



# My Buddy

## Hold that thought!

- Nearly 600 campers lived under the tall trees of El-O-Win summer 2009.
- Birthday cake was served for dessert every Saturday night this summer celebrating Camp El-O-Win's 50th birthday.
- For a donation of \$50,000, you can have a building at Camp El-O-Win named after you .
- Friends of Camp El-O-Win Board Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. Interested parties are invited to attend.

## 50th Birthday Celebration in Clovis

Fifty girls and their families arrived at Sierra Bicenntennial Park in Clovis on a hot September Saturday to celebrate Camp El-O-Win's 50th birthday. They learned and relived some camp skills and fun: unrolling and rerolling a sleeping bag in under 34 seconds; cooking and eating a mini-s'more; making a beaded daisy bracelet; adding a line to a camping tall tale; shopping at the trading post. Everyone enjoyed singing camp songs and birthday cake. Some families brought cans for our recycling efforts (for the bridge) and made donations at the wishing well.



Speed rolling a sleeping bag



Door prize winner cutting the cake

## Opening Camp with Lots of Good Help



This spring, many volunteers (young and old alike) joined together to open camp. The West Hills and Monterey Upward Bound students prepped and primed the shower house, moved rocks and logs to spiff up the campfire ring and restored the lower area of Arapaho. Families and local troops all



worked hard to help get camp open on time. Will you come and help in 2010?

Save the date for a

**Sumptuous  
Brunch and  
Silent Auction**

**March 21, 2010**

**11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Fund Raiser**

**Weather Report:** On 9/15/09 Shaver Lake temperatures were: High 89 °F, Low 61°F . No precipitation.. Records for the day are: High 104 °F (1983) Low 45 °F (1970).



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### Friends Seeking Talented and Diverse Board Members

Friends of Camp El-O-Win strive to maintain a Board which is culturally diverse, represents a broad geographical base and is balanced in the knowledge and experience of its members.

Board members with backgrounds in the media/marketing, accounting, public relations business are being sought. If you are interested, or know a likely candidate, please request an application at [info@campelowin.org](mailto:info@campelowin.org)!

### Riddle Me This

What kind of rocks are not  
found in the waters of  
Dinkey Creek?

Ans: Dry Rocks

### Keeping YOU Up-to-date...

- Fund raising for the bridge replacement is at 9% of goal.
- The next major fund raising event is a Sunday morning Brunch and Silent Auction at Tornino's on March 21, 2010 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sumptuous food, entertainment and a silent auction will highlight a chance to mingle with friends. Check the website for details. [campelowin.org](http://campelowin.org).
- Some very wonderful Friends are repairing the infirmary, replacing floor boards, sills, siding and plumbing fixtures where moisture damage occurred.
- The second round of forest thinning and fire clearance around buildings has begun, thanks to a grant from the Fire Safe Council. Besides being safer, camp looks great and resembles the open forests found when Native Americans managed the land.

### Help get the word out about Camp El-O-Win

Invite us to your Service Unit meeting or parent event, give us 10 minutes and watch the registrations pour in! Email us with the date, time and place. We will call you back to confirm!



Jane Martin leads songs at El-O-Win birthday party in Clovis

### WHAT THE OLD RANGER SAW ONE JULY DAY

One July day the Old Camp Ranger sat by Apache Wells. You know, the place down hill from Arapaho near the old Dinkey Creek Road. It was a nicely warm sunny morning and the ranger sat on the rock where a pool formed now that the water level in the creek was lower.

At first the ranger noticed the **mosquito larva** flexing and straightening as they rose to the surface of the water for air.

On the bottom of the pool, there seemed to be a lot of 1 inch long sticks. But then she noticed

these sticks moved! On closer look she saw that the front end of the stick had a head and 6 small legs. The stick part was made of short (1/4 inch) pieces of pine needles and tiny bits of shiny rock, **mica**. These were actually insect larvae for the **caddis fly**. Somehow the caddis fly larvae wrapped the pine needles and stone bits into a tube for its hind end to live in.

After a pleasant sit by the pool, the old ranger got up slowly. She noticed another kind of insect walking, skating almost, on top of the water. These clever insects are **water striders**.

Since it was time to return

to work, she walked up the trail amid lots of white fragrant **azaleas**, pink **spirea**, blue **lupine** and a few orange **sierra lilies**.

The old Ranger hopes you will walk down the trail near the Arapaho biffy and on down to the Creek. Maybe you can see these things. Or maybe new plants and animals will be enjoying Dinkey Creek the day you go.



Sierra Lily