



November 2011

Dear Fellow Camp El-O-Win Enthusiasts:

Another successful summer of camp program is behind us. All 579 campers enjoyed the clear blue skies over the Sierras and the rushing water of Dinkey Creek. From our outdoor programs, each developed the confidence and self-reliance that comes from challenging oneself in new surroundings. Camp is now closed for the winter and we have begun planning for another successful summer in 2012!

### **In order to do this ... *we need your help!!***

To maintain and improve the quality outdoor program we offer, we need your support in three major areas:

1. **Program/camperships:** Because of the economic conditions in the Central Valley, we strive to keep "camper fees" (program costs) as low as possible. Your support enables us to keep our program prices in reach of most families. For others, El-O-Win's Campership program makes camp possible!
2. **Maintenance/upkeep:** All repairs and maintenance are currently done by volunteers. Camp buildings and systems need some crucial repairs that our volunteers are not equipped to handle, such as: four buildings desperately in need of metal roofs; the antiquated plumbing system in the Camper Shower House; the removal of slash piles from lumbering projects before our ownership; and the Infirmary's water heater venting structure. Lumber, paint and other supplies are needed for building upkeep and other annual maintenance tasks.
3. **The Bridge:** The footbridge spanning Dinkey Creek is essential so the north half of the camp is accessible, enabling us to restore El-O-Win's popular resident camp program. The architectural planning and the river bottom survey have been completed. We now are in need of a large amount of money for bridge construction. We have a fund development committee working on grants and corporate sponsorships, but we need everyone's help to get the bridge built.

### **Be Part of Something Great!**

The Friends of Camp El-O-Win operates strictly on volunteer power! Volunteers spent hours opening and preparing the site after an extraordinarily heavy snow-packed winter (program did not even begin until July). The Upward Bound Leadership group from West Hills College, for the fourth year, made a significant contribution. The US Forest Service awarded El-O-Win a generous grant to conclude clearance and removal of slash piles from past lumbering projects. Volunteers planned and ran weekend programs all summer. Campers arrived as mother/daughter teams, Girl Scout Troops and Service Units, families, groups of friends. Volunteers planned menus, ordered food, shopped and came to the kitchen and created masterpieces for hungry campers. Volunteers chopped wood, fixed fences, installed a



donated newly refurbished kitchen dishwasher, operated the Trading Post, strung wire, and cleaned, replaced, repaired, painted, patched buildings, plumbing, and golf carts. The Key Club from Edison High dodged raindrops as they helped us close El-O-Win in a single day! To be honest, ALL this was done with a relatively small number of VERY hard working, VERY committed individuals. Think what we could accomplish with an "army" of weekend warriors!

**We're counting on you!** *If everyone steps up, we can keep Camp El-O-Win flourishing for generations of girls to come. Please contribute now!*

***Be Part of Something Great!***

Thank you!

Most Sincerely,

*The Friends of Camp El-O-Win  
Board of Directors*

P. S. Check us out at [www.campelowin.org](http://www.campelowin.org) ..... you'll like what you see!

P. P. S. Don't forget, it is through the hearts of people like you that the girls of the Central Valley have the opportunity to experience the wonders of Camp El-O-Win.

***Please help us continue to offer this unique outdoor experience  
for the girls from the Central Valley.***

***We need you support now!! YOU can contribute by:***

- Returning the reply form (below) with your check (to **Friends of Camp El-O-Win**) or credit card information to PO Box 593, Clovis, CA 93613-0593; OR
- Donating through PayPal at our website [www.campelowin.org](http://www.campelowin.org).

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