

Camp Sierra

Camp Sierra is situated at an elevation of 4800' and overlooks the spectacular Big Creek Canyon between Shaver and Huntington Lakes. In a mixed pine, fir, and oak forest, the camp has a rich history that began with Native Americans making their village at the current camp site. Grinding stones and obsidian chips can still be found in this area. Ranching and logging helped develop the area during the Gold Rush era, and the site became the Carlson Resort just before the turn of the century. Nearby the camp is an abundance of year-round activities to please any outdoor enthusiast. Hiking and water sports are available at one of the many lakes in the summer; public Sno-Parks and the Sierra Summit Ski Resort are quite popular in the winter.

Accommodating up to 250 guests in a variety of lodging, Camp Sierra offers groups a multi-use facility including large grassy areas, chapel, outdoor amphitheater, hiking, swimming, basketball, horseshoes, volleyball, a large outdoor dining/BBQ area, dining hall, large meeting hall, and a camp store (summer only).

Meeting Hall

The room measures approximately 40' x 60' not including the stage area. There is bench seating to accommodate up to 200 people. The hall has central heat, a woodstove, and there are 2 restrooms at the front, one on each side of the stage. The restrooms are also accessible from the exterior. The floor is wood and in good shape. This hall would be appropriate for assembly as well as dancing or theater productions. There is a small sound system available, but check with the Site Director for your program needs. The hall has a small 'library' corner with comfy chairs and a couch, books, board games, and a piano (may be out of tune). There is also a large bell in front of the hall to call your group to meals or announce activities.

Dining Hall

The Dining Hall is a long building that seats up to 200 people at large tables that seat 6-10 people each. 2 bathrooms are available at the entrance to the hall. Buffet style salad bar as well as a self service beverage area is available. Meals may be served family or cafeteria style.

Clark Memorial Chapel

The Chapel is a charming, plain space with pew seating for up to 65 people. It has a wood interior with side windows. Suitable for prayer, weddings, and small meetings, it is also handicapped accessible with a ramped entry.

Chapel Field

Below the chapel is a lovely grassy area with a small backstop for ball sports. There is a slight slope to this area. Outdoor lighting is available.

Amphitheater

This outdoor gathering space overlooking Big Creek Canyon offers bench seating up to 250 guests. There is a stage with podium. Outdoor lighting provides nighttime illumination.

Spring House

A small meeting lodge with a partial kitchen and a fireplace, it's great for groups of 10-30 people. It has a refrigerator, microwave, sink, and coffeemaker. Paper plates are required for 'own food' groups. Available for day use groups as well.

Campfire Area

A campfire pit is available at the bottom edge of a grassy knoll near the dining hall. There is lawn seating only at this time.

Central Camp

In the center of camp is a grassy area with pine trees that offers plenty of outdoor seating, horseshoes, and a fenced playground. Other buildings there are the Crafts Shack, and a small nursery or day care building. The Camp Store, with a small outdoor eating or meeting deck is located in this area, as is the Camp Office.

Lodging

There are several types of accommodations at Camp Sierra. The buildings range from the self contained Ponderosa Retreat Center, to small, unheated cabins used in summer. The rates are determined by the amenities in each building (A-E)- such as duplex or Retreat Center with private bath (A), cabins or lodge with private baths (B), cabins with shared indoor baths (C), or more rustic type cabins with adjacent baths (D). There is also a tent/car camping area called The Dell for those that want a more primitive camping experience (E).

Near the Potholes trail head:

Ponderosa Lodge- (A)

Sleeping up to 8 persons, Ponderosa is a self contained 2 story Retreat Center with a full kitchen, living/dining areas.

Abendnego A&B Duplex- (A)

This is our handicapped accessible duplex with parking right at the door. There is a nice deck that runs along the front with a beautiful forest view. The A side has 2 bunks with a single twin on top and a double on the bottom. Side B has 4 twins and a double bed. Each side has private baths, side A has a roll-in shower, side B has a bathtub/shower combo. Heated for year round use and *sleeps a total of 12 (6 each side)*.

Shadrack 1&2 – (A)

This duplex will *sleep a total of 16 (8 on each side)*. Each side has a private bath, 6 singles and one double bed.

Meshack Cabin- (B)

A small, heated cabin with private bath. This cabin will sleep a total of 10 in 3 bedrooms.

Creek View area:

Pine and Alder Duplex- (A)

This duplex has 2 double beds on the Alder side, Pine has 3 twin size bunks and a double/twin bunk. Each side has a private bath, has heat, and will sleep up to 13. There is a nice deck on the rear with a nice view across the canyon.

Leaning Cedar- (C)

This lodge has a nice lounge/sitting area on the main floor. There are 4 bedrooms and 2 full bathrooms. The downstairs will sleep a total of 16 in twin size bunk beds. The upstairs will sleep up to 10, does not have a bathroom, and is accessed by an exterior stairway.

Main Camp area:

Spring House Meeting Room-

The Spring House is a great place for small group meetings and can easily accommodate 20 or more persons. There is a nice stone fireplace, and a large space heater. A deck runs along one side with a peaceful canyon view. There is a kitchenette with a sink, refrigerator, microwave, and a coffeemaker. There is not a cook-top at this time, and “own cooking” groups must bring their own paper/plastic eating utensils. Spring House does not have a bathroom but is very close to the ones in the dining hall.

Circle Lodge- (C)

Circle is the largest building, sleeping a total of 72. On the first floor, there is a small lounge area as you enter and two bathrooms with 3 sinks, toilets, and showers in each one. There are 4 rooms on each side with 3 twins and one double bunk in each room. There is a deck with tables off two of the downstairs rooms. Downstairs will sleep up to 40 persons. Upstairs there are two more bathrooms, and dorm style rooms with a total of 32 twin bunks. This lodge is easily divided into men’s and women’s sides.

Fir & Oak Duplex- (A)

Sleeps up to 18, with one double and 7 twins on each side. Has a private bath on each side. Right next to Circle Lodge.

King’s Cabin- (A)

Sleeps up to 4. Suitable for a program Director, speaker, or nurse’s cabin. Has 2 double beds, 1 bathroom, and a kitchen. Next to Circle Lodge.

El Nido- (D)

Sleeps up to 5, has 3 twins and a double. Nearby bathhouse or use Circle Lodge.

Cabin #9- (D)

Sleeps 4 in two bunks. For summer use only. Nearby bathhouse.

Stewart Standby- (D)

Sleeps 4 in two bunks. For summer use only. Nearby bathhouse.

Hammond Haven- (D)

Sleeps 4 in two bunks. For summer use only. Nearby bathhouse.

Blayne Bide-away- (D)

Sleeps 4 in two bunks. For summer use only. Nearby bathhouse.

Double Lodge- (D)

Sleeps up to 9 on bunks (5 twins on one side, 4 on the other), and has a sink and toilet only. Has a nice deck on the rear of the cabin.

#25 and #26 Duplex- (D)

Sleeps up to 16. Each side has 6 twins and 1 double bed. Nearby bathhouse.

Bath House-

Ladies side has 3 showers, 3 sinks, and 3 toilets. The men's side has 2 toilets, 2 urinals, 3 showers, and 3 sinks. There is also a coin operated washer and dryer for your use.

Lower Camp area:

Sunset Lodge- (C)

Sleeps up to 34 in twin bunks, set up in 6 rooms, 3 rooms on either side of a central meeting/living room area. There are 2 full baths and a large, outdoor deck.

Meadow Lodge- (C)

Sleeping up to 56, Meadow has two floors with separate entrances. The upper floor will sleep 40 in 8 dorm style rooms. Each room has two bunks- 3 twins and 1 double. There are two bathrooms in the center hallway with 2 toilets, showers, and sinks in each. The lower level will sleep up to 16 in twin bunks and has 2 sinks and 2 toilets.

The Dell Camping Area: (E)

The Dell is used for tent and car camping, or for parking overflow for large groups.