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NATIONAL PARKS & WINTER AT LASSEN

“National park usage is different from other parks, like city parks, because the intent of a national park is as much for maintaining and saving the park as a resource as it is for usage,” says Kevin Sweeney, Chief of Interpretation & Education at Lassen Volcanic National Park (LVNP). “Since March of last year, many visitors have enjoyed national parks as a much-needed break from constant COVID news,” said Sweeney. “Visitors to Lassen were still wearing masks on trails this summer even when they were miles from anyone! They were able to get far away from other people and that in itself was very therapeutic to many of them. It underscored the necessity of national parks and their protected lands.”

Recreation areas, city parks, and some state parks are generally intended for the public’s recreation. They’re often easily accessible to urban areas so you can enjoy a day-long or even one- or two-hour trip there. That’s not always the case with a national park, and Lassen’s remote location is a perfect example of that. At a city or state park, daytime activities like BBQ, swimming, volleyball, picnicking, and sometimes overnight activities like camping are encouraged throughout the parks. These spaces are designed to give residents access to low- or non-developed areas where nature is close at hand.

In a national park, however, the Federal Government provides protection for sensitive habitats by maintaining a place for endemic species to thrive. They’ve set aside land through the Wilderness Act so that visitors (that’s us humans) will have as little impact as possible. The intent is more for visitors to enjoy the land as if they would be visiting a living museum, rather than enjoying it as they would a public beach. In this living museum there are areas where you’re encouraged to interact with displays, like campgrounds and trail systems. There are also areas where you’re encouraged to look but not touch, like wilderness areas such as the Painted Dunes at LVNP. These “Do Not Touch” spaces are preserved so that future generations can see them in their natural state, unblemished by human interaction.

Lassen Volcanic is no stranger to winter-time activities, and we expect more new visitors at Lassen this winter. There are many ways that winter novices can easily enjoy the snow when visiting LVNP. You can sled, build snowmen or snow forts, drink hot cocoa, all nearby where you park your vehicle. Both the Manzanita Lake area off of Hwy 44 and the Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitor Center off of Hwy 36 are great paces to drive to, park for the day, and access snow filled areas.

For those more learned or advanced winter visitors, there are backcountry skiing or snowshoeing opportunities as well! Please remember to plan ahead and bring the appropriate safety gear when heading out on your own. Be sure to check the park’s website before you go and select “Plan Your Visit” to find current road conditions, operating hours, and travel tips.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

At the start of a new year, it's exciting to plan for a bright future and to set expectations high, to push yourself to strive to do better than last year. This year at Lassen Park Foundation we're doing just that.

We don't yet know what effect the pandemic will have on summer camping at Lassen Volcanic National Park this year. We hope for a better season, more certainty in planning, and look forward to the day when the pandemic is less frightening.

In the meantime, here at Lassen Park Foundation we're working toward that brighter future. We're working closely with our park partners to identify their greatest needs for this year. The safety and wellbeing of our park's rangers are of primary import! So, too, is visitor safety in the park.

Last summer saw an influx of park visitors, many of whom were unfamiliar with national park rules and guidelines. The result was some damage to our natural resources, and the knowledge that this year we must work together to do better to share the message of preserving our park. Let's all do our part to be the stewards of this land that it needs us to be, and to share that message with those who are discovering it for the first time so that they and their children’s children can also enjoy its rugged beauty in the future.

This year we share the message of #RecreateResponsibly to remind everyone to be considerate when visiting these beautiful lands. As we do so, we encourage you to consider Lassen Park Foundation in your charitable giving.

Please remember to recreate responsibly and stay safe this winter.

Sincerely,

Pete Dailey, Chairman

Lassen Park Foundation

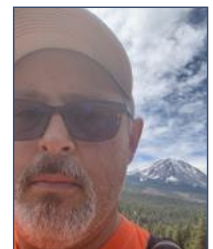




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LASSEN VOLCANIC NATIONAL PARK 2021

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WINTER EVENTS

Love Your Pet Day Non-Event

Now - February 20, 2021

Online Fundraising Event

Lassenparkfoundation.ejoinme.org/

[LoveYourPetEvent](#)

PARK WINTER HOURS*

Now Through April 30

Kohm Yah-mah-nee: Open Wed-Sun, 9am-5pm

Lassen Cafe & Gift: Weekends 11am-2pm

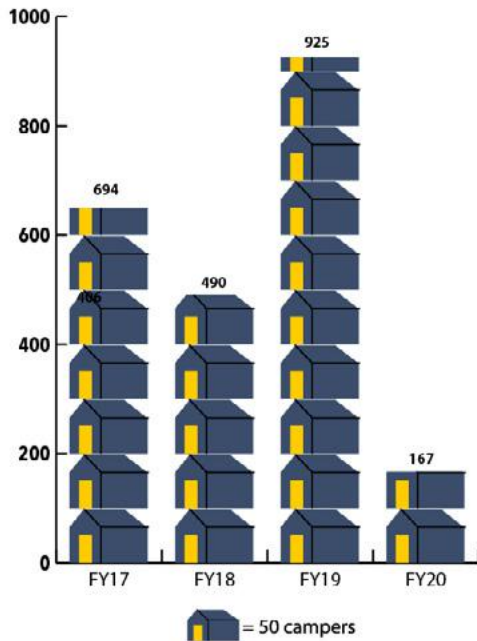
Loomis Museum: Closed

Manzanita Camper Store: Closed

Snowshoe Walks Cancelled

Ranger Led Snowshoe Walks & Winter Ecology Snowshoe Program for School Groups will not be offered in Winter 2020/2021 due to COVID-19 response.

YOUTH CAMPING PROGRAM REPORT 2020



The chart above represents the number of youths who have camped at Lassen Volcanic National Park (LVNP) through Lassen Park Foundation's (LPF) Youth Camping Program over the last four years. For obvious reasons, this year looked a lot different than we had hoped.

LPF's Youth Camping Program has been sending underserved youth camping at LVNP since 1996.

Over the years this program has sent over 5,000 youth camping at Lassen and instilled an appreciation for the outdoors in the next generation of park stewards.

At the start of 2020 we fully anticipated another record-setting year. 2019 showed a fantastic recovery from the Carr and Camp fires of 2018 that affected not only families of potential campers but also caused air-quality concerns at the park. We had no idea we were going to have even worse issues affecting the program in 2020.

Like the rest of the world, when news of COVID and closures throughout California began directly affecting our park we had to adapt. Our National Park partners were amazing with coming up with ways that we could safely bring young campers into the park and provide a meaningful experience for them.

Groups camped in their own tents, rather than the tent cabins at the VAC. This was done primarily due to contamination concerns with the COVID-19 virus. Groups were limited to 10 people or less, to comply with the CDC Guidelines for gatherings. Some of the larger youth groups were broken up into several small camping groups to meet the guideline. Finally, youth groups were encouraged to wear face masks when interacting with park rangers or other park visitors.

We worked with over 40 youth-based organizations to determine what they were comfortable with for the 2020 season, and many decided to postpone their trips to 2021. For those who did decide to proceed, there were many obstacles ranging from funding to health concerns and even air quality as fire season began affecting the park yet again.

In the end, we were able to bring up nine different youth groups representing over 150 kids and their 80+ chaperones to LVNP

this year. That is something we're very proud of. The number is small, but the positive impacts made on these children's lives are completely worth all the work it took to make that happen.

One side effect of the smaller groups and lower participation numbers was that our Youth Camp Rangers had plenty of time to work with each group and tailor their trip to suit their needs. They even spent some time devising some great new programming for the 2021 camping season!

There is no doubt that this was a tough year. Despite it all, we still saw campers with wonder on their faces and watched as future park stewards discovered this place that we know and love so well. We are so happy to have been able to introduce LVNP to our 2020 Youth Camping Program participants. Thank you for your help in making this possible!

Youth Camping Grant applications for Summer 2021 will open on February 1, 2021.

<https://lassenparkfoundation.org/volcano-adventure-camp/volcano-camping-program/>



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WE LOVE OUR PETS! Pets are part of our families. They're dear to our hearts, and they love us with all of our faults, unconditionally. That's why we're celebrating National Love Your Pet Day on February 20, 2021.

Many of us enjoy taking our pets out for a stroll, a hike, or an exploration excursion. And yet, a national park is not a place to bring your pet. You probably knew (or you do now) that pet access is very limited on national park property, and with good reason. Protecting the special lands included in national parks is a primary goal, and this includes maintaining the delicate ecological balance that the native plant and animal species have designed for themselves. The unfortunate reality is that our pets can upset that balance quicker than we sometimes realize.

But we're stuck at home in a pandemic with our pets... So, let's make the most of it!

Lassen Park Foundation is proud to present this fun, remote event for your enjoyment! We hope you will join us in celebrating the love and companionship our pets bring us from the comfort of your home by participating in our Love Your Pet Day non-event.

We spend thousands of dollars on our pets every year. Food and healthcare for our little friends is a must, but sometimes we go a bit overboard. Pampering, clothing, toys, or pillows are just a few ways we splurge to show our love. This year let's go back to the basics! Instead of shopping or paying for a day at the pet-spa, spend some quality one-on-one time with your pet and send the money you saved to Lassen Park Foundation instead. It's a win-win situation!

We have come up with all sort of ways that your pet adoration can help fund Lassen Park Foundation's projects and programs in 2021, and you don't even have to leave your home to attend a fundraising event to do it. Just skip the whimsical pet spending, write us a check, drop it in the mail, and then cuddle up with your little buddy and smile.

Watch for more information on our Love Your Pet Day event on our website, through e-mail distributions, and mailers through February 20th. Or visit us online at LassenParkFoundation.org to learn how you can show your pet some love, show off your pet on our foundation website Cute Pet Photos page and support our 2021 programs including the Youth Camping Program.



UC DAVIS NATURAL RESERVE SYSTEM'S 41ST RESERVE: LASSEN

New partnership between Lassen Volcanic National Park and the University of California Davis Natural Reserve System creates 41st Reserve.

The Lassen Field Station, a new partnership between the Lassen Volcanic National Park and the University of California (UC), became the newest addition to the UC Davis Natural Reserve System on May 16, 2019 following approval by the UC Board of Regents. It joins a list of forty other reserves in the University of California system, in which natural lands are made available for research, teaching, and public outreach (www.ucnrs.org). The new field station not only fills an 'ecosystem gap' in the northern portion of the state, but also makes it possible for park officials to take advantage of having research scientists as partners in answering mutual research and management questions.

The partnership offers researchers from UC and other institutes of higher education access to park facilities such as cabins, classrooms and meeting space, habitats, and camping. The field station will streamline the research permit process and open new avenues for research, teaching and public outreach. The field station partnership plays to the strengths of each partner; the Park has incredible landscapes, staffing, facilities, and donor support, while the university provides access to a community of scientists, students, and educators.

Andrew Latimer, director of the UC Davis Natural Reserve System, said "the Lassen Field Station fills a big ecological and geographical gap in the UC Natural Reserve System and extends UC Davis field stations into completely new ecosystems. Access to this whole gradient — from the tree line to the tide line — is important for studying how the state's ecosystems change and shift in response to rising temperatures and increasingly variable rainfall."

UC Davis Reserve staff, Jeffrey Clary, Shane Waddell, and Sarah Oktay hope to make science education opportunities available to the community through hikes and talks led by visiting researchers, as well as becoming part of K-12 outreach programs already in place in the Park supported by the Lassen Park Foundation. As an example of potential activities, UC NRS is hoping graduate students can provide educational content to students in the Volcano Adventure Camp program.



Photo courtesy of Sarah Oktay UC Davis graduate student and Muir Institute Grad Fellow, Julianne Pekny demonstrate her snake capturing and measurement skills.

BOARD MEMBERS WANTED

Lassen Park Foundation's (LPF) Board of Directors is actively seeking new members. If you enjoy supporting the park and like hearing about our projects and programs, then perhaps serving on our Board is for you!

What does LPF's Board of Directors do, and what are the obligations of each member?

The LPF Board oversees our youth camping program, assists with fundraising and oversight of construction of the Volcano Adventure Camp (VAC). They also work with Lassen Volcanic National Park (LVNP) to develop educational opportunities and partnerships with local universities that result in expanded opportunities within the park for learning and research. Finally, the Board fundraises for the park to help fill the funding gap for trail maintenance, scientific research and staff training.

The LPF Board meets three times annually at various locations in Northern California. Remote options for attendance are often available, and Board Members are expected to participate in these meetings. Depending on which committees a board member volunteers to serve, members may also have monthly or quarterly committee meetings to attend. Finally, Board



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Members play important roles in overseeing the Foundation's major annual fundraising events including Peak Experience Auction.

LPF Board Members commit to contribute, directly or indirectly, \$2,000 to the LPF each year, although many board members go beyond that figure. We recognize that not all Board Members have the means to contribute \$2,000 annually. Some make up for it in other ways such as: soliciting donations, seeking sponsors, unearthing grant opportunities, creating business partnerships, or contributing in-kind skills that would otherwise need to be purchased.

If you believe you can satisfy these commitments, then joining the Board is easy: you begin by filling out a one-page Board Inquiry Form. Board candidates are then interviewed by the Nominations Committee. During the interview, candidates are asked questions and are encouraged to ask questions of their own in order to better understand the role of a Board Member.

Once a candidate has completed these steps, then consideration by the full Board of Directors occurs, and accepted applicants are elected to a three-year term.

If you are interested in being more closely involved in helping LVNP or know someone with a passion for Lassen who might be interested, please e-mail LPF Executive Director, Jennifer Finnegan at Jennifer@LassenParkFoundation.org or call (530) 768-1110 to request a board candidate application.

At Lassen Park Foundation we connect children with nature. Through our policies and practices we offer opportunities for youth to experience and learn about their national park, regardless of race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, location, citizenship status or religion.



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View our full list of Board Members online at LassenParkFoundation.org



John W. Koeberer

John W. Koeberer is the Founding Chairman of Lassen Park Foundation and served as Board Chair for 35 years. He continues to serve on the Board today and the Executive Committee and is one of the Foundation's strongest and most generous supporters.

A firm believer in the importance of nature in a balanced, mindful life, Basecamp Hospitality's CEO is one of the few who get to live their philosophy at work. As Basecamp's co-owner and CEO, John shares his passion for all their parks by encouraging his teams to experience them first-hand, so they can better promote them to clients. As a successful entrepreneur and author of the self-help book "Green-Lighting Your Future," John frequently speaks on topics such as tourism, hospitality, business and personal development on a statewide basis.



Laura Young

Laura Young joined Lassen Park Foundation's Board of Directors in October 2015. Having lived in the Bay Area for over 40 years, Laura moved to the North State. "What a difference 3 hours and 200 miles makes," says Laura. "So much mother nature right in the backyard, not to mention the lakes, mountains and National Parks."

After a 30-year career in the insurance industry and serving as a Rotary District Governor for north-central California, Laura settled in well to this different lifestyle. One of Laura's favorite highlights of the North State is Lassen Volcanic National Park. "It is a treasure with so much outdoor opportunity and natural beauty. I am honored and blessed to help support the Park by serving on the Board of the Lassen Park Foundation."



John Sharrah

John Sharrah joined Lassen Park Foundation's Board of Directors in July 1995. John is a founding partner in the Redding, California engineering firm of Sharrah, Dunlap and Sawyer and has had extensive experience with building projects across northern California. His is a former City Engineer for the city of Anderson, CA. John served on the boards for Western Shasta County Soil Conservation District, Shasta District Fair, and State Water Control Board. He also serves on the Board of the Community Revitalization & Development Corporation (CRDC) in Redding, assisting with affordable housing projects. Mr. Sharrah is very active with Anderson Rotary.

Lassen Park Foundation is seeking new Board Members. If you have an interest in serving on our Board of Directors please contact our office via e-mail at info@lassenparkfoundation.org.

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Go to www.lassenparkfoundation.org or call us at **(530) 768-1110** to make a donation today. Or you can fill out the form below and mail to: PO Box 33, Anderson, CA 96007. **You make our Foundation possible!**

YES! I would like to help support the Lassen Park Foundation by making a donation.

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