Camping and Campground Information Continued...

**Campsite occupancy:** Campsites must be occupied the first night and cannot be unoccupied for more than 24 hours. Otherwise, your campsite may be closed or its reservations cancelled. In some cases, no more than two family campsites is 208 camp. Checktime for group camps is 12:00 noon.

**Group Camps:** Group camps have many of the same features offered at Forest Service family campgrounds but have tables, campfire rings, and grills. Your group is assured exclusive use of the group camp. For reservations call 1-877-444-6777.

**Season:** Most Forest Service campgrounds are open from Memorial Day through Labor Day. A few remain open all year. During the same months, most water systems are shut down; however, restroom facilities are available. The operating season for commercial campgrounds vary.

**Reservations:** Group Camps and selected family campground reservations are made through National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS) at 1-877-444-6777 or on the web at www.recreation.gov. Several of the public campgrounds in the Shasta Lake area are on a first come, first basis.

**Length of Stay:** Campground stays are limited to 14 days, as noted at the campground entrance. Campers on the lake shoreline are limited to 14 days per year. Houseboats without Forest Service permits are limited to 50 days per calendar year. Picnic and Day Use Areas are open between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

**Campfire permits:** are required when using campstoves, Ifi, barbecues, or when cooking outside of a designated campground. Campfire permits are available at no cost at any Forest Service, U.S. Fish or Bureau of Land Management office. Special restrictions: Some areas have special limitations regarding campfires. It is your responsibility to find out what these limitations are. The best way to do this is by contacting a Forest Service office in the area you intend to visit. Throughout the year, as the danger increases, the restrictions are put into effect. Strict compliance with the restrictions is required.

**Some Things To Know:**

- **Firewood:** The gathering of dead and down wood for campfires is allowed. No permit is necessary. All wood must be used or left at campsite.

- **Bear Precautions:** The Shasta Unit is a bear country! Bear for instructed with bears, bears are found around villages and very specific diets and diets. A brochure called "Bear Protection" for Houseboating and Camping Explains what they are and can be obtained at the Shasta Lake Ranger Station or on the web at www.recreation.gov.

- **Privately Owned Houseboats:** Authorization is needed to have a privately owned houseboat on Shasta Lake for more than 30 days per year. For more information, please contact the Shasta Lake Ranger Station at 530-275-1387.

**Law Enforcement:** The Shasta County Sheriff's Department works closely with the Forest Service in enforcing local and California laws. If you need assistance, contact the Sheriff's Patrol or any Forest Service employee. If you have an emergency, please dial 911.

**Garbage:** Receptacles are located at campgrounds, picnic areas, and boat ramps. Garbage is not collected at trail camps and most undeveloped sites. Please pack out or dispose of it at the ranger station.

**Pets:** Pets are permitted but must be on a leash and under control in campsites, picnic areas, and at boat ramps.

**Campground Reconstruction:** Occasionally campgrounds are closed for maintenance or other work. This is part of an on-going program to upgrade the facilities at Shasta Lake.

**Fireworks:** Fireworks are prohibited at all National Forests and Shasta County which includes all of Shasta Lake.

**Firearms:** Firearms may not be discharged within 100 yards of residential, buildings, campgrounds or developed recreation sites, or across roads or bodies of water.