For the second year in a row and in preparation for this summer’s Youth Camping Program, National Smokejumpers Association (NSJA) volunteers partnered with Lassen Volcanic National Park and Nevada National Forest to put on the Volcano Adventure Camp (VAC).

Lassen Park NSJA volunteers known at TRIMPOL (Trail Restoration and Maintenance Program) operated one of 20 nationwide critical volunteer projects comprised of former smokejumpers, activists, and old-time “jumpers.” The 2018 TRIMPOL-based group that installed the VAC included members from: Lassen, Santa Barbara County, Oregon, and Mentol.

"This NSJA-Smokejumpers TRIMPOL assignment was to work with the park’s facilities and maintenance to get the Adventure Camp for campers from Northern California, Southern Oregon, and Beyond," said Spread Leader Scott "Mouse" Storin.

The TRIMPOL and VAC Maintenance were somewhat similar problem solvers, hands-on oriented, wide range of skills, and in need of being understand and working with what nature got, being versatile and patient, and great sense of humor.

In April 2017 the TRIMPOL worked hard to get the VAC up and running for first year campers including tent set up, positive color up, picnic table assembly, and jail roof / pipe construction. Following the 2017 efforts, Bill, Robert, Bob Beans, and Gordon Brazil returned to the VAC for an early summer follow-up visit to see campers and UNPF in action (project builds, "The Mountain" Chapel, and fire protection plans). Two new leaders were brought in to VAC for the week. Scott told them that they were fortunate to have the skilled camp / leader / design of the wide-ranging contrarian and UNPF Ranger Traci Pena.

Getting ready for the summer’s camps consisted of securing and installing two 15’ long tent cabins, eighty bunk beds, and storage cabinets. NSJA-TRIMPOL also cleared tent platforms and paths, as well as placed wood to make the way from the VAC to the nearby Nobles Emperon that Alan Aldrich put in rock siding installation on the Legal Position.

Lassen Park Foundation President Ryan "Tired Tim" Thompson led the TRIMPOL’s for getting the VAC ready to welcome the 2018 group of youth campers. 
FUNDRAISING EVENTS THIS SEASON

Lassen Peak Foundation has three charitable events scheduled for this season. Funds raised will support Lassen Peak Foundation’s projects and programs such as the Youth Camp Program at the Volcanic Adventure Camp. We encourage you to attend any or all of these events and celebrate the summer season!

Reach the Peak Hike-A-Thon
Lassen Peak Trail & Trails Head, Lassen Volcanic National Park
August 11, 2018 from 8am-4pm
Participants will hike the Lassen Peak Trail to raise money for youth camping programs. This fundraiser is organized by Lassen Peak Foundation.

Day in the Park – Anniversary BBQ Celebration
Lassen Museum & Plaza, Lassen Volcanic National Park
August 11, 2018 from 11am-1pm
Join us for Lassen Peak Foundation’s birthday, with this family-friendly event hosted by the Lassen Peak Foundation. Enjoy international foods with local vendors, activities, and displays. Find out what it means to be a peak ranger, try your hand at art with Artists in Action, learn how to prevent forest fires with Saturday the Fire, and sign up for a hike led by OVT’s very own Billy from Bons! Patrick Menagio, a fundraiser BBQ Lunch will be served by Anderson Valley Chilis. Funds raised will support Lassen Peak Foundation’s grant programs. Find more information and register online at www.LassenPeakFoundation.org.

Peak Experience Auction
McCloud Pottery, Redding
September 15, 2018 from 5-8pm
Our annual auction event, Peak Experience Auction is sure to please a wide range of guests. The 40th anniversary of the creation for our beloved Lassen Peak National Monument will be celebrated at this event. Auctioneer will visit the park on his last tour of the Nation. The glamour of that era is well documented in shows The Mod Man, The Diana Ross Show, and Bewitched. We are celebrating the glamour of these years at this year’s Peak Experience Auction!

Attendees will enjoy a delicious dinner, cocktail reception, silent auction, live auction, raffles, auctions, and mingling with VIP Board Members, outdoor enthusiasts, and community leaders.

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Robert Simpson
Robert Simpson has served on Lassen Park Foundation’s Board of Directors since 1993. In 1980, Mr. Simpson moved to Redding, CA where he practiced law with the firm of Simpson, Miga, Co., Steinberg & Wagenschutz. He started his own law firm that moved into the firm of Simpson & Miga, and became one of the largest litigation firms in northern Sacramento. He is currently the Chief Counsel for Arcata & Omni in Concord. He is a retired member of the Executive Board and served as Chief Executive Officer for both.

Dr. Harry Davis
Dr. Harry Davis has served on Lassen Park Foundation’s Board of Directors since 2005. Harry is a retired general internist and urologist of Redding since 1966 with a specialty in Lassen Park’s prominent factor contributing to the selection. His interest in hiking and camping began as a child in the North Lake in the early years of Apalachian Trail. He continues to enjoy Lassen during all 4 seasons, including the northern sections of the Pacific Crest and the annual summer and winter tours by younger generations.

Benjamin Webster
Ben Webster has served on Lassen Park Foundation’s Board of Directors since 2006 and currently serves as the Corporate Secretary. The family of Webster, whose name is etched on the remains of the dead mountain, is a partner in the law firm of Webster, Fredricksen, Gassman, Pataky & Gassman. In 1994, he was appointed to Governor Gary Davis’ California Travel and Tourism Commission. An avid outdoorsman, Webster is a board member of the California Wilderness Foundation, Inc., and has served on the Board of Directors, as well as the Founder of the National Park Foundation. He is a retired partner of the law firm of Webster, Fredricksen, Gassman, Pataky & Gassman. He grew up in Red Bluff and has been exploring Lassen Park all his life. Now he enjoys hiking in the park with his wife, Judy Tate, and their three teenagers.
This June, Austin Olah experienced his first days on the job as a Seasonal Ranger at Lassen Volcanic National Park (LVNP). Austin grew up in Chester, CA with Lassen as his backyard. He spent a lot of time visiting the park with his family and on school field trips, especially in the Warner Valley area. He was fascinated by the different features of the park and learned to appreciate the meaning behind a seldom heard word, “volcanism”.

Like many people who grow up in small towns, Austin moved away to college and recently received his Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Economics & Policy from UC Berkeley. He wanted to spend the summer close to home before leaving again in the fall to pursue a Master of Science. Since Lassen has always been a place of great joy and discovery to him, Austin began to pursue a position at his favorite national park.

“I applied a few years ago for an admin job but didn’t get it,” says Austin. “Then last December I inquired again for a seasonal park ranger position and was informed that the posting would be in January.” Persistence seems to have been the key to his success as the job postings don’t last long and announcements can be easily missed. He found the post, applied for the position, and received a call in March offering to schedule an interview. He was successful, and is now experiencing his first season as a Seasonal Ranger at Lassen Volcanic.

With the summer season in full swing, Austin spends many of his days at the Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center (KY VC). His primary duty is to be the first contact for visitors in the park. “I enjoy teaching guests what they can do in the park and what makes the park special,” he says. He gives regular presentations at Sulfur Works teaching about the famous hydrothermal feature and frequently roams the park trails, engaging with visitors about the local flora and fauna. “Normally questions from guests involve what trail to hike, but there are also questions about, ‘what makes geological features work’, and ‘what kind of tree is that.’”

On the clock, Austin can often be found roving the trails through Mill Creek Falls, Kings Creek Falls, Ridge Lakes, or Lassen Peak. “While roving we identify which trail we can walk, estimate the time needed, estimate how many visitors we talk to, and identify any possible maintenance or safety issues.”

Austin’s position falls under the park’s Department of Interpretation and Education which focuses on the history, culture, and geological features of the park and sharing those stories with park visitors. “We get to be part of the outdoor classroom experience and engage with visitors about what they’re seeing”, he says. “We help find what the park means to them, why it’s important and engage with them to help foster stewards of both LVNP and the National Park Service in general.”

Off duty one of Austin’s favorite things to do at the park is to go on day hikes. Some of his favorite hikes include Devil’s Kitchen and Lassen Peak. “I like to see how things change over the summer including snow levels and wildlife.”

When asked if he will be back for a second season he said, “I would love to come back at some point!” After graduate school Austin will be pursuing work in a policy-related job in Sacramento. It just goes to show, you never know where the path of a ranger will lead to.

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**LPF ESTABLISHES ENDOWMENT FUND**

Lassen Park Foundation (LPF) announces the creation of an Endowment Fund and Investment Fund at Shasta Regional Community Foundation (SRCF) in Redding, CA.

“We’ve been working on the creation of these funds for over a year now; it’s really quite gratifying to see it come to fruition,” says Executive Director Jennifer Finnegan.

According to their website, Shasta Regional Community Foundation is, “a nonprofit, public charity serving the people of Shasta and Siskiyou counties.” Both funds will be available for donations on SRCF’s website (ShastaRCF.org) later this month.

LPF’s Endowment Fund is a long-term investment fund focused on providing funding to ensure LPF’s projects and programs can continue in perpetuity. While the majority of the funds will remain invested permanently, up to 4% of the funds can be utilized by LPF annually to cover ongoing projects and programs such as the Youth Camping Program at the Volcano Adventure Camp.

“Our Youth Camping Program alone costs at least $80,000 annually. The intent of this fund is to grow a more reliable funding source for this and other ongoing programs,” says Finnegan.

LPF’s Investment Fund will also be a long-term investment fund, but with a focus on providing funding for one-time or short-term projects, especially those requiring funding with a quick turnaround. The majority of the funds will be invested similarly to the Endowment Fund, but with up to 25% of the funds available each year (on an as needed basis).
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