## Conejo Valley Fly Fishers

Newsletter for January 2018

Established 1983



#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018

Fly tying workshop and/or fly fishing video.

## FLY TYING DEMONSTRATORS: GARY SCOTT, MIKE WEIGAND

and possible mystery "surprise tyer"

#### OPEN TO MEMBERS, GUESTS AND THE PUBLIC

#### **MEETING LOCATION**

**Church of Christ** 

2525 E Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

#### **CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE**

-6:30-7:00 pm:

Set-up / Meet & Greet

- 7:00-8:30pm:

Program / Speaker / Presentation



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#### **CAN THERE BE TOO MUCH WATER?**

It looks like this winter won't be much like last winter with record snowfalls in the Sierra, and although California is always chronically short of water it would be nice if Mother Nature could assume a little restraint sometimes.

I think we all celebrated the copious amounts of moisture dumped on the Sierra last year, however as a fisherman that watery largesse produced some challenges come springtime. It seems we didn't even see "spring like" water conditions until late August, and then only on running water. Most of the still water fisheries, and especially Crowley Lake, were full to the brim for most of the season requiring the use of long leaders and challenging casting.

I don't lament the fact that we had an embarrassment of riches last season when it comes to water as it is always better to have more than less when it comes to habitat and access, but a few normal winters in a row would do a lot to mollify me.

So continue to pray for rain (or sacrifice animals or whatever you do to placate the gods), but in moderation. I'd like to be able to fish some normal runoff this spring instead of having to worry about the snugness of my wading belt.

Happy New Year and I hope you all have great fishing in 2018!

Scott Olson, Conejo Valley Fly Fishers, President

## MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE FOR 2018



#### Membership dues for 2018 are now due.

- Annual dues are \$50 per family living at the same address.
- Membership is per calendar year.
- New members joining in the last quarter have their membership extended through the following year.
- There is a one-time additional \$10 fee for each name badge.
- Please indicate if you would like additional name badges for family members and include \$10 for each.
- Student (under 18) dues are \$10.

Please see KIT KORF, membership chairman, to make payment in person.

### HERE'S WHAT YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES DID FOR YOU IN 2017!

#### **GREAT GUEST SPEAKERS, INSTRUCTORS, TEACHERS:**

• Pat Jaegar, Cameron Cipponeri, Jim Cox, Steve Schalla

#### **MEMBERSHIP WITH PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS:**

- Fly Fishers International
- Cal Trout
- Trout Unlimited
- Southwest Council of The Fly fishers International (SWC-FFI)
- Trout in the classroom
- Casting for Recovery

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS THAT ARE NOT SO MUCH MISCELLANEOUS.

• Meeting room rentals, website hosting/domain name, club brochures, insurance.

#### WHAT IS INCLUDED BUT COSTS NOTHING!

- The time and energy of your knowledgeable board members, access to our website, newsletters, outings organizer, hosted parties, monthly club and fly tying meetings.
- The friendship and the sharing of ideas on how to become a better fly fisher!

#### ONLINE LINK TO MEMBERSHIP FORMS—click here

## CVFF Upcoming Outings for 2018



Hello Conejo Valley Fly Fisher members,

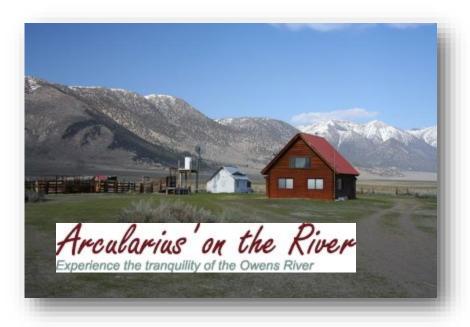
- I have put together the framework for a schedule of outings for the club and I would appreciate any feedback as I solidify the dates.
- If you know of a productive month to visit a certain destination then please let me know.
- My goal is to have at least one local outing per quarter and add in one to two "other than mammoth" trips in the better fishing months.

#### **HERE'S WHERE I AM STARTING FOR 2018:**

- ⇒ January —to be announced
- ⇒ Mid-February Lower Owens for BWO hatch mid February
- ⇒ June/July 2018 San Joaquin / Reds Meadow at road opening, when the flow is 100-150 cfs
  - ⇒ Mid-August Mammoth's "Hopper hatch" \*\* Trying to secure Arcularius Ranch
    - ⇒ September Nor Cal Sac, McCloud etc....

If you have any energy on where, when etc please let me know via email:

charley@bealsagency.com











More info: click here

**Video of the month:** "WE are in love with fly fishing, but are we loving it to death?" Check out this <u>educational video</u> beautifully documented.



January 6, 13, 20, 2018 9:00am -12:00 noon Pasadena Casting Club Google Maps

Teach the Teachers is a comprehensive course designed to teach casting instructors, or those wanting to become casting instructors, step-by-step techniques for teaching the basic casts, as well as techniques to diagnose and fix the most common casting faults.

**Emphasis** will be placed on developing a "clear and concise" delivery for teaching fly casting.

**The cost** for the three sessions is \$65 for FFI members and \$85 for non-FFI members. Please see the website for registration and payment information.

**CONTACT:** Tim Lawson by phone at (323) 303-7438 or e-mail: tlawson11@hotmail.com

More info-click here

## January 2018 News

"Teach the Teachers"

program being put on by the SWC that will have classes on



Check out the club's meeting
information in the
"Calendar Section" of your
local Acorn Newspaper!
And remember to
"invite a friend!"









Many of those attending the CVFF Holiday party got to meet guest and SWCFFI President, Bill O'Kelly. Here is a letter addressed to the many fly fishing clubs that are part of the Southwest Council.

#### **December 4, 2017**

Southwest Council Clubs

Hi, as I hope all of you have heard, I took over as president of the Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International when Michael Schweit stepped down this past July after serving for 8 years. I share Michael's vision of making the Southwest Council a relevant entity for fly fishers of Southern California and Southern Nevada.

While I know some of you, I apologize for not introducing myself sooner to the rest of you, but I was diagnosed with a serious health issue just before I took over from Michael. However, my doctors tell me my surgery went well and I am back to full strength, and I plan to be around for a long time!

In the past, the Southwest Council has been the grateful recipient of year-end donations from the clubs, as well as a \$1/member contribution for advertising purposes from several of the clubs. We have decided to forego advertising in Western Outdoor News for the coming year. However, as you are hopefully aware, we are in the planning stages of a 2018 Southwest Council Fly Fishing Faire at the Glendale Civic Auditorium on October 20-21, 2018. We are very excited about this opportunity and have received very positive signs that we will be able to have at least 40 vendor spaces sold, perhaps more, which should make this Faire at least 25% larger than the Bishop Faire with our array of casting and fly tying classes, a few on-the-water clinics and presentations. It's shaping up to be a very exciting event!

We hope to have a paid professional marketing person to assist us in promoting the Southwest Council Fly Fishing Faire so we can raise money to help replenish the funds we had to forego by not having the Southwest Council Fly Fishing Faire in 2017 and to bolster the funds available so that we can create more offerings for our members to participate in thereafter

I very much appreciate your club considering making a donation to the Southwest Council so that we can strengthen the fly fishing community in Southern California and Southern Nevada. I hope to see you and any of your Board Members at our Club Management/Quarterly Meeting at the Izaak Walton Clubhouse, hosted by the Deep Creek Fly Fishers on Saturday, January 20, 2018. For those of you who haven't attended previously, this is where we meet and share our clubs' best practices and try to solve problems that our clubs' may be having by engaging in break out groups where your Southwest Council Board of Director members can share ideas with Board of Director members from other clubs who hold the same position. This is typically considered the most productive Quarterly Meeting we have.

Please send any donations to our Southwest Council Treasurer: **Steve Schalla at 1213 Sunset Place, Ojai, CA 93023.** You can also "donate" on the Southwest Council Fly Fishers International website at: <a href="http://www.swcffi.org/donate">http://www.swcffi.org/donate</a>

I welcome any suggestions you may have regarding what you and your club would like to see from the Southwest Council in the upcoming year(s).

Happy Holidays, Bill O'Kelly (805) 559-2972



#### **CA SPORTFISHING LEAGUE**

#### January 2018

STUDY: Sportfishing Faces Threat of "Death Spiral"

The California Sportfishing League has released a study that finds that the high cost of purchasing an "annual" recreational fishing license has proven to be a formidable barrier to access and has contributed to an unprecedented decline in recreational fishing. **READ MORE...** 



#### CALIFORNIA TROUT Solving complex



resource issues while balancing the needs of wild fish and people.

#### January 2018-McCloud River Redband Trout

The trout from above the impassable Middle Falls of the McCloud River have been genetically isolated for thousands of years and evolved into their own distinct fish known as **McCloud River Redband Trout**.

They are thought to be one of the oldest populations of Rainbow trout. Today, this species is on life support. The drought nearly wiped them out, but rescue efforts by CDFW have allowed them continued survival for now. Click on photo below to watch the video or go to: https://vimeo.com/246189347



#### Please visit the Conejo Valley Fly Fisher's



#### TROUT UNLIMITED

**National Monuments: Stand Up for Great American Places** 

**January 2018**—Congress has wasted no time in trying to take away your birthright. While some say it's simply "transfer" — an effort to "better manage" public lands — the truth is, the distance between transferring and selling public lands is very short. Most states that would manage these lands have already sold significant portions of their formerly public state land to the highest seller.

**Public lands are our birthright as American citizens. And we will not give them up.** Whether you call it sale, transfer, or divestiture, allowing public lands to fall from public ownership would represent the triumph of cynicism over democracy. We — you and me, all of us who own these lands by virtue of our citizenship — can make sure that never happens. **Read about Monumental Myths at:** <a href="https://www.tu.org/blog-posts/monumental-myths-part-1">https://www.tu.org/blog-posts/monumental-myths-part-1</a>







Wounded Veterans Find Peace Through the Serenity of Fly Fishing

Two veterans experience the trip of a lifetime to Magic Waters Patagonia—<u>read more...</u>



#### Please visit the Conejo Valley Fly Fisher's calendar online at:

http://www.conejovalleyflyfishers.com/mark-your-calendar/

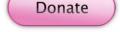






RETREAT 2018: May 18-20, 2018 Application deadline: by March 9, 2018

UCLA Lake Arrowhead Conference Center, Lake Arrowhead, CA Women from southern CA are eligible to apply to this retreat.



Online application link: https://castingforrecovery.org/breast-cancer-retreats/southern-california/



#### **COASTAL CONSERVATION** ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA (CCA)

Coastal Conservation Association of California and Bill Varney announced this week that the 2018 CCA CAL SportFishing Tide Calendar is now available at tackle stores, landings and all Turner's Outdoorsman stores.

This year's calendar has more than just great pictures, important dates and tide charts—it has prizes



too! CCA of CA will be holding a monthly drawing with prizes from sponsors including AF-TCO, Accurate, Sumo Tackle, HookUp Baits, Costa, Promar, Dana Wharf Sportfishing, **The Fred Hall Shows** and more. Each calendar is marked with a special entry number.

Winners will be announced the third Saturday of each month on "Let's Talk Hook Up", radio 1090am.







We meet for dinner and a presentation by a guest speaker each month with the exceptions of March, August, September, and December. Our monthly meetings are usually held at the Olympic Collection, 11301 Olympic Boulevard in West Los Angeles (the corner of Sawtelle and Olympic.)

Generally, we meet on the Tuesday before the third Thursday of the month. (But be sure and check the Events Calendar to confirm date and place – and to make your reservation!)

\* Members and nonmembers alike are welcome.

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http://www.conejovalleyflyfishers.com/newsletter/







January Monthly Meeting SPEAKER: Charles Jardin—"Streams of Consciousness" January 17, 2018—7:00 PM until 9:00 PM Church of the Foothills 6279 Foothill, Ventura, CA Prepare yourself for a unique insight into the life of one of the world's most accomplished fly fishermen. Streams of Consciousness – 50 Years of Learning will cover lessons learnt fishing the USA but also the hard core of competition and European river strategies. The program will explore Charles' belief that: "All techniques have relevance when fishing any river, anywhere, any place in this universe. Tactics (and fish) know no barriers or languages."

#### OUTING TEASER-2018 THE BIGHORN RIVER

—Catch a 20-inch trout on a size 20 dry fly. Here's your chance to join the Sespe 20 x 20 Club on the Bighorn River, Montana, August 2018.



#### **Monthly Meeting**

Speaker: Charles Jardine "Streams of Conciousness 6pm - Social Hour 7 pm - Dinner and Program

January 18, 2018, 6:00 PM Monterey at Encino 16821 Burbank Blvd Encino, CA 91436 818-789-1919 ext 10 **Registration is not Required** 

- Meeting is open to everyone.
- Dinner is optional.
- Please make dinner reservations directly with Monterey at Encino by phone or email (preferred).





#### TEACH THE TEACHERS IS BACK!!

The course has been scheduled from 9 am until 12 noon on January 6, 13, and 20, 2018. All classes will be held at the **Pasadena Casting Club.** 

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Ever Heard of the Saying "10% of the Anglers catch 90% of the fish"? Let Fishermen's Spot teach you to become one of the 10%!





Have you been thinking about learning to fly fish but thought it was too difficult? We have the class for you! Learning to fly fish with Fishermen's Spot is fun and easy and we will teach you everything you need to know to embark on a lifetime of angling enjoyment.

- ⇒ Introduction to Fly Fishing Class
- ⇒ Introduction To Fly Tying
- ⇒ Private Casting Classes
- ⇒ Introduction to Fly Fishing the Surf Classes

**To Enroll** Call or email Dean Endress to make arrangements or get more information (818) 785-7306 or 411@fishermensspot.com

**MORE INFORMATION—click here** 



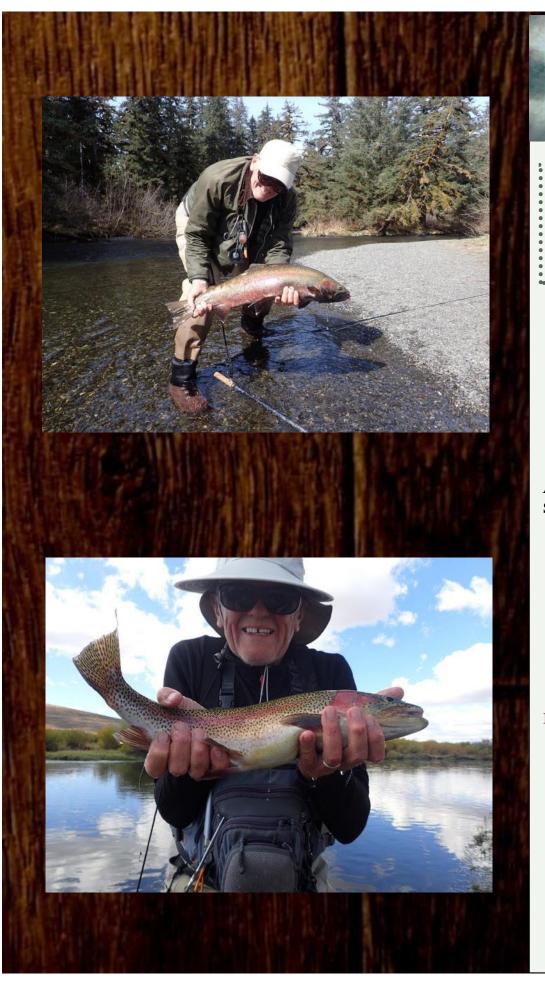
#### **Scott Olson**

an 8 lb. / 26.5 inch cutthroat on Pyramid Lake in Nevada.

#### Steve Anderson's

"cutty" - Photo courtesy of Jimmy Toy







New member

#### **Ken Walters**

showing off his "mad skills" at fly fishing.

**Above:** Steelhead on the Setuk River near Yakatak Alaska April 2017

**Below:** Missouri River below Holter dam July 2017

Check out our "New Member Feature Page" on our website.





2017 Christmas Party many thanks to Mike & Patti Weigand!

Photos top to bottom:

Betty & Kit Korf

Richard & Regina O'Neill

Vanessa Renna

~ \* ~

#### **Steve Anderson**

\* apologies to anyone who was missed by the photographer!







Left to Right:

Matt Rubin, Chuck Hiatt Nadine Hiatt

## Bob "ROK" Kieling

...pondering the meaning of his BIG "F" PIE!



Mardi & David Fox

> Beth & Charley Beals

Scott
&
Marilyn
Olson
sitting with
Jim Kottra







Mike Bowden & Gary Scott

Carol Scott & Mike Weigand

Bill O'Kelly & Rich & Judy Bollinger

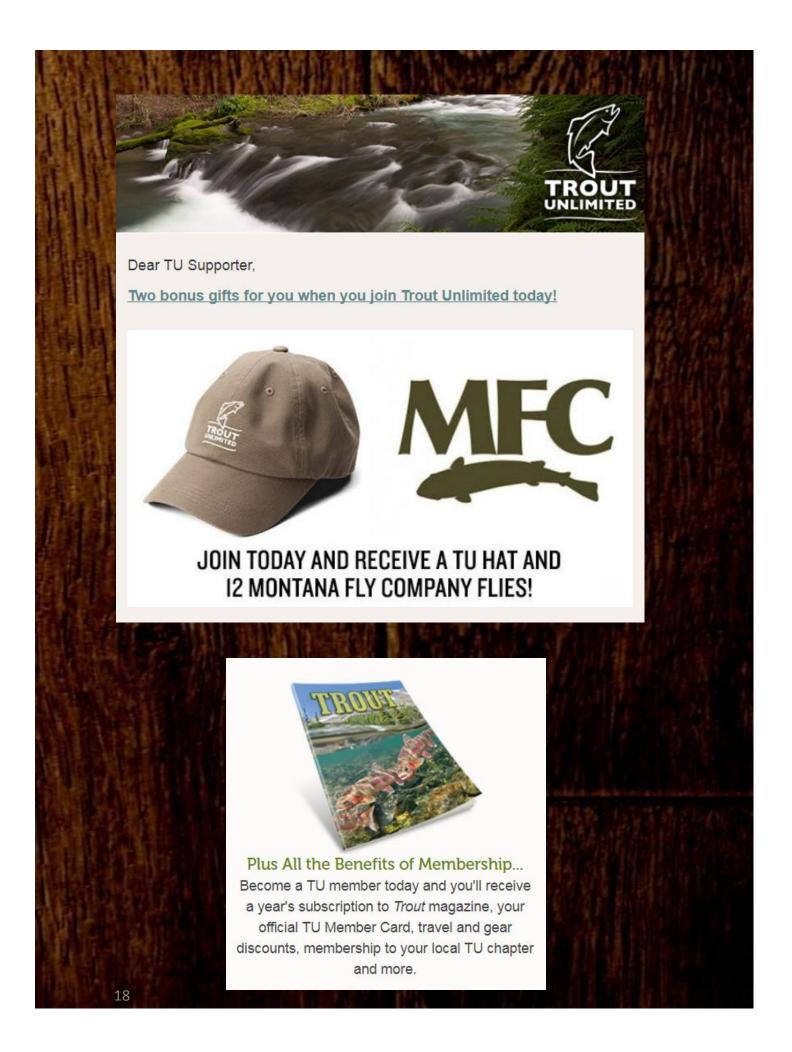


## Mike & Patti Weigand's

New Year's Day Photos from Henry's Lake. 63° inside... 5° outside!! Brrr!

CONEJO VALLEY FLY FISHERS WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR!





#### TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM VIDEO

Click on **YouTube** image below:





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Connecting Students with their Watersheds

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**CVFF Member: Rich Bollinger** 

#### Waiting for upcoming dates!

**Location:** 

Address:

Time:

Free Workshop!

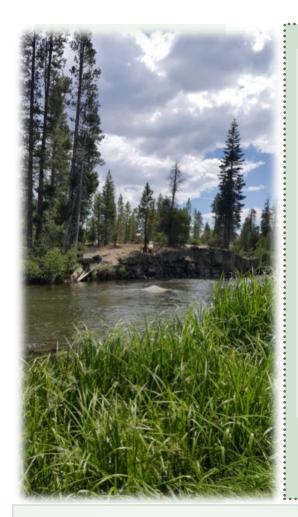
#### **South Coast Region CAEP Coordinators**

Jennifer O'Brien:

Jennifer.Obrien@wildlife.ca.gov

#### **Dwayne Maxwell:**

Dwayne.Maxwell@wildlife.ca.gov



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Be sure to explore www.troutintheclassroom.org to learn more.

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#### TIC tank Peach Hill School video on YouTube!



## Conejo Valley Fly Fisher's

**Charley Beals** 

If you have any suggestions for outings— please let me know via email: <a href="mailto:charley@bealsagency.com">charley@bealsagency.com</a>



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#### September 2018

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Fly Fishers
generally meet on
the Wednesday
after
the first Thursday
of every month

#### **LOCATION:**

Church of Christ, 2525 E Hillcrest Dr, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362 For more information, please call 805-498-2944 (Kit Korf)

#### **SCHEDULE:**

5:00 - 6:30 Dinner at:

- CISCO'S, 925 S Westlake Blvd, Westlake Village, CA 91361

6:30 - 7:00 Fly Tying / "Fly of the Month" - Gary Scott

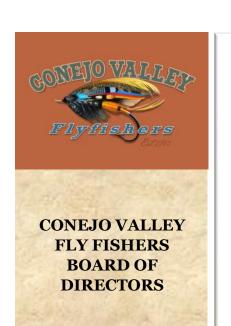
7:00 - 7:30 Club business

7:30 - 9:30 Program



#### 2018 UPCOMING MEETINGS (subject to change)

- ♦ January 10—Fly Tying Demonstrations
- February 8— Speaker / To Be Determined
- March to December—to be announced
- Meetings online— <u>click here</u>



President: Scott Olson / solson@loair.com

**Secretary:** Bob Kieling / <u>bkieling@aol.com</u> / 805-509-5555

**Treasurer / Membership:** Kit Korf

korfknb@netzero.net / (805) 498-2944

#### **Trout in the Classroom:**

Gary Scott / grsfish@hotmail.com

Rich Bollinger / RichBollinger@msn.com

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Fundraiser Chairman: Peter Sumner / allaboutscreens@gmail.com

Raffle Chairman: Rich Bollinger / RichBollinger@msn.com

Newsletter/Website: Cece Rubin / <a href="mailto:cwr.music@gmail.com">cwr.music@gmail.com</a>

Club Outings: Charley Beals / Charley@bealsagency.com

#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_ (Check one): New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

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Email:
address.
membership extended through the following year.
ne badge.
adges for family members and include \$10 for each.
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ly Fishers , 2970 Diana Court, Newbury Park, CA 91320
I WISH TO HELP WITH
THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:
Trout in the classroom Membership
Conservation
Fundraiser
Newsletter Trips/Outings
Other

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Sierra Classica Fly Rods by ROK

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PLEASE VISIT: Conejo Valley Fly Fishers Calendar <a href="http://www.conejovalleyflyfishers.com/cvff-calendar/">http://www.conejovalleyflyfishers.com/cvff-calendar/</a>

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#### Convict Lake Cozy Mountain Cabins Near Mammoth Lakes!



We have 28 cozy mountain cabins and 3 lodges that can accommodate from 2 to 34 people. All cabins are pet-friendly, fully furnished, warmly heated with forced air and/or wall heaters, have free Wi-Fi, propane grills, DirectTV, fully equipped kitchens, paper products, towels, and bedding.

#### Click here for Resort Wide Lodging Availability Calendar

If you cannot find the dates or the cabin that you want... call the reservation department at 760-934-3800

- ♦ Nestled in the aspens of Convict Canyon, below the towering peak of Mount Morrison and adjacent to a 170 acre crystal clear lake, Convict Lake Resort provides the perfect setting for a romantic getaway, family vacation, special occasion, stop on your annual road trip or base camp for your favorite Eastern Sierra adventure.
- Relax in one of our cozy cabins or deluxe lodges.
- Dine in casual elegance at The Restaurant at Convict Lake.
- Escape in the majesty of the scenery, wildflowers and fall colors.
- ♦ Fish in our lakes and streams.
- ♦ Explore trails on foot, horseback, skis, snowshoes or snowmobile.
- ♦ Revel in the history and geological significance of our region.
- ♦ If you cannot find what you are looking for and would like assistance in making a reservation or to book lodging specials, 1 night or weekly stays, please contact our reservation department directly at 760-934-3800 X 1 info@convictlake.com