



WANTED: VOLUNTEERS LAKE CREEK CAMP



Lake Creek Youth Camp located in Logan Valley is a long-standing treasure of Grant and Harney County history. The camp is a nonprofit organization operated by a volunteer Board of Directors under a special use permit with the United States Forest Service.

The Camp Needs Your Help!

In order to be compliant with our bylaws, Lake Creek Youth Camp needs to have a minimum of 6 members on the Board. A Board made up of 10 to 12 members would be much more effective and hugely beneficial. Unfortunately, due to other obligations, nearly all of our current Board members will not be returning next year.

The camp has been enjoyed by generations of residents and visitors for youth camps, family reunions, weddings, hunting parties and other group events over the years. In the 1940's the camp was home to the Logan Fire Guard Station.

We provide a rustic, yet modernized outdoor experience including showers with lots of hot water and flush toilets! There are no TVs or telephones to distract you, but an internet phone (via satellite) is available for emergencies. Some cabins will accommodate up to 14 people. We also have tent and RV spaces available, although there are no RV hook-ups. The facilities include a lodge and commercial kitchen available to prepare food for events or to feed hungry visitors. The camp can accommodate from 1 to 150 visitors.

Electricity is provided by a generator which is turned off from 10 pm until 6 am each night. During that time there are no lights or water as the water is pumped from a well with electricity. When the electricity is off it is dark, so be sure to bring flashlights or lanterns.

We are located in the Strawberry Mountain Range in beautiful Logan Valley at an elevation of about 5,200 ft. We are about 30 miles south and east from John Day, Oregon, about 19 miles east of Seneca and about 64 miles from Burns. You can also reach us from Prairie City, a distance of about 33 miles. All of the roads coming into the camp are paved except for the last two miles on Forest Service Road 924 which is a well-maintained gravel road. Trailheads into the Strawberry Mt. Wilderness are about two miles away.

A variety of activities are available including horseshoes, volleyball, baseball, ping-pong or just hanging out by the campfire on the grounds. The surrounding 58,000-acre wilderness area provides opportunities for hiking, biking, photography, fishing or just relaxing and breathing fresh, clean air. Wildlife abounds in grassy meadows and tall timber surrounding the rustic lodge. A mountain stream runs through the camp with a trail system that allows observation of native plants, wild flowers and wildlife including deer, elk and antelope.

In addition to board members the camp typically has a list of "Friends of Lake Creek" who can be called on for help when needed. Volunteers often help with things like opening the camp in April or May, closing the camp in late October/early November and periodically, when we prepare the camp for events like Youth Camps, Outdoor School, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation gatherings, etc. Friends of Lake Creek may be asked help at our annual fund raiser, help in the camp kitchen, serve food at events, clean cabins at the end of one event in preparation for the next or with other projects at camp. The amount of time involved is entirely up to each individual volunteer.

It would be helpful to have volunteers with experience in any of the following areas:

- Food service
- Grounds maintenance
- Group organization
- Website design and maintenance
- Social Media presence
- Building construction/maintenance
- Equipment/vehicle maintenance
- Project management
- Water system management/oversight
- Septic system management /oversight

Future . . .

We are in the process of replacing aging A-frame cabins that were built in the 1960s. There are three remaining; one has recently been removed by the Forest Service. This has been an ongoing goal for many years.

Our next Board meeting will be October 12, 2022 from 5:30 to 7:00 at the John Day Fire Hall. Please feel free to join us to learn about the camp and enjoy refreshments.

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