must be received by December 15, 2004. Thanks!



Want To Volunteer?

Volunteers of all ages and all skill types are welcome at Shasta Camp. We have a lot of work to do to make the Retreat Center a reality that can be enjoyed by many people for many years to come. Whether you can spend a few hours or a few days, your contribution of time and labor is most welcome! Please contact Doyle Martin for more information:

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Thanks!

We thank God for all of our volunteers, all our contributors and the foundations who have awarded us grants. May God richly bless each and every one of you.

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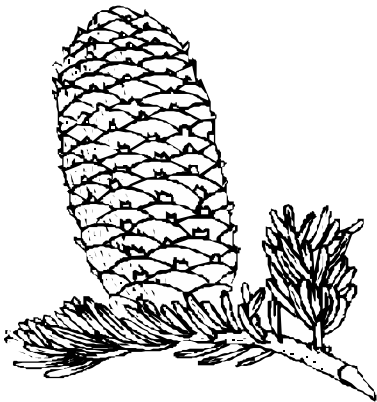
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*...A Place Where the Grace and Majesty
of God are Felt in Abundance...*



Shasta Camp is available for:

- ◇ Church Planning Meetings
- ◇ Spiritual Retreats - Individual or Group
- ◇ Family Reunions
- ◇ Church Summer Camps
- ◇ Winter Recreation
- ◇ Ecological Programs
- ◇ District Workshops
- ◇ Conference Meetings

Special uses by schools, universities, youth and other organizations
Special Group Rates!

