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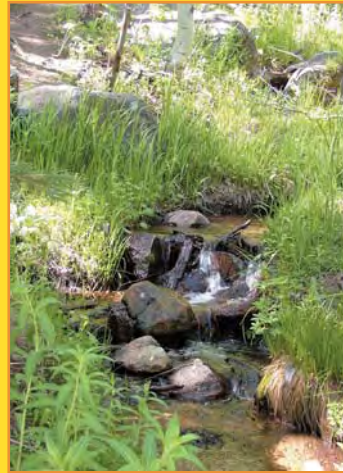


Sorensen's Resort

Hope Valley, California



Spring/Summer 2009 Newsletter





“Wonderful! Lots of smiles, hellos, and friendly info. It’s an escape to high-mountain serenity without major travel – simple, full and rich.”

Johan's Guests



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 25 First Day of Fishing
- May 2 “Searching for Spring” Walk
- May 10 Mother’s Day Brunch
- May 16 Astronomy Night
- May 30 FOHV Habitat Restoration Day
- June 5-6 Fly-fishing Workshop
- June 8-11  Painting Retreat
- June 13 Alta Alpina Bicycle Ride
- June 14 Back 40 Band & BBQ
- June 15 Emigrant Trail Tour
- June 19 NEW! “Woody Guthrie”
- June 21 Father’s Day BBQ
- June 24-25 Identifying Wildflowers
- June 26 Rowell Photo Show
- July 5 Medicinal Plants Hike
- July 13 Emigrant Trail Tour
- July 17 Summer Wildflower Hike
- July 19 Campfire Storytelling
- July 26 Photography Workshop
- Aug 9 Campfire Storytelling
- Aug 23 Photography Workshop
- Sept 19 Photography Workshop
- Sept 21 Emigrant Trail Tour
- Sept 21-25 Watercolor Class
- Sept 27  Sketching Workshop



Upcoming events:

- Oct 3 Fall Colors Walk
- Oct 3-4 Open Studios
- Oct 5 Emigrant Trail Tour
- Oct 16 Natural History Stroll

“Great food, great all-around service, comfortable cabin, great location, great amenities, and very family-friendly!”

Silvertip Guests

Sorensen's Country Café and Gift Shop



Delicious breakfast, lunch & dinner daily

- ♦ Special Mother’s Day Brunch
- ♦ Father’s Day BBQ
- ♦ Fine wines & specialty beer
- ♦ Gifts, great nature books, quick snacks

Reservations, call 800/423-9949



Send a friend—we say thanks

Refer friends to Sorensen's. When they book a stay, we say thanks with a night for you—on us! Offer valid Sun-Thur (some restrictions).

Call 800/423-9949.

Information and reservations: 800/423-9949 toll free or 530/694-2203. Visit us online at sorensensresort.com.

Some programs offered by Sorensen's Resort are under permit with the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest/Carson Ranger District and by permission of the CA Dept. of Fish and Game.

Dear friends,

A new era has begun in our country...one of hope, full of spirit and positive new ideas. We wish the new Administration in Washington good luck with all that our country and our world are facing.

In the meantime, chin-up, come up, and cheer up at Sorensen's this spring or summer! We'll send you back refreshed and revived. And don't be bashful: ask us about our special offers. As one of our best and most loyal followers, we want to make sure you don't deny yourself a much-needed vacation just because pennies are tight.

To sweeten the deal, we've all got all kinds of special events and offerings. In May, **enjoy complimentary wine from Bear Ridge Wines** when you book a stay. Or, take advantage of our **Lay-away to Play-away program**. Remember when we could put that favorite prom dress on lay-away? Or that special gift for Mom? So plan your Sorensen's vacation well in advance and we can structure a payment plan just for you and just for that special cabin you want for the lay-away/play-away time you deserve. Plus we've got fun, creative, and informative programs throughout the season.

And for you, our dear friends, let us take your cares away...if only for a moment. The splendor of Hope Valley is worth it and so are you. We'll leave you smiling.

See you in the mountains!

John & Patty



Searching for spring – a Hope Valley adventure

Discover spring as it unfolds in beautiful Hope Valley. As the snow melts, resident plants and animals prepare for a new Sierra summer. Join Dr. William Tweed, former chief naturalist of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, on a natural history exploration of Hope Valley. Bring binoculars, wear water-resistant footwear, and dress in layers.

Date: May 2, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Cost: \$50 guests/\$75 non-guests; includes lunch

Ask us about birding walks...and the dates 

4 NIGHTS FOR 3 OR 3 NIGHTS FOR 2:

Enjoy the beautiful Sierra for less! Mon-Thur, stay 3 nights for the price of 2. Sun-Thur, stay 4 nights and get the last night free.

Make reservations today! 800/423-9949

2009 offer good Feb 22-June 11;
Aug 23-Sept 24; Oct 25-Dec 17

Special offer good only during non-holiday periods. Cannot be combined with other Sorensen's programs or specials. Mention this ad when making reservations. Regular weekend rates charged on Sunday when using 4-for-3 special.

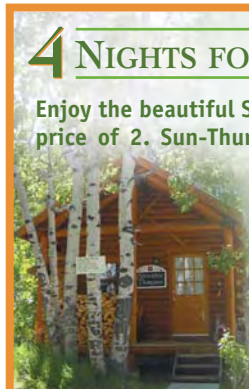


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Sketching in the Sierra

Discover a whole new way of seeing nature with naturalist and artist John "Jack" Muir Laws, author of *Laws Field Guide to the Sierra* (for sale in our gift shop). Learn the tricks of drawing in the field and how to use water-color and pencil. For more on Jack, see www.johnmuirlaws.com. For class reservations and lodging, call 800/423-9949.

DATE: September 27, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

COST: \$50 guests/\$75 non-guests; includes lunch

Medicinal plants discovery workshop

Ever wonder how native Washoe Indians treated aches and pains? Learn that and more during a fascinating search for medicinal plants in and around Hope Valley. Join Dr. Kimball Chatfield on an easy walk filled with beauty and information. For class sign-up and lodging, call 800/423-9949.

DATE: July 5, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

COST: \$35 per person (Sorensen's bag lunch extra)

Come meet the stars

Join astronomers Adrienne Cool and Ron Marzke for an evening of spectacular stargazing. Spy Leo and Gemini in the springtime sky. Slide show and deep-sky observing will follow planet viewing. No experience required; kids welcome. Wear warm clothes! For details and lodging, call Sorensen's at 800/423-9949.

DATE: May 16, 8:00 p.m.

COST: \$10 donation/\$5 kids (proceeds, matched by Sorensen's, benefit science programs in Alpine County)



Tails are wagging at the resort

Love traveling with Fido? We are happy to announce the addition of Redwood, Sheepherder, and Knotty Pine cabins as pet-friendly accommodations here at Sorensen's. This brings us to nine different options where guests and well-behaved pets can enjoy our resort. Come play fetch! Call 800/423-9949 and don't forget the leash.

Alta Alpine Challenge Bike Race

June 13

Cycling fun for everyone—kids to serious riders.

Call 877/845-2453 or

visit www.altaalpina.org/challenge



Got Wi-Fi? Yes! You asked, we listened. Even getaways sometimes include a little contact with the outside world. Tap into our wi-fi when you need to, whether from your cabin, the café, or a hammock—then relax in the beautiful Sierra.



Summer water fun! Take an early-season rafting adventure or, anytime this summer, enjoy a guided kayak trip at nearby Blue Lakes. Also day trips exploring Tahoe's beautiful Sand Harbor. All trips include gear and instruction. For best prices and detailed information call Great Basin Sports at 775/450-3446. For lodging call Sorensen's at 800/423-9949

Storytelling by the fire

A crackling fire, a warm mug of cocoa, and a wonderful story being told by a master. Join us for an evening of yarn-spinning and folklore, as Art Ewart weaves his storytelling magic here at Sorensen's. All ages welcome!

DATE: July 19 and Aug 9, 7:30 p.m.

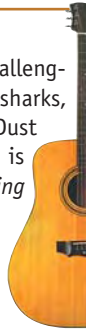
COST: \$10 adults/\$5 kids donation (matched by Sorensen's to benefit Alpine County Friends of the Library)

Woody Guthrie, Dust Bowl Troubadour

The music of Woody Guthrie comes to life at Sorensen's! In these challenging times, Guthrie's ballads about high rents, low wages, loan sharks, greedy bankers and lying politicians, all covered with a layer of Dust Bowl dust, has special resonance. Capturing the essence of Guthrie is performer David Fenimore. *Call Sorensen's at 800/423-9949 for lodging and/or dinner reservations.*

DATE: June 19, 7:00 p.m.

COST: \$10 donation (matched by Sorensen's for the Northern Nevada Food Bank)



Images of Adventure

Join us for a special evening photo exhibit with Tony Rowell, son of renowned high-country photographer Galen Rowell. Tony will share images taken by three generations of the Rowell family along the John Muir Trail. Rowell will also show his own photos taken at the Arctic Circle, China, and Tibet as well as his latest astronomy and astro-photographs taken in Yosemite and the Eastern Sierra. Books and fine art prints will be available for purchase at this event. Reception with wine-tasting followed by slideshow.



DATE: June 26, 5-8 p.m. (art exhibit followed by slide show)

COST: \$15 per person (matched by Sorensen's to benefit the Rowell Award for the Art of Adventure)

Fly-fishing fun

Watch out, trout. Pete Pumphrey comes to Sorensen's again this year for his popular fly-fishing workshop, a great way to learn the sport or brush up on your skills. Learn about choosing the right fly, casting techniques, reading the river, and how to successfully land your trout. *For class reservations and lodging, call 800/423-9949.*



DATE: June 5 and 6, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

COST: \$85 per person for each one-day workshop (Sorensen's bag lunch extra)

Plein-air painting retreat

Learn how to paint in the field with adventure painter Joan Hoffmann in a three-day workshop using the medium of your choice: oils, acrylics, pastels, or watercolors. Lots of encouragement, tips, and new techniques. For detailed itinerary and supplies you'll need, visit www.joanhoffman.com. *For sign-up and lodging reservations, call Sorensen's at 800/423-9949.*

DATE: June 8-11

COST: \$150 guests/\$195 non-guests

Hope Valley Resort-Campground and RV sites

Our popular campground, just down the road from Sorensen's, offers beautiful riverfront camping. Hike-in and drive-in campsites and full RV hookups available. To reserve your favorite site, call Sorensen's at 800/423-9949. For information, visit www.hopevalleyresort.com.



Hope Valley fall watercolor workshop

Join the excitement of painting on location with Lady Jill Mueller at 7,000 feet in the High Sierra surrounding Sorensen's Resort. Demonstrations and class participation included. Visit www.ladyjill.com for class information. *For lodging reservations, call 800/423-9949.*

Dates: September 21, 22-25 classes; 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. daily

Cost: \$325 guests/\$395 non-guests

Photo retreat with Terry Nathan

Join photographer Terry Nathan to learn his techniques for capturing Sierra images. One-day workshops include fieldwork in a variety of environments, and time for extensive feedback. For information on Terry, visit www.terrbynathanphoto.com. *For class reservations and lodging, call Sorensen's at 800/423-9949.*



DATES: July 26, Aug. 23, Sept 19; 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

COST: \$50 guests/\$75 non-guests (Sorensen's bag lunch extra)

Fly-fishing with Horsefeathers

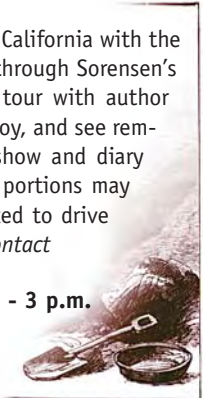
Join master fly-fishing instructor Judy Wickwire as she shares her skills with you on private fly-fishing classes along our blue-ribbon river, the W. Fork Carson. All skills welcome. Special group lessons also available. Fishing gear, flies, and other equipment can be provided. For details, rates, and reservations, call 530/694-2399. *For lodging, call Sorensen's at 800/423-9949.*

Explore the Emigrant Trail

With the discovery of gold in 1848, thousands came to California with the dream of getting rich. The route they followed passes through Sorensen's Resort, Hope Valley, and over Carson Pass. Join this tour with author Frank Tortorich and listen to the tales of hardship and joy, and see remnants of the emigrants' passage. Includes free slide show and diary readings the night before. All ages welcome; walking portions may be over uneven ground. Some participants may be asked to drive their own car. *For tour reservation and lodging contact Sorensen's Resort at 800/423-9949.*

DATES: June 15, July 13, Sept 21, Oct 5, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

COST: \$50 guests/\$70 non-guests, includes lunch (\$25 ages 6-13, under 6 free w/o lunch).



Wildflowers of the Sierra

Come spy spectacular scarlet gilia, and gaze at blankets of bright yellow mules ears, magical columbine, and elegant lupine on a moderate, 4-mile hike with botanist Karen Wiese, author of *Sierra Nevada Wildflowers*. Or come for an evening slide show and wildflower identification class the next day - checking out these beauties up close and personal! *For lodging and class sign-up, call Sorensen's at 800/423-9949.*

DATES: June 24-25 (identification class)

DATE: July 17, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (wildflower hike)

COST: \$50 guests/\$75 non-guests, includes picnic lunch



Hope Valley Café and Market

Serving breakfast & lunch * Homemade desserts & scones * Specialty coffees, beer-on-tap
Camping gear, supplies, groceries

