

# The Tuolumne Spirit

Friends of Berkeley Tuolumne Camp is dedicated to preserving and enhancing the Camp experience for present and future generations through education, volunteer efforts, and financial support.

Newsletter

November 2018

## Important Dates to Save:

- Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018, 7:30pm: Staff Reunion in Berkeley
- Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 2019: Echo Lake Camp Registration
- Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019: CEQA document to City Council
- March 9<sup>th</sup> 2018/TBD: 4<sup>th</sup> Tree Replanting Party
- Spring 2019: Tuolumne Rebuild Campaign Kick-off Event
- Oct 2019: **FOBTC makes major contribution to fund BTC Rebuild Project**
- November 2019: Call for bids for construction
- 2020 and 2021: Construction of Camp / June 2022: Projected Re-Opening



## Rebuilding Update & Timeline

**City:** The City staff and Camp architects Siegel & Strain are now working on the **Basis of Design**, the final project drawings, which determines what companies bid on to rebuild camp. The City is working with the USFS and FEMA to complete hazardous tree removals, environmental analyses and documentation required to permit and fund the project. Final Basis of Design will be complete by **Oct 2019**, and construction bids will be accepted in **Nov 2019**.

**FOBTC:** FOBTC has been working closely with City of Berkeley staff on the rebuild effort. We know now that there will be a gap between what insurance will pay for and what we'll need and want at Camp from Day 1 – specifically trees and nature, and architectural shade for tents and main camp to keep it comfortable. Since most of the forest cover in the main part of camp was destroyed in the Rim Fire, FOBTC will be actively raising money for mature trees and landscaping so we can return to a green landscape and growing forest, and for shade construction in main camp, the green chair circle, and for tents that will be exposed to direct sun. **These items are NOT covered by insurance and are currently unfunded and may get cut from the design.** In the Spring, FOBTC will kick-off a one-time major fundraising initiative to help support these critically important items. To have these items included in the initial design (and therefore part of camp at opening day) we intend to make a major contribution in October 2019. Stay tuned for more info, your help will be needed for the success of this effort!

**YOU:** The **most important reason to give** is to return to your sacred space, your sanctuary, your family get-togethers, your home away from home - and have it be fabulous and comfortable as soon as you get there. It needs to be built to last for many generations, so future family members can continue the traditions you love and hold so dearly.

DINING HALL - 7,812 SF  
KITCHEN - 1,000 SF  
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Scale: 0 8 16 32'  
North Arrow

Berkeley Tuolumne Camp Reconstruction - Conceptual Dining Hall Plan

BTC BOD Progress 8-28-18  
SIEGEL & STRAIN ARCHITECTS

## Events Update

➤ **Summer 2018 Echo Lake Camp & Labor Day Friends Weekend**

What a great summer at Echo Lake! More campers came to camp than ever, including more youth campers than ever before! FOBTC Labor Day weekend sold out, and we had 85° days of swimming and hiking and boating on Echo Lake, and beautiful nights for campfire songs, smores, bingo, stories, and lots of laughter!



➤ **"1922 Tuolumne Speakeasy"- A Fall Gala event for the ages!**

We went back to the year Camp opened, 1922, in a mansion called "The Pines", in Sausalito overlooking the Bay. Casino games, cocktails, roaring 20's music, catered food, and hidden rooms everywhere. The event was spectacular, with over 130 people attending. We raised money for FOBTC expenses and the everyday we work we do as a non-profit, and for rebuilding camp, and had tremendous community spirit doing it! What a blast!



➤ **Fri Nov 23rd 7:30 – 9pm Staff Reunion at Cornerstone in Berkeley**

Calling all staff – the first drink is on us! Last year we had over 40 staffers on hand. Come gather and hear the latest on camp, and reunion with fellow staffers! Stay involved as we rebuild camp!



❑ **100% funding for 16 underserved Youth and 12 CIT's for Summer 2019**

A major goal of FOBTC is to support Berkeley kids who could not afford it to get out of the city and be at Camp during the summer. FOBTC received a \$20,000 grant to bring underserved Berkeley youth and teens to experience camp next summer! We will be reaching out to kids in those areas of Berkeley who cannot afford coming to Youth Camp, and teens in the CIT program from diverse neighborhoods to experience being on staff at Echo Lake Camp.

❑ **Get a personal or family update with our Executive Director!**

Please let us know how you'd like to contribute and be involved in rebuilding camp! We want everyone to be included in this special time of rebuilding camp, and we value your input and energy. Lets have a cup of coffee and chat! **Email: [scott@fobtc.com](mailto:scott@fobtc.com)**



**Donate towards the rebuilding and reopening of camp!**

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