

LASSEN NEWS

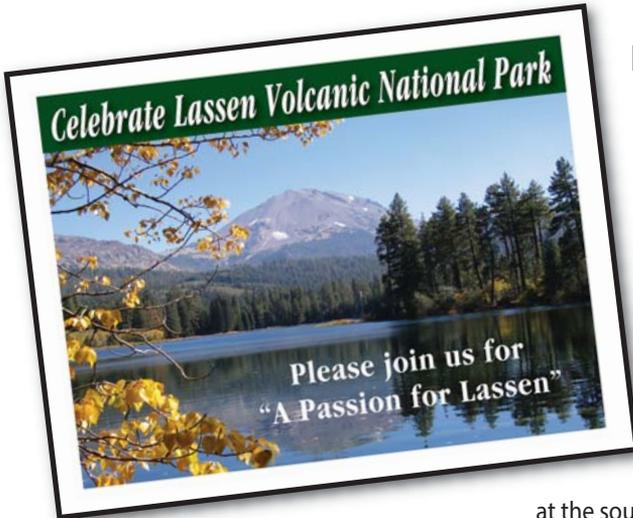
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HIGHLIGHTS THIS ISSUE

COME JOIN US FOR “A PASSION FOR LASSEN” ON AUGUST 25TH!

“A PASSION FOR LASSEN”



How would you like to fly in a private plane (Cessna 421) from anywhere in northern California to Carmel with three friends, have lunch, play golf at Clint Eastwood’s private golf club, enjoy a complimentary lunch overlooking the Carmel Valley Tehama Club and the Carmel Highlands, and fly back in time for dinner? This is just one of the many wonderful items that will be auctioned at our upcoming “A Passion for Lassen” dinner/auction to benefit the programs and projects of Lassen Volcanic National Park (LVNP) and the Lassen Park Foundation (LPF). The event will take place on Saturday, August 25th and will feature a delicious BBQ dinner (catered by Robbie Clearie of Clearie’s in Redding), live music, and fantastic silent and live auction items. The event will be held at the Kohn Yah mah-nee Visitor’s Center

YOUTH CAMPING

REACH THE PEAK

YOUNG STEWARD

ART & WINE

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at the south west entrance to Lassen Volcanic National Park (LVNP). We will also be honoring our past Board Directors for their dedication and commitment to Lassen Park and the surrounding area since the Foundation was formed in 1984.

Below are some of the other unique items that will be offered: (check our online bidding website for regular updates! www.biddingforgood.com/lassenparkfndtn/auction)

- George Rodrigue Signed Silkscreen Print
- 2 Night Stay at the Argonaut Hotel, San Francisco
- Day Trip for Four and Lunch at Angel Island
- 4 night stay in a luxurious vacation home at the Sunriver Resort in Oregon
- 3 night stay at Drakesbad Guest Ranch in Lassen Volcanic National Park
- VIP Cline Cellar Tour and Wine Tasting, Sonoma
- 2 Night Stay, Deluxe Tent Cabin, at Big Basin State Park

We hope you will join us for this special evening in support of the Park!

YOUTH CAMPING SUMMER 2012: GIVING MORE AT-RISK YOUTH A CHANCE

This summer’s Youth Camping Program will serve more than twice the number of at-risk youth as last season! We are pleased to provide support for 29 youth groups from San Francisco, Vallejo, Sacramento, Santa Rosa, Herlong, Red Bluff, Corning, Redding, Quincy, and Chico.

In 1996, LPF initiated the At-Risk Youth Camping Program to provide funds to youth organizations throughout northern California to travel and camp in LVNP for 3-7 days. Since that time, thousands of at-risk youth, aged 6 to 18, from both rural and urban areas within 35 California counties have enjoyed a visit to the park. For many, it was their first outdoor camping experience.



Our camping program offers a unique opportunity to give at-risk youth memories and experiences they will cherish, and a lifelong appreciation for the outdoors. One group leader who attended the summer 2012 program shared, “One of the most profound activities occurred when all of the kids sat around the campfire and spoke of their dreams of college.....a campfire is a wonderful place to dream.” We hope that by making it possible for more young people to visit, despite their personal circumstances, a younger generation will discover the treasure of visiting national parks and use them for pleasure, exercise, and education.

Special thanks to our generous donors and foundations that have made this program possible including the Vogenau Foundation, PG&E, Allstate Foundation, REI, Prairie Mountain, Redding Convention and Visitor’s Bureau, Sierra Pacific Foundation, and U.S. Bank.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

The Lassen Park Foundation website, www.lassenparkfoundation.org is waiting for your visit. There is a new shopping section where the “Reach the Peak” logo items are for sale—the proceeds benefit this special campaign.



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For information on the Lassen Park Foundation please call (530) 378-2600 or write to the address above. You may also visit our website at www.lassenparkfoundation.org

Thank you for helping the Lassen Park Foundation to grow so that we can help to preserve and protect the Lassen region that we love. Your contributions are a vote of confidence in the ambitious work that we do, and each is greatly appreciated!

REACH THE PEAK CAMPAIGN-PEAK TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS



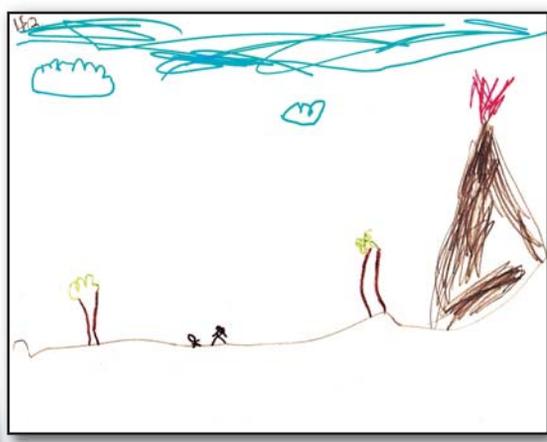
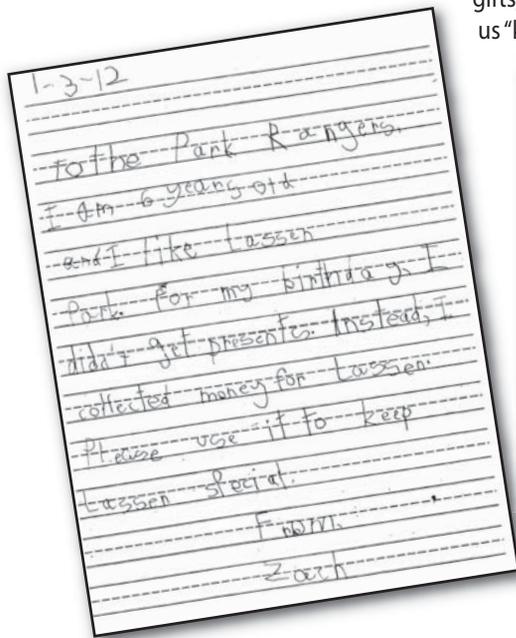
The "Reach the Peak" project is in its 3rd year and this summer, the crew will focus on constructing three new interpretive waysides, widening and reinforcing the middle and upper segments of the trail, and removing the radio repeater from the peak's summit. LPF has secured \$266,000 in funding toward the fundraising goal of \$500,000. We welcome all donations and look forward to this significant project being completed in 2014!

Thanks to funding from LPF and the National Park Trust, young people from the California Conservation Corp (CCC) have been working diligently to improve the Peak trail. The CCC members have gained a new appreciation for team work and the Park:

Eric, age 22 – *"This summer our crew was totally working together in unity. I learned so much about rock work, but also the importance of being safe and having a safe trail. This was my second season working at Lassen and when I look at our work, I have a huge sense of accomplishment. I can't wait to bring my family and future family to see the work that we have done."*
 Vernon, age 21 – *"The most memorable thing from working at Lassen Park this summer was hiking and working hard. It was amazing being able to hike and work on a volcano! Before this summer, I had never been to Lassen Park-I had only seen Mt. Lassen from the valley."*

ZACH BRUNNER-A YOUNG STEWARD OF LASSEN VOLCANIC NATIONAL PARK

It's unusual, these days, when a child prefers playing outdoors to playing a video game. It's even more unusual when a child forgoes receiving birthday presents and asks for donations to Lassen Park. Six-year-old Zach Brunner of Los Altos did that recently. Zach collected \$230 instead of receiving birthday gifts, which Sonia Brunner, Zach's mother, sent to the Lassen Park Foundation. Thank you Zach for helping us "keep Lassen special"!



ART AND WINE OF LASSEN
Celebrate local art, wine, and music at Lassen Volcanic National Park on Saturday, September 29th from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. Returning for its third year, this popular event featuring local businesses is held at the Kohm Yah mah-nee Visitor Center. Park admission is free September 29th in celebration of National Public Lands Day.



New Lassen Park Foundation Board Director: Welcome Jeff Wagner!

At the May Board of Director's meeting, Jeff Wagner was elected as a new Board member. Jeff is a practicing attorney in the Bay Area specializing in real estate development. Jeff and his family have been regular visitors to Lassen ever since their first stay at Drakesbad in the mid-1980's. He particularly enjoys swimming in the Park's many lakes, hiking and hearing tales from the real hikers trekking the Pacific Crest Trail. He looks forward to the opportunity to give something back to the Park that has provided so much enjoyment to he and his family.

Welcome to Lassen Park Foundation-Kristen Gray

Kristen Gray, Development Assistant for Lassen Park Foundation, joined us in April and definitely has a "Passion for Lassen". Her aunt, father, and husband have all worked at the Park, and Kristen has fond memories of camping and exploring the many wonders of Lassen with her three children. Kristen has worked in Red Bluff for the past four years in guest services/public relations, and has extensive development and fundraising experience with Sacred Heart School, Mercy High, and the Tehama Branding project. She is an active volunteer in the Red Bluff community and is a past member of the Red Bluff/Tehama County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Kristen is also working part-time for the Shasta Cascade Wonderland Association.