



FAMILY CAMP INFORMATION

St. John's Family Camp is located in a beautiful, restful and quiet location. It is located at Donner Mine Camp near Emigrant Gap on Hwy 20. It is an old mine site in the forest along the Bear River. It is about an hour and fifteen-minute drive from Roseville.

Since it is an old mining camp, you will want to wear clothing that can get dirty and will wash well. It is located at about the 4,000-foot elevation. The nights can get quite chilly, and the days can be very warm, so you will want to bring clothing that will keep you warm at night and in the early morning. There is a small pond in camp for the children. Closed shoes are required in the small swimming pond. (A pair of old tennis shoes work nicely.) We do take the teens and older children (and adults) to a nearby lake for swimming too, so you may want to bring a swimsuit. (Perhaps two for small children.) There is a softball field and a volleyball court, so you may want to bring sports equipment. We also have a Talent Show on Friday night, so you might want to bring props, musical equipment, etc. In the evenings there is usually some organized activities to take part in, and some people like to bring cards, games, etc.

There are some sites that will accommodate trailers or small RVs, and there are many tent sites available, as well as the lodge. The lodge is from the mining camp days, so it is very rustic. The rooms are dormitory-style with bunks and mattresses. If you plan to stay in the Lodge then you will need to bring your own sleeping bags, pillows and blankets. Everyone will need to bring their own towels and toiletries. There are showers available.

We prepare and eat our meals communally. Each person, even children, will take part in the chores for meals. (Adults cook & clean the kitchen, and children clean the dining room after meals.) You will be required to be on the cook crews or cleanup crews during the week. It is actually a fun way to get to know people at camp. If you have a special diet, then you will need to bring your own food. We will not charge you for food if you have this need, so let someone know when you register. You will want to bring snacks and drinks of your own for in between mealtimes. We recommend that you bring plenty of fluids because of the high altitude. Be sure to bring water, natural juices, and Gatorade, not just sodas. We recommend that you bring ice in your ice chests when you

come. Ice is available at the camp store. In the evenings there are some campfire locations, so you may want to bring the ingredients for Some ‘Mores. (And folding lawn chairs.)

Since the camp is in the wild outdoors. You will need to bring some insect repellent. It is wise to bring a couple of different kinds, since we never know which one will work best. We recommend also bringing minor first aid supplies for your family. A well-stocked First Aid kit is available in the Lodge at all times. Several members of the committee are certified in first aid and CPR. Everyone will need a flashlight for evenings.

There is a small camp store that the children particularly like to visit for candy or snack items. There is also a coin-operated washer and dryer available, although with only one of each, sometimes it is hard to find them free for use. You will need quarters and laundry soap to use the machines. You might want to bring some rope for a clothesline to hang wet clothing (such as swimming suits) and towels for your campsite.

Each morning we have a Bible study, so you will want to bring your Bible. On Wednesdays, we have a “free day”, and some people go on hikes, some people go out of camp to visit various places in the vicinity, such as Nevada City or Truckee. There is fishing along some of the rivers and streams in the area. If you want to go fishing, you will need to bring your fishing equipment and license. There are several lakes and swimming areas nearby. Some people like to just sit in camp and relax in the quiet atmosphere. In that case, you might want to bring a hammock and a good book. Plan and pack according to your interests.

The camp does not allow any pets, bicycles, or motorcycles, or guns (toy or real) of any type (no air guns, paint ball guns, etc.) Squirt guns are okay.

We are looking forward to being up there with you. We hope you will come to love this week as much as we do.

The Family Camp Committee

