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CRAGS CAMPGROUND: INVESTING IN YOUTH FOR THE FUTURE

Since 1996, the Youth Camping Program of Lassen Park Foundation has provided grants to northern California schools and youth organizations for camping trips to Lassen Volcanic National Park. By supporting outdoor learning and environmental education for at risk youth, the foundation hopes to create future stewards of Lassen, as well as change lives. Our youth camping program serves ages 6 to 18, and the groups who participated in 2012 ranged from low income and inner-city youth to special needs kids who have a variety of cognitive and emotional challenges. Discovery hikes, environmental education activities, and science experiments helped enrich their understanding of the park's ecosystems and the complex web of life. Armed with their "Discovery Packs," binoculars, and digital cameras, the kids fanned out across the park to learn about our amazing outdoor world. For many, it was their very first camping experience and a memorable one!



Join us for a day of activities and an evening of magical fun! The event will feature an evening barbeque, silent and live auction, stargazing, and other fun events at the Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center in Lassen Volcanic National Park.

See the exciting projects underway including the rehabilitated Lassen Peak Trail and the proposed camping facility at Craggs Campground.

We hope you will join us for this special evening in support of the park!



A new camping facility is planned to help more youth connect with nature and have the opportunity for a life-changing outdoor experience. Tent cabins, two cooking shelters, and shower facilities will benefit at-risk and underserved youth by offering them an opportunity to camp and visit a national park. Craggs Campground will also offer a chance for youth to camp during the "shoulder" seasons.

The \$530,000 capital project will be supported by National Park Service funding, grants, major donor gifts, corporate sponsors, and community support. The Foundation is kicking off a campaign this spring to raise \$300,000 toward the project. The project is slated to begin with pre-construction activities in 2013, site development work to continue into 2014, construction starting in 2015, with a completion date of 2016 in time for the park's 100th year anniversary.



LASSEN PARK FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS - A WONDERFUL WAY TO SUPPORT LASSEN VOLCANIC NATIONAL PARK

Do you love Lassen Volcanic National Park? Would you like to help protect and preserve the park and surrounding environment? Do you enjoy working on special projects involving youth and the outdoors? If you are interested in serving with an enthusiastic group of Lassen National Park supporters who make an annual personal and financial commitment to the Foundation (either "give or get"), we invite you to consider joining the Lassen Park Foundation Board of Directors. A wide range of professionals and retired individuals currently serve on the Board, and reside from southern California to Oregon. The group meets three times annually, typically once at the park, with other meetings scheduled in Vacaville and Williams. For additional information or if you have any questions about the Foundation, please contact Derek Anderson, Chair, Nominating Committee, at anderson@plantagenetcapital.com or Martha McCoy at (530) 378-2600 or at martha@lassenparkfoundation.org



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SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 13th **Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour**

Cascade Theatre, Redding

Lassen Park Foundation is one of the three non-profit beneficiaries for the proceeds of the Banff Mountain Film Festival's Redding stop hosted by Catalyst. Each attendee will have a chance to vote on which charity they would like supported with the proceeds from their ticket. Doors open at 6:00 pm, show starts at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$20, available at the Cascade Theatre or on their website, www.cascadetheatre.org.



REACH THE PEAK CAMPAIGN-FUNDRAISING COMPLETED!



As the Lassen Peak Trail rehabilitation project moves into its fourth year, Lassen Park Foundation has completed the goal of raising \$500,000 toward this important park project. The Foundation is grateful to the many individual, business, and community donors, and for the grants awarded to support the project (The McConnell Fund through the Shasta Regional Community Foundation, the Ben B. Cheney Foundation, and the California State Recreation Trail Program).

During 2012, the crew constructed 3,275 cubic feet of stone wall and 17 stone steps, and completed approximately 70% of the switchback trail work. In 2013, the crew will complete the mid-section of the trail, work on the final ascent portion of the peak and the lower 1.2 miles, complete installation of interpretive signs and bases, and lay out the Rim Loop trail. Project completion is expected in 2014.

YOUTH INTERN PROGRAM: BUILDING FUTURE LEADERS

Each summer for the past 16 years through the Interpretive Intern Program, Lassen Volcanic National Park provides an opportunity for local high school students to gain leadership skills, environmental education experience and strengthen personal development. In partnership with the park, the Foundation hosted 19 high school interns in the summer of 2012, to assist with the youth camping program. The interns acted as teachers, mentors, and great role models for the kids. This residential leadership program, managed by Steve Zachary, Education Specialist for the park, provides meaningful work experience (excellent for college and job applications) to high school youth who will become the next generation of park stewards or even park employees!



YOUTH CAMPING SUMMER 2013: GRANTS HELP REACH MORE YOUTH

Applications are currently being accepted from youth organizations, schools, and churches for grants to help youth groups travel to Lassen Volcanic National Park this summer for a unique camping experience. The deadline to submit applications is May 1, 2013. Applications can be found on the Foundation's website, www.lassenparkfoundation.org or by contacting the Foundation at (530) 378-2600.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE:

Bob Warren, New Youth Committee Chair

Thank you to Bob Warren for leading the Youth Committee for Lassen Park Foundation, and his willingness to assist in the Foundation's efforts to grow and expand the youth programs to serve more at-risk and underserved youth.

PARK EVENTS

The Explore Safely Trail Challenge: Kick-Off is June 8th (National Get Outdoors Day)

The Trail Challenge encourages preparedness, awareness of risk, and safe outdoor adventures. Participants complete one of three challenge levels including: Explorer, Adventurer, and Trail Master. If hiking at Lassen this summer, Trail Challenge brochures may be picked up at an entrance station, the Loomis Museum, or the Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center. Once the challenge has been completed, brochures may be brought to the Loomis Museum or Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center to receive a free bandana.

Lassen Dark Sky Festival: August 9th, 10th, and 11th

Join park rangers, astronomers, and planetary geologists in celebrating all that is out of this world during Lassen's Dark Sky Festival. Special programs, presentations, hikes, and Junior Ranger Night Explorer activities will be offered during the festival.

Workshop: "The War Between the Rocks"

Answers to geologic questions begin in the Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center Friday, July 26 and August 16, 7 pm followed by Saturday explorations of Lassen's geologic highlights.

Nature Photography in Lassen Volcanic National Park: A Two-Day Workshop offered July 19-20 and September 6-7

Instructor: Terry Nathan (www.terrinnathanphoto.com) Photography is among the most accessible art forms but among the most difficult to master. In this two-day photography workshop, we will use Lassen Volcanic National Park's stunning landscape, rich history, and diversity of ecosystems to improve our skills making photographs. For more information or to register, please contact Melanie Allen

by phone at (530) 378-1495 or e-mail at lassenassociation@yahoo.com, www.lassenassociation.org or inquire at the Loomis Museum or Kohm Yah-mah-nee bookstores. Cost: \$150 or \$135 for Lassen Association Members.

Become a friend of the Lassen Park Foundation. Check out our website: www.lassenparkfoundation.org
or call us at (530) 378-2600. You make it possible - Your contribution is appreciated!