



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from Camp Norge!

As summer fades into fall, there's still so much to look forward to at our beloved "Jewel in the Sierras." If you haven't made it up recently, now's the time! Our calendar is packed with great opportunities to learn, connect, and have fun—starting with Kretsstevne over Labor Day weekend. This always-popular gathering brings together families, friends, and new faces for, food, games, and mountain air. And don't forget the fantastic Karaoke party on Saturday night!

Then in September, we welcome two favorite fall traditions: Camp Oldfjell, with hands-on classes in Nordic crafts and baking, and our Rosemaling Retreat, where painters of all skill levels come to create folk art in community. October brings the Folkedans Stevne, a joyful weekend of dancing, laughter, and Scandinavian culture.

But Camp Norge is more than just a place for events—it's a place where memories are made and traditions continue. Whether you're joining us for the first time or the fiftieth, there's a place here for you.

In this issue, I'm sharing a few personal reflections, our ambitious and important effort to build the Hygge Hus—a new accessible lodging space. A heartfelt thank-you to our volunteers who give so generously of their time and energy. And a behind-the-scenes glimpse into one of the most beautiful weddings I've ever witnessed—right here at Camp Norge.

I hope you'll join us this fall and winter. Camp Norge belongs to all of us. Let's keep building something wonderful—together.

Help Us Build the Hygge Hus –We're Nearly Halfway There!

At Camp Norge, we believe everyone deserves to feel welcome, safe, and included. That's why we're building the Hygge Hus—a cozy, accessible lodging unit just behind Heritage Hall. With a level path, ADA-compliant design, and proximity to central camp activities, it will be a game-changer for members and guests with mobility challenges.

We've already raised a little over \$17,000, thanks to generous early donors and the momentum sparked at the 2024 District Six Convention. But to move forward with Phase 1—design, permits, and site prep—we need to reach our \$50,000 goal.

We're asking everyone who loves Camp Norge to step up and give what you can. Whether it's \$25 or \$2,500, your gift brings us closer to making this vital addition a reality. Let's show our shared commitment to hospitality, dignity, and community.

Donate today at: gofundme.com/f/Help-Us-Build-the-Hygge-Hus

Together, we can make Camp Norge more inclusive—for generations to come.



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To Our Volunteers: Tusen Takk!

Camp Norge thrives because of the hands and hearts of our volunteers. Over the past several months, a dedicated core team has been hard at work—repairing leaks, removing dead trees, clearing brush, trimming wild berry bushes, deep-cleaning the Meadow Bath House and scrubbing every corner of the Heritage Hall kitchen.

These aren't glamorous jobs—but they're essential to keeping our camp safe, functional, and beautiful for everyone who visits. It's thanks to this selfless crew that Camp Norge continues to shine.

Next up? A new 150-foot stair railing along the path from the Social Hall down to the meadow. It's a big job, but with the same can-do spirit, our team is already planning the work. The goal: get it done before Kretsstevne!

To every volunteer who's rolled up their sleeves, swung a hammer, hauled a branch, or wielded a mop: we see you, and we thank you. You make Camp Norge better—one project at a time.

Want to help? We're always looking for more hands. Contact any board member or email us at info@campnorge.org to learn how you can pitch in.

A Wedding to Remember—And a Gift to the Camp

(You will read about the wedding of Laura and Andre later in this newsletter edition.) I first met with Laura and Andre more than a year ago as they began planning their wedding at Camp. From the beginning, I knew they loved this place; Laura practically grew up here—but I was completely blown away by the beauty, care, and creativity they brought to their celebration.

They transformed the meadow into something magical, with elegant lighting, thoughtful decorations, and cozy spaces for their guests to connect. Over 100 people gathered for a weekend of joy, music, swimming, games, and heartfelt community—and Camp Norge rose to the occasion with warmth and charm.



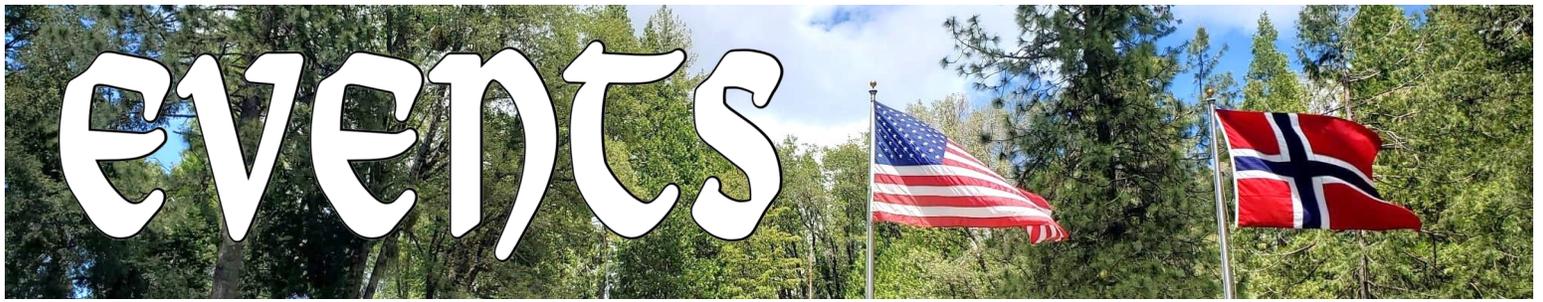
But what moved me most was what came after. Laura and Andre generously donated many of the custom elements they created for their big day—table and chair coverings, hanging lights, and the handcrafted wedding arch—so future couples can enjoy them too. It was a lasting gift from their celebration to the whole Camp Norge family.

Weddings like theirs show just how special our camp can be. If you know someone looking for a beautiful, flexible, and affordable venue for a wedding, reunion, or special event, please help spread the word.

Camp Norge is more than a rental—it's a place where memories take root.

See you at Camp!

By Fred Hymans, President, Recreation Center Board



Northern California Kretsstevne | August 30 to September 1, 2025

Celebrate Labor Day Weekend at Camp Norge for Kretsstevne—our annual “Gathering of the Clan”! Whether you stay the weekend or drop in for a day, you’ll enjoy good food, great company, and that one-of-a-kind Camp Norge spirit.

The weekend is packed with fun for all ages. Adults can enjoy pickleball, karaoke, horseshoes, and scenic hiking trails, while kids can dive into outdoor games, the play-set, and the swimming pool. The camp will be alive with laughter and activity from morning to night.

All meals, lovingly prepared by local lodges, will be served in Heritage Hall—no cooking, no cleanup! Meal registration closes August 23. See page 9 for the event flyer or visit campnorge.org/site/kretsstevne/.

Camp Oldfjell | September 20 to 23, 2025

This immersive adult retreat celebrates the rich cultural traditions of Norway through hands-on workshops. Try your hand at a variety of folk arts including baking, textile crafts, embroidery, and even making your own Viking costume (and shoes to match!).

This year brings new offerings from the Santa Cruz Textile Arts Guild, and as always, our talented instructors make learning fun and approachable. Camp Oldfjell is open to adults 18 and over. Tent and RV camping is free for 2025!.

Note: All indoor lodging is fully booked. Remaining space is for RVs, tents, or off-site accommodations only.

Visit sofn6.org/camp-oldfjell/ for the current course catalog, or to register.

Rosemaling Retreat | September 27 to 28, 2025

Discover the beauty and heritage of Norwegian rosemaling—folk art painting known for its elegant swirls, floral motifs, and vibrant colors. Open to painters 18+, this weekend retreat welcomes all skill levels and provides a focused, creative environment to learn or refine your technique.

Tuition includes classroom instruction, use of paints and mediums, a wood piece to decorate, and a design packet to take home. Enjoy five meals with your fellow artists and plenty of time to paint and connect.

Each class is capped at 21 students to ensure personalized instruction. Seminar details and registration info will be posted soon—visit: campnorge.org/site/rosemaling/ for the latest information.

Folkedans Stevne | October 24 to 26, 2025

Dance your way into fall at Camp Norge’s Folkedans Stevne! This lively retreat offers traditional Norwegian dance instruction in a warm, welcoming atmosphere. It’s a great chance to build new skills, meet new friends, and celebrate Scandinavian culture.

Beginners are absolutely welcome, and no partner is needed. Just bring your enthusiasm and your dancing shoes!

More information will be available in mid-September. For updates, visit campnorge.org/site/folk-dancers/ or reach out to: Zena Corcoran: zmcocoran@gmail.com or Meg Laycock: meg@jstub.com.

Come Stay With Us-And Say “I Do”

Camp Norge has long been a place where memories are made, from Language and Heritage Camps to district-wide campouts and cultural gatherings like the Rosemaling Retreat. But on June 7, 2025, the meadow was transformed into something truly magical: the setting for a joyful wedding celebration filled with love, laughter, and community.

Laura Hulberg and Andre Bernal chose our “Jewel in the Sierras” for their three-day wedding weekend, showcasing just how special Camp Norge can be for family gatherings and once-in-a-lifetime milestones. The festivities kicked off with a welcome BBQ at Heritage Hall on Friday evening, followed by a full Saturday of swimming, axe throwing, tie-dye, lawn games, and warmhearted socializing.

When it came time for the ceremony, the meadow became an enchanted space. Surrounded by towering pines, bathed in golden light, and carried by the gentle mountain breeze, it offered a stunning backdrop for the couple’s vows, cocktail hour, dinner, and dancing under the stars. Over 115 guests joined the celebration, with about 60 staying onsite in dorms, cabins, tents, and RVs. Others found lodging nearby in Dutch Flat and Colfax, but everyone agreed Camp Norge was the heart of the weekend.

For Laura and Andre, Camp Norge was more than just a venue, it was a familiar, meaningful, and flexible canvas for creating their dream wedding. A full day for setup and another for clean-up, supported by loved ones, made the experience even more personal. The couple extends heartfelt thanks to Fred Hymans and Tanya Stark for their extraordinary help, and to the Recreation Center Board for their warm support.

Many guests were so taken with Camp Norge that they’re already planning to return for Kretsstevne, another chance to gather in the place where magic happens.

Laura and Andre, hjertelig takk for choosing Camp Norge. We wish you a lifetime of happiness and a beautiful honeymoon in Spain this October!

If you're dreaming of a place for your next big event, whether a wedding, family reunion, or special celebration, we hope you'll come stay with us. Camp Norge is available to rent for private events, including exclusive use of the entire camp. To learn more, visit campnorge.org or contact us at (530) 389-2508 for availability and pricing.

Pictures from upper right to lower left: Andre Bernal and Laura Hulberg, the couple’s first dance, Laura and her mother Janie Kelly, Laura and Andre with their nephews.



2025 Memorial Day Campout

Our Memorial Day Campout was one for the books, filled with sunshine, shared memories, and a deep connection to our heritage.

A special highlight this year: Zone 2 Director Craig Dill arranged for an outline of *The Restauration*, the sloop that carried the first organized group of Norwegian immigrants to America in 1825, to be painted on the horseshoe pit. We gathered 50 adults and children inside the outline to represent the 52 souls who made that historic journey 200 years ago. A powerful image and a moment to remember!



For the first time ever, we hosted a reunion for past and present campers from our Language and Heritage Camps —

with attendees spanning from 1969 all the way to excited campers registered for 2025. What a joy to see multiple generations come together, united by the traditions and friendships built here.



Many of our dedicated families also spent the weekend improving the Viking Trail, breathing new life into this beloved feature of Camp Norge.

At Camp Norge, we work together, we play together, and we make memories that last a lifetime. We invite *you* to be part of the fun — whether it's at next year's Memorial Day Campout or the upcoming **Northern California Kretsste-vne** over Labor Day weekend.

Come celebrate community, culture, and connection — right here at our Jewel in the Sierras.



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Trollfjell Folkehøgskule and Camp Trollfjell

District Six extends our heartfelt thanks to the volunteers and staff who made this year's Trollfjell Folkehøgskule and Camp Trollfjell a success. Your time, hard work, and care created a meaningful experience for our campers and helped preserve our Norwegian heritage for the next generation.

Our Language and Heritage Camps would not be possible without the dedication of those who give their summer days to cooking meals, leading activities, teaching classes, and guiding young people through two weeks filled with culture, learning, and fun.

The children you supported this summer are the future of our lodges and our district. You've passed on more than traditions — you've helped build confidence, community, and lifelong memories.

We're especially proud that many former campers have returned to lead the next generation — from our directors to our T-shirt designer. Their continued commitment to Trollfjell Folkehøgskule and Camp Trollfjell is a testament to the lasting impact of camp. In the staff list, former campers are highlighted in red.

Tusen takk for helping us carry our heritage forward — one camper at a time!



Co-Directors

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Jason Morken

Nurses

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Mick Brockman

Chris Hanzel

Craig Dill

Chefs

Eric Malme

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Thorin Avecedo

Baylee Mckenney

Austin Johnson

Juliette Gioni

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Jessica Ekbatani

Grandparents

Kathy Bennet

John Bennet

Peggy Hyde

CIT Graham Gardemeyer

Teachers

Iris Arnold

Tove-Lise Miller

Karen Nichols

Sue Regadanz

Jon Villarreal

Lynn Skrukud

Babysitters

Kristen Hunsbedt

Craig Dill

Kalia Freitas

Nils Kauffman

Richard Freitas

Steve Nichols

Mari & Desiree

A special thank you to **Emily Anderson** for designing our annual t-shirts!

If you'd like to learn more about how you can be a part of the 2026 camps, email campdirector@sofn6.org.



Come and Stay!

The facility offers numerous lodging options including RV and tent sites in addition to the historic main lodge, cozy cabins, and three rustic dormitories. There are two indoor group event spaces, the Social Hall complete with a full kitchen that can accommodate up to 60 guests, and the Heritage Hall which offers a full commercial kitchen and can accommodate up to 100 guests. The camp also boasts a pool, fire-pit, hiking trails, and horseshoe pits. For more details on our accommodations visit Camp Norge's [WEBSITE](#).

Camp Norge is a great destination for weddings and family reunions. (Check out Laura and Andre's wedding on page #)

Mountain bike and hiking trails are plentiful in the area. With only a short 30-minute drive to reach world-class ski resorts – Camp Norge is a great place to stay for your next mountain adventure. Located right off of I-80, just one hour from Sacramento or North Lake Tahoe.

Book your Camp Norge getaway today! To check availability and prices, please visit [RESERVATIONS](#) on our website. The facility is available for member sponsored family events and reunions, youth groups, and club groups. Call for details and availability. Contact us at: (530) 389-2508 or reservations@campnorge.org.

Century Club

Camp Norge is cherished as the jewel of Sons of Norway – District Six. The 46+ acre camp is a recreational wonderland nestled in the Sierra Nevada mountains. Camp Norge is the only district-wide gathering space in District Six and creates a special opportunity for us to connect with our members and share our Scandinavian heritage with younger generations.

Maintaining this incredible property is no easy feat, which is why the Century Club was formed in 1996. The Century Club is a membership group dedicated to maintaining, sustaining, and improving the camp. To join the Century Club individuals must commit to donating at least \$100 annually or \$10 per month.

Every year half of the funds raised by the Century Club go directly to camp maintenance projects while the other half is set aside to build an endowment – meaning that your donation to the Century Club will help make an impact for generations to come!

Your investment in the Century Club enables us to ensure the viability of the camp. Please consider joining the Century Club today! Go to century.campnorge.org/ for information on how to join!



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Directions

The Sons of Norway Recreation Center - Camp Norge - is located at Alta, California on I-80 about half way between Auburn and Truckee.

Take exit 146. If you are traveling East- turn right. If you are traveling West - turn left. After you cross the bridge over Canyon Creek you'll see the Recreation Center's sign at the end of the road. Turn left, the road divides after about a city block, keep to the right and head up the hill. Camp Norge is located at the top of the hill, 1/2 mile from the freeway. The address is: 250 Canyon Mine Road, Alta, CA 95701.

Reservations

Reservations are now available on-line. Visit campnorge.org/site/reservations to check out the types of housing available. We have rooms that are large enough for an entire family. Two examples are the Family Cabin, with six twin beds and Dorm 1, Room 1 has 2 sets of bunk beds and a full size bed. You can also reserve your tent or RV sites on the site. Guests have full access to the lower level of the Main Lodge offering a kitchen, living room, dining table, books & board games, and the bathhouses offering bathrooms and hot showers.





Northern California KRETSSTEVNE August 30 to September 1, 2025

You're Invited to the Gathering of the Clans!

Zones 1, 2, and 3 warmly welcome you to our beloved "Jewel in the Sierras" for a week-end of fun, friendship, and fresh mountain air! Whether you come for the whole week-end or just drop in for the day, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

We'll have a variety of activities for all ages—join in on pickleball, karaoke, hiking, a lively horseshoe tournament, and more! Kids can look forward to games, the play-set, and poolside fun.

Delicious meals, prepared by our local lodges, will be served in Heritage Hall. Click [HERE](#) for meal details and registration options.

Ready to stay the night? Reserve a room, RV spot, or tent site through the Reservations page on Camp Norge's website by clicking [HERE](#).

		Adult	Child		Adult	Child		Adult	Child
Saturday	Breakfast	\$8.00	\$4.00	Lunch	\$9.00	\$4.50	Dinner	\$16.00	\$8.00
Sunday	Frokost	\$11.00	\$5.50	(Served at 10:00 A.M.)			Dinner	\$16.00	\$8.00
Monday	Breakfast	\$6.00	\$3.00	Child price is for 12 & under, 5 & under eat for free.					
Weekend Package		\$66.00	\$33.00	Kretsstevene pin \$2.00 (free with weekend package)					

Meal registration closes August 23rd.



District Six Recreation Center
250 Canyon Mine Rd.



Help support Camp Norge, bring an item for our silent auction!

CAMP OLDFJELL

September 20 – 23, 2025

Saturday-Tuesday \$250 | Saturday-Sunday \$150

Register from July 1 to September 8

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Visit sofn6.org/camp-oldfjell to view the 2025 Course Catalog and register!