



**Welcome Workbook**  
Effective January 2024

# Welcome

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Camp Sylvester  
Group Reservations Welcome Workbook

RE: 'A Sierra Tradition Since 1927'

Dear Camp Sylvester Guest,

Thank you for choosing Camp Sylvester to host your next event. Camp Sylvester has been helping to create memories since 1927 and welcomes your group to the Camp Sylvester family of guests. To insure the best for your upcoming stay please see the attached worksheets to help you plan your visit.

Additional information can be found at [www.CampSylvester.org](http://www.CampSylvester.org). We look forward to your visit, if you have any questions and/or comments please feel free to call at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ken Peterson", is positioned above the typed name and contact information.

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Director of Facility Operations  
[ken@campsylvester.org](mailto:ken@campsylvester.org)  
(209) 459-1560

Camp Sylvester  
[www.campsylvester.org](http://www.campsylvester.org)  
Pinecrest, California  
Established 1927





## Completing Your Reservation, Quick Reference Check-List

Return the following Required Documents with your 'Reservation Agreement' to complete your event reservation. For questions or comments regarding the Reservation Agreement, Deposits, Waivers or Insurance requirement please feel free to call at your convenience.

- 1  Signed 'Reservation Agreement'  
Review 'Reservation Agreement', sign in noted location(s),
- 2  Reservation Payments and Cleaning Deposit Check(s)  
Provide a 'Reservation Payment' check payable to Camp Sylvester. Your first 'Reservation Payment' check will likely total at least 1/3 the total rental charges based on the minimum number of expected guests. Mail 'Reservation Payment' check payment to address provided. Electronic digital payment is available upon request, an additional processing fee will apply for digital payments.  
  
Review 'Reservation Agreement' document and provide a Cleaning Deposit check, payable to Camp Sylvester. Mail 'Cleaning Deposit' check to address provided at least one week prior to event. Electronic digital payment is not available for 'Cleaning Deposit' payment.
- 3  Signed Waiver(s)  
Prior to or at check-in you will be required to submit one completed 'Waiver, Release and Indemnity' form (2 pages), per guest/camper visiting Camp Sylvester during your event.
- 4  Insurance Certificate  
Review 'Insurance Certificate' requirements on your 'Reservation Agreement'.  
'Insurance Certificate' to be emailed to [Ken@CampSylvester.org](mailto:Ken@CampSylvester.org) or uploaded to your Gazebo account.
- 5  Billing and Fee Schedule: Your 'Reservation Agreement' will identify a minimum rental charge based on the minimum number of expected guests/campers. Camp Sylvester's fee schedule is calculated in two ways: a dollar amount per person, per night; AND/OR based on a minimum fee charged per use-area(s) rented. Review and understand the fee schedule(s) on your 'Reservation Agreement'.

### Questions or Comments Please Contact:

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# WELCOME TO CAMP SYLVESTER

In Cooperation with Stanislaus County Farm Bureau

## Summer Fun:



**Pinecrest Lake & Marina** Pinecrest Lake is Central California's Sierra fishing, boating and swimming destination for memorable vacations and retreats, with full-service marina, beachfront, lakeside cafe and events.



**Cleo's Bath River Pools** A West Coast favorite for afternoon hikes, within walking distance of Camp Sylvester. Enjoy river pools, rock-slides and waterfalls.



**Pinecrest Amphitheater** overlooking Pinecrest Lake, the Pinecrest Amphitheater plays box office family films nightly from May through August – enjoy a great evening under the stars.



Enjoy horseback riding at Kennedy or Aspen Meadow Pack Stations, bike riding, visit historic parks, golf and off-highway vehicle trails during the spring, summer and fall seasons.



Don't miss Pinecrest's unique shops, art gallery and dining establishments.

## Winter Adventure:



**Dodge Ridge Mountain Resort** offers full-service amenities for beginner and advanced skiers and snowboarders, including multiple lifts, lodges, events and lesson options. Group discounts available.



**Leland Meadows Snow Park** and **Long Barn Ice Rink** are popular attractions during the winter season.

## Location:

28770 Dodge Ridge Road  
Pinecrest, CA 95364  
(209) 459-1560  
Elevation: 5,600 Feet

## Top Guest Cabin Features:

Cabins w/Private Restroom  
Sleeps (5-10) Persons Each

## General Cabin Features:

Sleeps (7-13) Persons Each  
Select Cabins w/Seating Table  
Twin Sized Bunk Beds  
Heated for Winter Comfort  
Access to Restrooms & Showers

## Additional Features Available:

Recreation and Dining Hall(s)  
Amplitheater and Campfire Pits  
Sports and Recreation Areas  
Lighted Picnic Areas with BBQ

## Attractions:

0.7 Mile, Pinecrest Lake & Marina  
0.7 Mile, Pinecrest Town Center  
0.7 Mile, Pinecrest Amplitheater  
2.0 Mile, Dodge Ridge Ski/Snowboard  
4.0 Mile, Cleo's Bath River Pools

## Nearby Attractions:

10 Min, Long Barn Ice Rink  
10 Min, Aspen Meadows Pack Station  
15 Min, Leland Meadows Snow Park  
20 Min, Crabtree Trailhead  
20 Min, Donnelle Lake Vista Overlook  
20 Min, Twain Harte Golf Course  
20 Min, Kennedy Meadow Pack Station  
25 Min, Black Oak Casino  
40 Min, Columbia State Park  
45 Min, Moaning Caverns



# PINECREST LAKE



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2870 Dodge Ridge Rd.  
Pinecrest, CA 95364

ELEVATION 5,600'  
(MAP NOT TO SCALE)



**NORTH**

Rental facilities and lodging for Group Retreats,  
Special Events, Recreation and Much More!

A premier Sierra destination, open year round!

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at Camp Sylvester!*

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## Waiver, Release and Indemnity

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### Camp Sylvester WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNITY

I understand and agree that my participation in events, programs, races, or activities organized, operated, conducted and/or sanctioned by Camp Sylvester is conditional upon my execution of this document.

1. I am aware that camping and related activities involve the possibility of injury or death.
2. I accept these risks, and all others arising from these events and programs, even if arising from the negligence, gross negligence or negligent rescue by those associated in any way with the Camp Sylvester events and programs I may be involved in, the venues at which these events and programs take place or by those organizing, officiating, or participating in these events and programs throughout the year, including their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, servants, volunteers and representatives (the "Releasees").
3. I understand that all applicable rules for participation must be followed and that **SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY PERSONAL SAFETY REMAINS WITH ME**, including my physical and emotional preparation and fitness to participate in all events and programs throughout the year.
4. I undertake and agree to remove myself from participation if I sense or observe any unusual hazard or unsafe condition.
5. I give, a **FULL RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND ALL CLAIMS** that I have, or may have in the future, against Camp Sylvester, participating program organization, and all other Releasees from all liability for any loss, damage, injury or expense that I may suffer as a result of my participation in any part or parts of the events or programs or my presence at any venue at which they may take place, due to any cause whatsoever including the forms of negligence set forth in paragraph (2) above or from any breach of contract or statutory duty or other duty of care including any duty of care owed by the Releasees.
6. I **AGREE NOT TO SUE** and I further agree **TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE HARMLESS** the Releasees from all expenses, fees, liability or damage award or cost of any type whatsoever arising from my participation in these events or programs. I **HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNITY**. I am aware that by signing this agreement I am waiving substantial legal rights (on my behalf and on behalf of the heirs, executors, administrators and next of kin), including the giving up of my rights to sue.

### Camp Sylvester GENERAL FACILITY USE AGREEMENT (CONTINUATION OF PREVIOUS (FRONT SIDE OF RESERVATION AGREEMENT):

7. Camper/Guest understands that Camp Sylvester and/or its employees do not provide cleaning services. It is **NOT** the duty or responsibility of Camp Staff to clean facilities, bathrooms or any other buildings. Camper/Guest upon departure is required to complete a comprehensive cleaning of all facilities used.
8. Camp Staff, will open and close Camp, instruct Camper/Guest on use of equipment and provide basic supplies including: electric service (for general use), running water (hot water limited), toilet paper, paper towels, light bulbs, hand soap, hair and body wash, appropriate surface and floor detergents and cleaner for sanitation management. Any equipment failures, or restock of supplies shall be reported to Camp Staff.
9. All Campers/Guests to furnish bedding (sheets, blankets, sleeping bag and/or pillow), hygiene products, bathing towel, food or any other item necessary.
10. Camper/Guest acknowledges and accepts that Camp facilities may be rented independently of other on-site facilities and services. Camper/Guest agrees to maintain the privacy of other guests/groups that may be staying on site and will not intrude or interrupt other guests and/or groups staying at Camp during the rental period. Rental of Camp does not include open use of other on-site areas not defined on the contracted Reservation Agreement such as: other recreation and/or dining halls, guest house cabins, amphitheater, sport courts/fields and/or bathroom facilities.
11. Camper/Guest accepts and agrees to be responsible for all damages or injury done to persons or property while on the Camp property. Camper/Guest understands Camper/Guest may be individually charged for damages and agree to pay for repair and/or replacement of damaged property including labor and materials.
12. Camper/Guest understands all campfires must be within defined campfire rings. All open flame campfires must be attended at all time and should be extinguished by midnight.
13. Camper/Guest understands all buildings used during your stay must be cleaned, swept and mopped prior to departure. Buildings not properly cleaned at departure will be assessed additional charges.
14. Camper/Guest agrees to only use Scotch Blue Painters Tape on surfaces for mounting of decoration and signage and agree not to graffiti walls and/or bunks.



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15. Camper/Guest agrees not to parking in fire lanes or emergency access routes, parking permitted in defined areas only (do not park vehicles near cabins).
16. Camper/Guest agrees not to remove beds or furnishings from assigned cabins, buildings and/or designated areas.
17. Camper/Guest understands that area heating units are for use during cool season months (October-May) and will not be available for use during the summer season unless determined necessary by Camp Staff.
18. Camper/Guest understands that additional rules and regulations are posted on site and will do their part to review and understands these additional rules and regulations apply during their Event/Group stay at Camp.
19. Camper/Guest understands that no pets are allowed at Camp excepted those certified for medical need (example: seeing eye dogs).
20. Camper/Guest understands tampering with emergency and safety equipment is a punishable felony and may result in fines up to \$500.00 per occurrence/incident.
21. Camper/Guest understands that cleaning charges of \$150.00 per occurrence and fines of \$50.00 per occurrence will be charged to the Applicant(s) for discharging fire extinguishers in a non-emergency.
22. Camper/Guest understands that National Forest Service Law defines that the hours between 10:00 PM – 7:00 AM are 'Quiet Hours' and Camper/Guest will respect Camp's neighbors and reduce excess noise during 'Quiet Hours'. If excess noise continues into 'Quite Hours', the Camper/Guest will be given warning to quite down. Camper/Guest and/or camper guests who continue to generate excess noise as determined by Camp Staff will be removed from the property without refund.
23. Camper/Guest understands that National Forest Service Law does NOT permit the use of equipment that generate amplified sound such as stereos, loudspeakers, DJ equipment or excessively loud / amplified instruments (example: drums, electric guitar).
24. Camper/Guest understands that smoking is not permitted anywhere on or adjacent to the Camp site.
25. Camper/Guest understands that available vehicle parking is limited at Camp and Applicant(s) will do their part to organize available carpools for guest campers.
26. Camper/Guest understands hot water for showers is limited and agrees to inform guests/campers to take short showers when necessary during large group visits.
27. Camper/Guest understands that Camp is located in a natural environment setting and is subject to Sierra weather conditions including snow and heavy rains. Camper/Guest acknowledges that it is their responsibility to understand weather reports and be prepared for unexpected weather conditions and its affect such as ground flooding and power outages.
28. Camper/Guest staying at Camp shall not arrive on site before designated check-in time and all guests and/or groups shall be completely checked-out and off site by designated check-out time.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENTAL CONSENT FOR MINOR PARTICIPANT and INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

I have read and understood the above waiver, release and indemnity, and have discussed the same with the minor person signing above. I am satisfied the said minor understands the waiver and release and his/her obligations are set out. In consideration of the participation of my minor child/ward I too agree to waive, release and indemnify the Releasees, including Camp Sylvester and any related individual employee or agent thereof, in the terms set out above. I am aware that by signing this agreement I am waiving substantial legal rights, which my minor child/ward and I, our respective heirs, executors, administrators and next of kin may have against the Releasees.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_