

CAMP GUALALA

Camp Gualala is a rustic, secluded camp located on the border between Mendocino and Sonoma counties, about 110 miles north of San Francisco. Situated on the Wheatfield fork of the Gualala River, the 500-acre camp is forested with old-growth redwood, Douglas fir, buckeye, and madrone, and boasts a 2,400 year-old redwood with a circumference of 35 feet. A 100-foot suspension bridge crosses the river to connect the two main areas of the camp. The mild coastal climate allows for year-round use of the facility: campers can swim in the river, wander the many hiking trails, take the nine-mile drive to the coast, or relax around a fire. Camp Gualala is home to a variety of wildlife, including river otters, raccoons, deer, fish, and an abundance of birds. The camp features two lodges ideal for adult groups (Coalman and Berger), two sets of cabin areas (Oakside and Redwood), as well as a commercial kitchen, camp dining hall, arts-and-crafts cabin, and infirmary. Accommodating a maximum group size of **172 persons**, Camp Gualala's buildings are ideally suited to configuration to meet a variety of needs. Camp Gualala is owned by the Berkeley-Albany YMCA.

LODGING & MEETING SPACE

Coalman Lodge

This rustic, two-story lodge, built in 1949, lies at the heart of Camp Gualala. Maximum overnight and dining occupancy is **40 persons**.

Meeting Room: The first-floor meeting room measures approximately 28' X 33' with a hardwood floor and a large stone hearth. It will seat 60 comfortably theatre-style for meetings, and is also ideal for music and dance activities. A deck overlooking the river spans the length of the room. The room is centrally heated. Furnishings include 3 couches, 4 long benches, at least 60 plastic or metal chairs, various small side tables and scatter rugs.

Bedrooms: The second floor is divided into 2 sides, each with 2 rooms sleeping ten apiece on bunk beds, for a total of 40 beds. The rear rooms open onto an upstairs deck. Portable heaters are available upon request.

Bathrooms: Two bathrooms are located on the second floor. One side has 2 toilets, 2 sinks, and 4 divided shower stalls. The other has 2 toilets, 2 sinks, and 2 shower stalls.

Kitchen: Groups can opt to do their own cooking in this fully-equipped kitchen, which features 2 ovens, 4 burners, a large griddle, 4 sinks, a microwave, a family-size refrigerator/freezer, and coffeemaker (see "How to Reserve" section for details).

Accessibility: Only the first floor is wheelchair accessible; however, no bathrooms are located on the first floor.

Berger International Lodge & Annex

This **adults-only** facility was built in 1976 and houses **20-22 adults**. Berger comprises 2 buildings connected by a beautiful redwood deck and an annex located a few hundred feet up the hill. The buildings are heated electrically, but do not have air-conditioning. Building 1 contains the meeting room, kitchen, and 1 bathroom. Building 2 houses the bedrooms and bathrooms. Berger Annex, which is completely wheelchair-accessible, consists of 2 large bedrooms and 2 ample bathrooms.

Meeting Room: The meeting/dining room (39' X 23) features hardwood floors and a stone hearth, and seats up to 30 persons for meetings. Sliding glass doors open up to a deck that girds the building. The meeting room is wheelchair accessible, although the bathroom is not. Furnishings include 3 couches, 2 easy chairs, and a small table near the door to the kitchen that is ideal for dining. A small alcove holds 30 folding chairs.

Kitchen: The kitchen is fully equipped with 4 sinks, toasters, coffeemakers, an oven, a griddle, 4 burners, a family-size refrigerator/freezer, and plenty of cupboard space (See "How to Reserve" for details). Groups can do "Own Cooking" during the winter.

Bedrooms: The bedrooms are located in Building 2, which is reached by crossing the deck and climbing a short flight of stairs. Four bedrooms each accommodate 4 persons in 2 bunk beds, for a total of **16 beds**. Sliding glass doors (lockable) open onto the deck. The rooms, in suites of two connected by a shared bathroom, feature large closets with clothes racks and small wooden storage cabinets. Cathedral ceilings and clerestory windows afford extra light and a view of the sky. The heaters in the rooms can be set individually.

Bathrooms: Each of the 2 bathrooms in this building has 1 toilet, 2 sinks, and 1 shower.

Berger Annex: This duplex unit, **fully accessible to people in wheelchairs**, sleeps 4–6 persons in 2 large bedrooms, each with a double bed and a single bed. There are wall-unit electrical heaters on timers in both the bedrooms and bathrooms. The bathrooms each have 1 sink, 1 toilet, and 1 shower. Portable heaters available upon request.

Oakside Cabins

These rustic cabins are located next to the dining hall and sleep 8 each in 6 cabins, for a total of **48 persons**. The furniture consists of wooden bunk beds and small wooden cabinets for storage. The cabins have electric wall heaters.

Bathrooms: The men and women's bathrooms are centrally located. They each have 3 toilets and 1 sink and are very rustic. The bathrooms are not heated but do have hot water. The shower house is separate. Both men's and women's sides have 4 showers, 1 toilet and 1 sink. The men's side also has 1 urinal. There are 5 water spigots over a trough sink on the outside of the shower house.

Accessibility: Bathrooms are not wheelchair accessible. One cabin is ramped (check with Site Director for options).

Redwood-Nelson Cabins (Summer Only)

These eight rustic cabins are similar to the Oakside Cabins and sleep **64 persons**, eight per cabin. They are located across the river from the main camp and are not usually used in the winter, as it can be a long walk to the Dining Hall, especially in the rain.

Bathrooms: The men and women's bathrooms are centrally located with 3 toilets and 1 sink each. The men's bathroom also has a urinal. They are very rustic. The shower house is separate with 4 stalls on each side. It has a privacy wall, dry deck floor, redwood benches, shelves and hooks.

Accessibility: This area is not wheelchair accessible.

The Infirmary

This small house is located near the Oakside Cabins. It has 2 small bedrooms, a small kitchen with refrigerator, stove and sink, a bathroom with a tub and showerhead, and a large infirmary area

Dining Hall

This is the largest indoor meeting/dining space. Located near the river, the dining hall is a large (38'x 66') rustic building with open-beamed ceilings, painted wood floors, and a large fireplace. Windows lining the walls look out onto the river. Long folding tables with benches OR theater style seat up to **172 people**. A ping pong table is set up on the deck at the front entrance. Kitchen use is restricted to UCCR staff.

Redwood Outdoor Chapel

Descending tiers of wooden plank benches seat about 150 people, nestled among the trees. in a natural amphitheatre. There are no religious symbols, electrical outlets, or access to water. The chapel is lighted for nighttime use.

Campfire Ring

Located on the Redwood side of the river, this area seats about 150 on wooden plank benches. There is a platform/stage measuring about 8'x 15' with floodlights, electrical outlets, and a garden hose and fire hose.

RECREATION

The **Arts and Crafts Cabin** provides workspace for **30–40 persons** at worktables and has a cement floor. Since it has half walls, it is more suited to use in good weather. It is wheelchair accessible.

A staff lifeguard is available for groups who wish to swim in the river; the beach area is located directly in front of the dining hall. No boating.

The **Meadow**, located on the Redwood side of the river, features a backstop for **baseball/softball** and a net for **volleyball**. A **horseshoe** pit is located here as well. There is 1 **ping-pong table** available on the Dining Hall deck. There are a few marked **hiking trails**. Groups should check with the Site Director for availability of sports equipment. A **Fitness Center** with **Nautilus** equipment will be available **mid Summer 2006**

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Portable TV/VCR
- Calling-card phones:
Berger Lodge : (707) 886-5357
Dining Hall: (707) 886-5358

60 plus parking spaces throughout the camp. In addition, cars can park in the cabin areas.

- Elevation: 300' with diverse terrain.
- Mileage from office: 115 miles.
- Groups must provide own bedding and linens.
- **Turnaround:** Allow at least 4-5 hours between groups or call Site Director.
- It is 9 miles to the coast and 15 miles to Sea Ranch.
- Meals are served buffet style.
- Tenting available in specific areas, same rates.