

# WAKALU HEP YO VISITOR ACTIVITIES

All programs are held at the amphitheater at the Wakalu Hep Yo Campground. From Highway 4 at Dorrington go 5 miles on Boards Crossing Road. Call 209-795-1381 for information.

## SATURDAY ACTIVITIES



### PINE NEEDLE BASKET WEAVING

JULY 9, AUGUST 6  
6 - 8 P.M. \$5 FEE

Follow Me-Wuk basket weaver Arvada Fisher's stories while she guides your hands in the art of pine needle basketry. An appreciation of basket weaving is guaranteed.

### WAKALU HEP YO JUNIOR RANGERS

JULY 30, AUGUST 13 • 2 P.M. - 3 P.M. • FREE

Hands-on activities will introduce kids ages 4-12 to the world we live in and how to care for the outdoors we love. Earn your Junior Ranger badge.

### FISH N' FISH PRINTING

JUNE 25, JULY 9, 23, AUGUST 6 • 2 P.M. - 3 P.M.  
\$5 FEE FOR T-SHIRT OR TOTE BAG; PAPER IS FREE

We will begin promptly at 2:00 with a 15-minute talk about local fish and fish conservation. Then participants will create their own unique fish prints on T-shirts, tote bags, or paper using rubber molds and acrylic paints. Children under seven must be assisted by an adult.



Stanislaus River from the overlook at Wakalu Hep Yo

## WAKALU HEP YO CAMPGROUND SATURDAY AMPHITHEATER PROGRAMS FREE

### JUNE 18 • BATTY ABOUT OUR INSECT-EATING FRIENDS?

Live bats of California native species will be presented for viewing and discussion. Participants will learn the importance of bats in our environment and the harmful myths that surround them. 2 - 3 P.M.

### JUNE 25 • WHAT THE HECK IS WAKALU HEP YO?

Traditional practitioner Fred Velasquez explains what was here before it was a campground and how it came to be known as Wa-Ka-Lu Hep-Yo. 7 - 8 P.M.

### JULY 2 • FIRE IN THE SIERRA

Meet with Smokey Bear and Stanislaus National Forest fire prevention officer Sandra Carpenter to learn about fire in the forests of the Sierra Nevada mountains. 2 - 3 P.M.

### JULY 23 • FLINT KNAPPING

The Me-Wuk people crafted arrowheads from obsidian that were both beautiful and deadly. Traditional practitioner Fred Velasquez demonstrates this ancient art. 7 - 8 P.M.

### JULY 30 • THESE PLANTS, THESE ROCKS, THIS PLACE

Every plant, every rock, everything about this special place tells a meaningful story about the Native Americans who lived here for thousands of years. 7 - 8 P.M.

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## ARNOLD RIM TRAIL ACTIVITIES

The Arnold Rim Trail is a work in progress with collaboration between volunteers and Calaveras County, State Park, and U.S. Forest Service agencies. See [www.arnoldrimtrail.org](http://www.arnoldrimtrail.org) for details.

### SUNSET HIKES

MAY 21, JUNE 19, JULY 17, AUG. 18, SEPT. 16, OCT. 15

Meeting point is the upper parking area (closest to Lakemont) on Valley View Drive. Meeting time is 1 hour, 45 minutes before sunset.

### ARNOLD RIM TRAIL WORK DAYS (3RD SAT. OF MONTH)

JUNE 18, JULY 16, AUG. 20, SEPT. 17, OCT. 15, NOV. 19

8:30 A.M. - NOON (OR EARLIER)

Get involved, help build the Arnold Rim Trail. Meet at the Forest Service District office at Hathaway Pines and be prepared for a morning of fun work and camaraderie. Wear sturdy shoes, clothing in layers. Bring water, snack, and your favorite hand tool.

### DEATH RIDE

SATURDAY, JULY 9

ARTA Ebbetts Pass Aid Station, July 9

## FOREST SERVICE ACTIVITIES

### OHV VOLUNTEER TRAIL WORK DAYS

MAY 29, JUNE 11, JULY 9, AUG 13, SEPT. 10, OCT. 8

8:30 A.M. - NOON (OR EARLIER)

Meet at the Forest Service office in Hathaway Pines.

Scan this QR Code with your mobile device to visit the Stanislaus National Forest website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/stanislaus/>



## CALAVERAS RANGER DISTRICT

The Calaveras Ranger District encompasses the Highway 4 corridor in the northwest portion of the Stanislaus National Forest. The District has almost anything an outdoor enthusiast could desire. This beautiful place serves people interested in hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, camping, fishing, rafting, skiing and snowmobiling. It's a haven for wildlife watchers and wildflower admirers.



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Calaveras Ranger District

# Interpretive Programs and Activities



Lake Alpine from Inspiration Point

Learn about the Stanislaus National Forest by attending ranger-led programs sponsored by Three Forests Interpretive Association (3FIA).

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# 2016 LAKE ALPINE SCHEDULE OF INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS • ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE

## REGULAR WEEKLY PROGRAMS

### WEDNESDAYS

#### LAKE ALPINE JUNIOR RANGERS

JUNE 22 TO AUGUST 17 • LAKE ALPINE AMPHITHEATER • 2 - 3 P.M.  
Hands-on activities will introduce kids ages 4-12 to the world we live in and how to care for the outdoors we love. Activities will include fun and creative nature journaling and interactive games pertaining to the program topic of the week (see following columns for topics).

### THURSDAYS

#### FUN LUNCH HIKES

JUNE 23 TO AUGUST 18 • 10 A.M. - 1 P.M.  
MEET AT THE LAKE ALPINE AMPHITHEATER  
Hike with a Forest Service guide to a destination of spectacular scenery, geology, and wonder.

#### ANIMAL TRACKING

JUNE 23 TO AUGUST 18 • MARMOT DAY USE AREA • 2 - 3 P.M.  
Learn to read tracks and scats left by wildlife. Meet our petable taxidermy animals. Each participant will receive one small plaster animal track for free; additional small tracks and larger tracks will be available in exchange for a donation to 3FIA. Held in the Marmot Day Use Area at the picnic tables near the parking lot.

### FRIDAYS

#### GUIDED WALK

JUNE 24 TO AUGUST 19 • 11 A.M. - 12 P.M.  
MEET AT THE LAKE ALPINE AMPHITHEATER  
Join a ranger for an easy stroll along the lakeshore and learn about the natural and cultural history of Lake Alpine.

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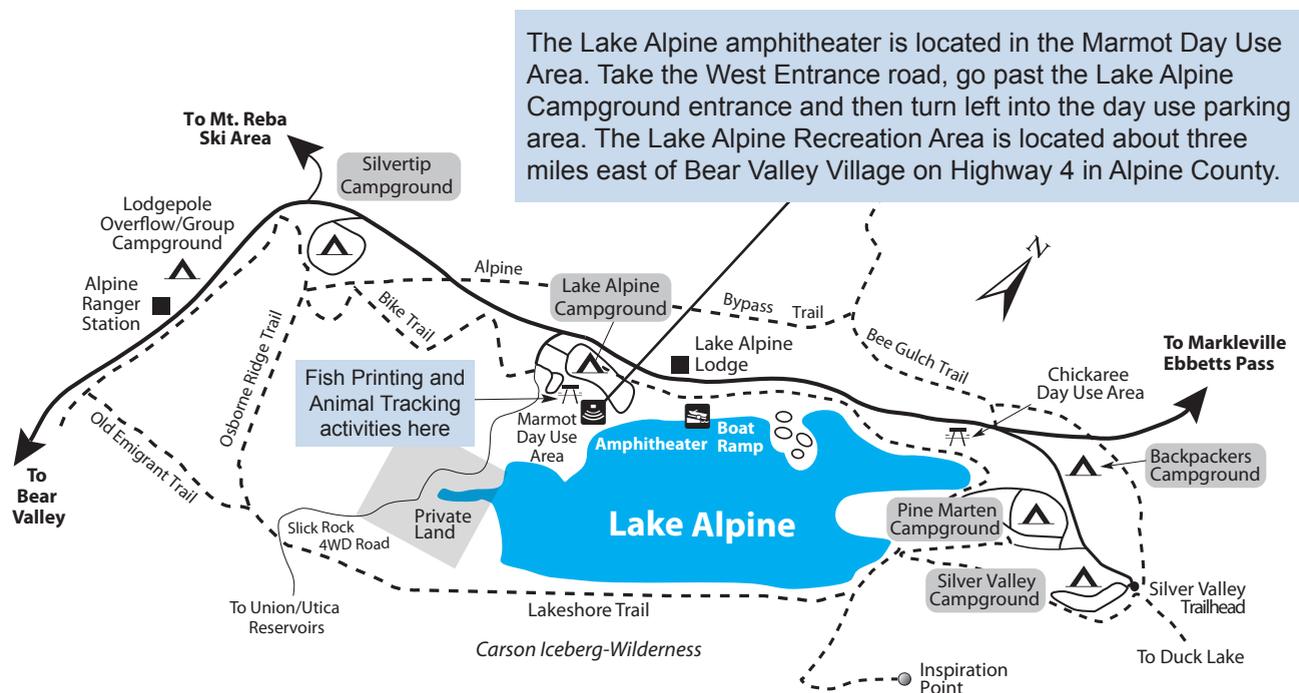
### SATURDAYS

#### LAKE ALPINE JUNIOR RANGERS:

JUNE 25 TO AUGUST 20 • LAKE ALPINE AMPHITHEATER • 2 - 3 P.M.  
See description under Wednesday above.

**EVENING PROGRAMS:** See following columns.

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## TOPICS BY WEEK • SATURDAY EVENING PROGRAMS • SPECIAL PROGRAMS

### BAT DAY • JUNE 18

**BATTY ABOUT OUR INSECT-EATING FRIENDS**  
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### CELEBRATING WILDFLOWERS WEEK • JUNE 22 - 25

**EVENING PROGRAM: WILDFLOWERS OF LAKE ALPINE**  
SATURDAY, JUNE 25 • LAKE ALPINE AMPHITHEATER • 7 - 8 P.M.  
Join Stanislaus National Forest botanist Autumn Olsen for a colorful program on local flora. She will bring in live flowers of some plants and photographs of others. Learn about the common and rare plants found in our forest.

### FIRE IN THE SIERRA WEEK • JUNE 29 - JULY 2

**EVENING PROGRAM: FIRE IN THE FOREST**  
SATURDAY, JULY 2 • LAKE ALPINE AMPHITHEATER • 7 - 8 P.M.  
Meet with Smokey Bear and Stanislaus National Forest fire prevention officer Sandra Carpenter. Learn about fire prevention and fire ecology in the forests of the Sierra Nevada mountains. They will show you how to build a safe campfire and put it dead out.

### BEAR WEEK • JULY 6 - 9

**EVENING PROGRAM: ARE YOU BEAR AWARE?**  
SATURDAY, JULY 9 • LAKE ALPINE AMPHITHEATER • 7 - 8 P.M.  
Shelly Blair with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife will present a program on how you can stay safe from bears and keep them safe and wild at the same time.

### WILDLIFE OF THE SIERRA WEEK • JULY 13 - 16

**EVENING PROGRAM: WILDLIFE AMBASSADORS**  
SATURDAY, JULY 16 • LAKE ALPINE AMPHITHEATER • 7 - 8 P.M.  
Meet the ambassadors live at Lake Alpine including a barn owl, red-tailed hawk, saw-whet owl, screech owl, great horned owl, and domestic bunny. Members of Tri County Wildlife Care bring these rescue animals to you along with lessons on wildlife conservation and living green.

### WATERSHED WEEK • JULY 20 - 23

**SPECIAL JUNIOR RANGER: SIERRA SOILS EXTRAVAGANZA**  
JULY 20 • LAKE ALPINE AMPHITHEATER • 2 - 3 P.M.  
Let's dig in and explore the soils of the forest! Look at and touch soils to investigate their different colors and textures. Get the dirt on how a fire can change a soil. Race water through different soils and see how fast it flows. Learn how trees drink soil's water... and more!

### WATERSHED WEEK • JULY 20 - 23 (CONTINUED)

**SPECIAL FUN LUNCH HIKE: FROM LAKE TO LAVA**  
JULY 21 • 10 A.M. - 1 P.M. • MEET AT LAKE ALPINE AMPHITHEATER  
Hike to Inspiration Point and observe how rock, soil, and vegetation change along the way. Explore relationships between forests, water, and soil. Learn about the Sierra Nevada water cycle, the effects of drought on these mountains, and other ways our forests are changing. Three miles round-trip, moderately strenuous.

### EVENING PROGRAM: WATERSHED FUN

SATURDAY, JULY 23 • LAKE ALPINE AMPHITHEATER • 7 - 8 P.M.  
Join rangers for a rousing evening of watershed games! Learn about where your water comes from, how it is used, and ways to conserve this precious commodity in competitive games! Prizes will be awarded!

### WILDERNESS ADVENTURE WEEK • JULY 27 - 30

**EVENING PROGRAM: STAN WILDERNESS ADVENTURE**  
SATURDAY, JULY 30 • LAKE ALPINE AMPHITHEATER • 7 - 8 P.M.  
Join backcountry rangers for an exciting adventure into wilderness areas of the Stanislaus National Forest.

### CULTURAL HISTORY WEEK • AUGUST 3 - 6

**EVENING PROGRAM: TALES OF LAKE ALPINE**  
SATURDAY, AUG. 6 • LAKE ALPINE AMPHITHEATER • 7 - 8 P.M.  
Visiting Lake Alpine is stepping into a place rich with cultural history and great tales of the olden days. Come join us to explore and learn about the powerful places where local history was created!

### GEOLOGY WEEK • AUGUST 10 - 13

**EVENING PROGRAM: LAKE ALPINE GEOLOGY**  
SATURDAY, AUG. 13 • LAKE ALPINE AMPHITHEATER • 7 - 8 P.M.  
Geologist Roger Putnam will take us back to 400 million years ago when this part of California was a shallow sea. He will trace the formation of the Sierra Nevada from low hills, to violent volcanos, to lofty peaks.

### BIRDS OF THE SIERRA WEEK • AUGUST 17 - 20

**SPECIAL JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM: BIRDS OF PREY**  
(SENIOR RANGERS AND BIRD ENTHUSIASTS WELCOME TOO!)  
SATURDAY, AUG. 20 • LAKE ALPINE AMPHITHEATER • 2 - 3 P.M.  
Barry Boulton and colleagues from the Central Sierra Audubon Society will bring their touchable taxidermy raptors and talk about the behaviors and characteristics of these birds of prey that inhabit the Sierra Nevada.

**EVENING PROGRAM: BIRDS OF THE HIGH SIERRA**  
SATURDAY, AUG. 20 • LAKE ALPINE AMPHITHEATER • 8 - 9 P.M.  
John Sterling will be guiding you on a virtual tour of birds in the high Sierra Nevada illustrated with his photographs and stories about their natural history.