



# Hillside Church's Family Camp @ Lake Tahoe



Sat. 7/31/10 @ 2:00 P.M. – Sat. 8/7/10 @ 12:00 Noon

## GENERAL INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS

(1/05/10 revision)

### LOCATION:

SUGAR PINE POINT STATE PARK - GENERAL CREEK CAMPGROUND Hwy. 89 West Shore Lake Tahoe, Tahoma, CA 96142. (530) 525-7982. The Park's entrance is between Tahoma & Meeks Bay, approximately 9 miles south of Tahoe City. For background information, check out this web link: [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=510](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=510) and this for a topographical map: [http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/510/files/sugar\\_pine\\_campground.pdf](http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/510/files/sugar_pine_campground.pdf)

### ARRIVAL/ DEPARTURE:

The first official arrival date and time is Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> @ 2:00 P.M., with some early arrivals on Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. We will confirm your scheduled arrival date via a separate document. When you arrive, identify yourself at the Park Entrance Ranger Station as part of the group designated as **Hillside EFC (Coordinators: Mike & Terry Sodergren, or Mark & Bonnie Thorne)** Please let us know if your arrival or departure date differs from your registration form.

Your campsite assignment is subject to change at any time before arrival, but we will pre-assign your location and that information sent to you prior to 7/30/10 via email (or via other means if you do not have email). When you arrive at the Park, and unless you are advised otherwise by the on duty Park Ranger at the entrance station, once you have checked-in and receive your parking pass from the Ranger, you may proceed directly to your pre-assigned site. If you are unclear or have any questions about where you are supposed to locate, please see or call one of the Coordinators. Mike's cell phone is (408) 930-2561, and Terry's is (408) 489-9907. If in doubt, please DO NOT SET UP your camp site before talking to one of us. This is critical in order for everyone to have a good place to camp. Every reasonable effort will be made to locate you in a site that is appropriate for the camping equipment and vehicles you record on the registration form, and to pair you with the friends/family members you've listed.

### OUR GROUP/ RESERVATIONS:

Family camp is primarily attended by Hillside Church members, but we expect a number of guests will be with us this year as well. We will be able to accommodate a maximum of 400 people in group camp sites 1-10, and another 80 in individual sites within the group site area. We are looking for some in our group to arrive on Friday, 7/30/10 for location in group sites 6 & 7 to help the rest of our church family with arrivals the next day. These are great sites that happen to be between our other sites. The Family Camp committee will assign all sites based on overall group need, but you can check out the following website for an online map of the group site area at Sugar Pine Point State Park if you are interested: <http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/510/files/ZbergSugarPineCampground.pdf>. Depending on the final number of expected campers, we will release some of our camp sites, so if you are thinking about coming to camp or bringing someone with you (e.g. neighbors, friends, relatives, etc.), please make this decision as early as possible this year. Also, anyone under 21 years of age, must have an adult to which they are accountable, so if you'd like to adopt any of our teens or young adults who don't have family going with them this year, please contact Bryan Allen, Hillside's Associate Pastor of Students at (408) 269-4782, ext 29. If the number in your party or anything is different than originally forecasted on your registration form, please let us know before leaving San Jose so we can be sure to arrange a space for everyone.

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**PARKING/  
VEHICLES:**

The State Park System may charge per night for “extra” vehicles (defined as those cars exceeding two per numbered campsite) Only cars and motor-homes are considered vehicles for this count. If you bring more than one vehicle for your family, please be prepared to pay at least part of any applicable fees assessed. Please let us know if you are bringing up a boat, jet ski’s etc. on a trailer as well. Please advise any visitors you receive for a day or evening that unless they entered the park on a “day-use” fee, the presence of their car(s) may increase our group’s “extra vehicle” fees. Therefore we request they be prepared to pay us the fee and be sure to check out with the Rangers when leaving so we won’t be charged for their car except for the days they are with us.

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**FACILITIES/  
UTILITIES:**

In the Group & Individual Camp Site areas where we will be located, there are four (4) full restrooms with hot/cold water at sinks with mirrors, toilets, and AC power outlets for hair dryers, shavers, etc. in most. There are fresh water facets in central areas around our campsites. Within the greater campground there are two buildings with 16 really nice/clean coin operated hot showers (quarters needed). Per State of California standards, each individual campsite can accommodate 8 campers each. In general, we will try not to allocate more than 6 to 7 campers to a single site, but we may assign as many as 8 to some in order to accommodate the maximum number of Hillside campers and for those families that want to camp together. In each site is a steel campfire/barbecue pit and a large heavy duty picnic table. My personal experience is that you can sit as many as 10 at these tables, but that can be tight. There will be a park picnic table for about every 8 people, but not necessarily for each individual family, so if you have a folding table, it would be wise to bring it. It is a good idea to bring a netted canopy which is big enough to go over a large picnic table. This provides protection from the sun and bugs while allowing for God’s fresh air to pass right on through. There is also a bear/critter proof food storage locker in each campsite (36” deep x 43” wide x 22” high). This must be used, as putting coolers and/or food in your tent or passenger vehicle will not protect your food. There are also large bear/critter proof garbage dumpsters in the camp area. If you are in a group of less than 8, prepare to share individual camp site resources.

If you are bringing a trailer or motor home, and this information was not on your reservation request form, please let us know ASAP so that you can be placed in an area appropriate for the type and size of your vehicle. There are no dedicated in-campsite utilities (e.g. AC power, water, sewer), but there are fresh water faucets and wash basins in the immediate camp site area and a sewage dumping station within the main camp perimeter (away from the campsite area). Quiet generators are allowed, but can’t be run after 8:00 PM.

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**PETS & WILDLIFE:**

We have, love, and will miss them, but it is strongly recommended that you plan to leave your pets at home too. The park may charge an extra fee per night (payable by the owner) for each pet. All pets must be on a leash at all times, and cannot go on the hiking trails. You also may need proof of applicable pet inoculations. There are birds, squirrels, chipmunks, and other scavengers that call our camp home. Bears sometimes roam through our campsite as well. As long as you use you don’t leave food out (see food section about lock boxes), they will pass harmlessly through as a great photo op’.

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**ACTIVITIES &  
GATHERINGS:**

**INFORMALLY ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES:** Swimming, water-skiing, rafting, fishing, hiking, tennis, mountain biking, golfing, sightseeing, reading, etc. You can do these things on your own, or with others. A walk to the Lake leads to a huge rolling lawn that goes to the Lake’s edge. This is where the famous Sugar Pine Point peer is located. This is a great place to swim, catch a ride on a boat or ski jet and sunbath during the day, snooze under a tree, and gaze at stars at night. This is the same location as the Ehrman Mansion/Pine Lodge. If you’d like to organize an activity for others to join in, please let us know so we can get the word out. One of our members organizes the always fun (and wet), Truckee River rafting adventure. Others organize water skiing, jet skiing and mountain biking activities. There are also numerous events going on in and around the Tahoe area during the week of family camp. Impromptu groups usually go out once or twice during the week for brunch or dinner. Teenagers can often be hired from within our group to baby-sit. We will put up an open white board at the HQ site to help our church family to provide information to each other about planned activities, prayer requests, and to make general announcements.

**HILLSIDE @ TAHOE EVENING GATHERINGS:** We will meet together twice during the week at our group campfire area for an informal time of praise and worship to our Lord. This is a highlight that you will not want to miss. Services will be on Sunday & Wednesday @ ~8:00 PM. On Wednesday evening, we will have our fifth annual all church pot luck dinner. Bring folding chairs, flashlights, bibles and your favorite mug for hot chocolate. The group campfire site will also be our HQ site and the official open site for any late night campfire gatherings. We sometimes do a child appropriate movie night under the stars in this area too. Smaller groups are encouraged to gather together at other times as well.

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**CLOTHING/ FOOD/  
CAMPING GEAR, etc.**

It is recommended that you organize this in advance for your family and with those you will be camping. We would be happy to give you advice on this if you'd like. Please keep in mind that this a completely outdoor camping experience. As such, you will need to bring the shelter plus related gear and supplies appropriate for this environment. You should bring clothing and sleeping bags/blankets for nighttime temperatures that can dip into the 30's. Daytime highs are typically in the low 80's. San Jose stores have a good supply of reasonably priced camping gear such as tents, sleeping bags, lanterns, etc.

If you want to get food locally, Albertson's & Safeway are in Tahoe City 9 miles away, with the PDQ market (w/ ice for coolers) in Tahoma only two miles away. If you want to prepare hot food, it's a good idea to have a small camp stove or two. You will also want to have table clothes, and a small bin to wash up your utensils after meals. There are food lock boxes (36" deep x 43" wide x 22" high) in all group sites, so make sure your containers fit. Coolers and other items left out at night will attract animals that will share your food.

Other items to bring with you include but are not limited to bibles, general reading materials, games, CD/MP3 players & radios, swim gear (rafts, inter-tubes, super soaker squirt guns, beach towels, sunscreen, etc.), bug spray, flashlights, cameras, frisbees, baseballs and gloves, tennis rackets and balls, badminton sets, horse shoe sets, etc.,

Assuming no wood burning limitations, we will place a bulk order of firewood for our group camp fires and for our church family's individual campsite fires. The wood is a mixture of soft & hardwood split logs that will be available for purchase at the Hillside HQ campsite. If you are interested in purchasing this wood, please let us know no less than 3 weeks before camp, and please check in with a coordinator before taking any wood when on-stie. Small bundles of softwood may also be purchased at the Ranger Station entrance to the Park or at the local market. Please do not cut any wood in the Park or gather ground wood.

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**CURFEW & US**

We are ambassadors of our church family and our faith. As such, we need to hold to a higher standard in how we treat the places we occupy and the people's paths we cross. Every year, Hillside has a unique opportunity to share Sugar Pine Point with campers of unknown commitment to our Lord & Savior. God has blessed us with the circumstances of this year's camp to serve Him, so may the Lord shine through us in all we say and do. At the least, please know & obey all park rules. Park Rangers and Camp Hosts will enforce a 10:00 PM quiet time. In addition to this, our curfew policy is as follows: Up to and including high school seniors ('10 graduates) – all youth must be back in camp & checked in with the parent or adult to whom they are accountable by 11:00 PM. (actual bedtime is up to individual families/chaperones, keeping in mind the 10:00 PM quiet rule). Recommended curfew for everyone else (back in camp) is 11:59 PM. The youngest person in a group determines the curfew! Please note that we have a great relationship with the wonderful California State Park Rangers at Sugar Pine Point. For over 35 years, Hillside Church has had the unique privilege of being able to book campsites at Lake Tahoe. We are received by a staff that deserves our appreciation and respect. And, this is our ongoing heritage.

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**LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER WONDERFUL  
TIME TOGETHER AT BEAUTIFUL LAKE TAHOE!**

