

August 2008



Dear Members,

We would like to invite you to our next event:

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## Lassen Camping & Hiking Trip August 29 – September 1 (Labor Day Weekend)

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This year we are heading on Labor Day Weekend for Lassen Volcanic Park located in Northern California:

<http://www.nps.gov/lavo/>

To visit Lassen Volcanic National Park is to witness a brief moment in the ancient battle between the earth shaping forces of creation and destruction in Northern California. Nestled within Lassen's peaceful forests and untouched wilderness, hissing fumaroles and boiling mud pots still shape and change the land, evidence of Lassen's long fiery and active past.

All ages are welcome! Generally people arrive Friday late afternoon/evening.

**Campground:** We reserved a group tent site at Lost Creek Group site for Friday 8/29, Saturday 8/30 and Sunday 8/31 night. Space is limited to 25 people. Only 6 cars can park at the tent site. For more info about the accommodations, please browse to [http://www.nps.gov/lavo/planyourvisit/camping\\_in\\_campgrounds.htm](http://www.nps.gov/lavo/planyourvisit/camping_in_campgrounds.htm)

**Hikes:** Bring your hiking boots. Based on participants' interest we will decide on-site which trails to hike.

**Food:** Participants host all meals. Traditionally the quality has beaten all standards of gourmet outdoor cooking! Arrangements about who brings what will be made through e-mail the week before departure. Hikers bring their own trail snacks & drinks.

**Cost:** \$10/adult for the camp site. (children are free) Food expenses will be divided among the participants. The \$10 vehicle fee (to be paid at the entrance and valid for 7 days) is at the driver's expense.

**RSVP BY AUGUST 23** by sending an e-mail to [philippe@bcnc.com](mailto:philippe@bcnc.com) with the following information:

- Name of people attending (optional: age of children)
- Cell phone number
- Would like to car-pool or are looking for a ride

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Reservations will be on a first come, first serve basis, with priority given to members. After you receive e-mail confirmation that space is still available, sending a check covering the camp site expenses.

### **Thank you:**

We would like to thank the many volunteers who helped during the picnic. Large events of this kind can't happen without volunteers. Also a special thanks to the family Callebaut for sponsoring the chocolate sauce.

### **Upcoming events:**

- Hike of Mount Tam at the end of September.
- Private tour of "The Asian Art Museum" in San Francisco on Saturday, October 4.

Details to follow.

### **Did you know that:**

- -Mr. Geert Criel is the new Consul General at the Consulate in Los Angeles. We would like to congratulate him with his new position and wish him the best of luck.  
We would also like to thank Mr. De Langhe for his support.
- The address of the BCNC has changed to: **1300 COWPER STREET, PALO ALTO, CA 94301.**
- An American Anthropology student is doing research on Belgium's languages.  
If you are interested in filling out his questionnaire, please contact Laudan Siahpolo at [Laudan.lacey@hotmail.com](mailto:Laudan.lacey@hotmail.com).
- If you like to make your own croquettes, the croquette maker "Millecroquette" is now available in Canada. Please, contact Mr. Willy Payne at [wpayne@dccnet.com](mailto:wpayne@dccnet.com). for more information.

The Board.

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