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SUMMER 2018



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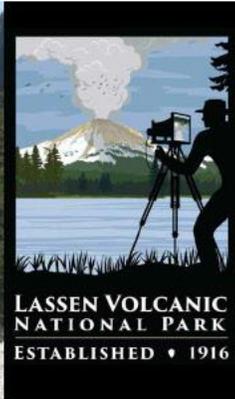


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LASSEN VOLCANIC NATIONAL PARK 2018

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PARK OPERATING HOURS

Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center:
Open Daily, 9am - 5pm

Lassen Cafe & Gift:
Daily, 9am - 5pm

Loomis Museum:
Daily, 9am - 5pm

Manzanita Camper Store:
Daily, 8am - 9pm

JULY

14th - Lassen Association Guided Hike
Join author Tracy Salcedo on a hike to Mill Creek Falls (\$10)

15th - Bird Banding Demonstration
See birds up close

21st - Lassen Association Watercolor Workshop
Yvonne Jordan-Sherwood teaches beginning watercolor course at Kings Creek Picnic Area (\$30)

AUGUST

2nd - Volunteer In Park "VIP" Event
Details TBA later this summer

3rd - 4th - Dark Sky Festival
will feature Starry Night ranger-led programs, presentations, hikes, and Junior Ranger Night Explorer activities.

11th - Day in the Park & "Reach the Peak" Hike-A-Thon
Enjoy a Day in the Park and meet the staff/volunteers at LAVO near Loomis Museum. Brave the signature Lassen Peak Trail while supporting LPF.

25th - NPS Founders Day
Fee-free park admission

27th - Lassen Association Guided Hike
Join author Tracy Salcedo on a hike to Devils Kitchen. (\$10)

SEPTEMBER

8th - Art & Wine Event
celebrates local art, wine, and music at Lassen

15th - Peak Experience Auction
to support Lassen Park Foundation's projects and programs. Held at the McConnell Foundation in Redding, Ca.

21st - Volcano Adventure Camp Closes for Season

21st - 22nd - Lassen Association Photography Field Seminar
Two-day photography workshop featuring a lecture & field excursions. (\$135/person)

22nd - National Public Lands Day
Volunteer activities in the planning.

NATIONAL SMOKEJUMPERS ASSOCIATION AT VOLCANO ADVENTURE CAMP

For the second year in a row and in preparation for this summer's Youth Camping Program, National Smokejumpers Association (NSA) volunteers partnered with Lassen Volcanic National Park (LVNP) staff to install the Volcano Adventure Camp (VAC).

Lassen Park NSA volunteers known as TRAMPS (Trails Restoration and Maintenance Project Specialists) are just one of some 20 nationwide annual volunteer projects comprised of former smokejumpers, associates, and still active "jumpers". The 2018 Redding based group that installed the VAC included members from: Long Beach, Santa Barbara County, Oregon, and NorCal.

"The NSA Smokejumper TRAMPS assignment was to work with the park Facilities & Maintenance to get the Adventure Camp ready for campers from Northern California, Southern Oregon, and beyond," said squad leader Scott "Mouse" Warner.

"The TRAMPS and LVNP Maintenance were somewhat similar: problem solvers, results-oriented, wide range of expertise with hidden talents, used to being understaffed and working 'with what you've got', having endurance and patience, and graced with a great sense of humor."



In 2017 the TRAMPS worked hard to get the VAC up-and-running for first year operation including tent set up, pavilion clean-up, picnic table assembly, and trail / fire ring construction. Following the 2017 installation, NSA volunteers Scott Warner, Bob Bente, and Gordon Brazzi returned to the VAC for an early September follow-up visit to see campers and LVNP in action (image below). The Monterey Bay Charter School, a group of two 6th grade classes, were booked at VAC for the week. Scott reported that they, "were favorably impressed with the student / camper / teacher / chaperon contingent and LVNP Ranger Trixine Peart.

Getting ready for this summer's campers consisted of unpacking and installing ten (10) large tent cabins, eighty bunk cots, and storage cabinets. NSA "TRAMPS" also cleaned tent platforms and paths, as well as placed rock cairns to mark the way from the VAC to the nearby Nobles Emigrant Trail. Also assistance was provided for rock siding installation on the Eagle Pavilion.

Lassen Park Foundation extends a huge "Thank You" to the TRAMPS for getting the VAC ready to welcome the 2018 group of youth campers!



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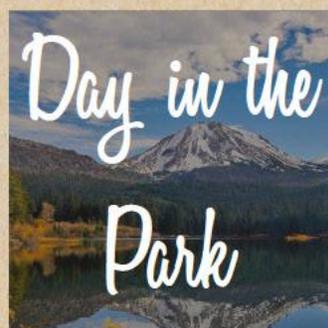
Lassen Park Foundation has three charitable events scheduled for this season. Funds raised will support Lassen Park Foundation's projects and programs such as the Youth Camping Program at the Volcano Adventure Camp. We encourage you to attend any or all of these events and celebrate the summer season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

Reach the Peak Hike-A-Thon

**Lassen Peak Trail & Trailhead, 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 Park Foundation in partnership with Maire & Deedon, who provide a fueling station at the trailhead with water and snacks to take with you on the trail. Find more information and to register online visit

www.LassenParkFoundation.org.



Day in the Park - Anniversary BBQ Celebration

**Loomis Museum & Plaza, Lassen Volcanic National Park
August 11, 2018 from 11am - 2pm**

Celebrate Lassen Volcanic National Park's birthday with this free family-friendly event hosted by the Lassen Park Foundation. Enjoy informational booths with hands-on activities and displays. Find out what it means to be a park ranger, try your hand at art work with Artists in Action, learn how to prevent forest fires with Smokey the Bear, and sign up for a hike led by Q97's very own Billy from Billy & Patrick Mornings. A fundraiser BBQ lunch will be served by Anderson Rotary Club; funds raised will support Lassen Park Foundation projects and programs. Find more information online at www.LassenParkFoundation.org.

Peak Experience Auction

**McConnell Foundation, Redding
September 15, 2018 from 5:30pm - 10pm**

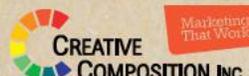
Our annual signature event, Peak Experience Auction is sure to please a wide range of guests. The 60's represented an era of change for our country, and life at Lassen Volcanic National Park was no different. JFK visited the park on his last tour of the Nation. The glamour of that era is well documented in shows like Mad Men, The Donna Reed Show, and Bewitched. We are embracing the glamour of those years at this year's Peak Experience Auction!



Attendees will enjoy a delicious dinner, cocktail reception, electronic bidding on unique auction items, entertainment, dancing, and mingling with LPF Board Members, outdoor enthusiasts, and community leaders.



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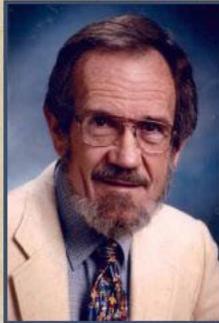
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Robert Simpson

Robert Simpson has served on Lassen Park Foundation's Board of Directors since 1995. In 1980 Mr. Simpson moved to Redding, Ca where he practiced with the firm of Ropers, Majeski, Kohn, Bentley & Wagner. In '81 he started his own law firm that evolved into the firm of Simpson & Maire and became one of the largest litigation firms north of Sacramento. He is currently "Of Counsel" for Kennedy, Archer & Giffen in Monterey. In 2007 he became one of the founding stockholders and organizers of Cornerstone Community Bank and served as Vice Chairman of that Board until June '18; he remains an active member of that board.



Dr. Harry Daniell

Dr. Harry Daniell has served on Lassen Park Foundation's Board of Directors since 2003. Harry is a retired general internist and resident of Redding since 1964 with its proximity to Lassen Park a prominent factor contributing to this selection. His interest in hiking and camping began as 1 of 6 children in far northern Maine near the end of the Appalachian Trail. He continues to enjoy Lassen during all 4 seasons including use of the nearby sections of the Pacific Crest and Old Immigrant Trails, with a special interest in encouraging Lassen's summer and winter use by younger generations.



Benjamin Webster

Ben Webster has served on Lassen Park Foundation's Board of Directors since 2004 and currently serves as the Corporate Secretary. Ben lives in Sacramento where he is the office managing shareholder at Littler Mendelson, the nation's largest labor/employment law firm. In 2015 he was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to the California Travel & Tourism Commission. An avid outdoorsman and history buff, he has visited most of America's national parks and monuments. Son of Ida and Don Webster (one of the original members of the Foundation), Ben grew up in Red Bluff and has been exploring Lassen all his life. Now he enjoys hiking in the park with his wife, Joy Wake, and their three teenage boys.





Photo Courtesy of the National Park Service

SNEAK PEAK INTO THE LIFE OF A SEASONAL RANGER

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 (KYVC). 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.

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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