

I have received several questions about the upcoming 27-29 August reunion and I will do my best to answer them here.

What does the reunion fee cover?

The reunion fee covers all expenses associated with the reunion. It covers a place to sleep Friday and Saturday nights, six meals, dinner Friday, breakfast, lunch and supper on Saturday and breakfast, lunch on Sunday. It also entitles you to the use of all of the Camp Winthers facilities, meeting rooms, dining area, lake, canoes, and sports equipment. In other words, everything is covered. Camp Winthers is the only place in the world that you can get room, board, and recreation for \$31 per night.

Is there anything that I should bring with me?

In addition to a pillow, sleeping bag or blankets and sheets, towels, and comfort items found in the Information Bulletin please bring the following items if you have them: California Cadet Corps memorabilia including but not limited to pictures, slides, yearbooks, video tapes, uniform items, documents, cadet corps identification cards, commissions, warrants, discharge certificates – anything that is California Cadet Corps related.

What will the food be like? Will we have to eat C rations?

If last year is any indication, the food will be good and plentiful. It is prepared by the Camp Winthers Staff except for the two lunches. A typical supper last year included barbecued chicken, bread or rolls, salad, vegetables, potatoes and your choice of drinks. Ice cream was served for dessert. A typical Breakfast included pancakes or french toast, choice of fruit, bacon, sausage, and cereals. Last year, lunches were self prepared from Camp Winthers-provided bread, cheese, cold cuts, and condiments. Prepared food such as chips, cookies, candy bars and soft drinks were also provided. Self prepared lunches made it possible for attendees to pick and choose what they wanted to eat.

Where, and what is Camp Winthers?

Camp Winthers is located in the high sierras near Soda Springs, California and is run by the San Juan Unified School District as an outdoor education laboratory. You may be more familiar with its original name of Camp Arcade, especially if you attended the California Cadet Corps Summer Camp held there. It and the surrounding area was also used for many Cadet Corps Mountain Survival, Snow Survival, Map Reading and Patrolling bivouacs.

The directions say that the last three miles to the camp is over a rough road. Can my car make it?

A better description would be dirt and gravel road. A passenger car will have no difficulty navigating the road into Camp Winthers. After all, the school district routinely brings its cars and school buses into the camp.

When should I pay for the reunion?

The sooner, the better! You should pay the \$20 per person non-refundable deposit as soon as possible to ensure that a space is reserved for you. We will be limited on the number that can attend. The remainder of the reunion fee is due upon arrival at Camp Winthers. Remember that the reunion fee for early birds (deposits postmarked on or before May 27th) is lower than that for latecomers.

Will I be staying in a cabin or in one of the platform tents?

This depends upon when your deposit is received. The cabins will be assigned on a first-come first-served basis until they are all occupied. At that point platforms with tents will be assigned.

What are the restrooms and showers like?

They are in permanent buildings like the cabins. They have been described as rustic, but clean and serviceable.

Do I need to bring a tent?

Tents will not be needed during the reunion. The permanent cabins will be used until they run out. Any overflow will go into the large tents on wooden platforms. They are a little larger than the cabins and equally comfortable.

Can I use a camper or motor home?

Yes. There are several parking locations without water or electric hookups available at Camp Winthers. Please let us know if you plan on using one of them when you send your deposit.

Can I bring a small dog with me?

Sorry, no, pets are not permitted at Camp Winthers

I have a conflict; can I come for only one day?

Sure, but you should schedule your arrival carefully. Most of Saturday morning and afternoon will be spent outside of the established "Camp" area on various activities including a hike to the Devils Peak area where the Mountain Survival Bivouacs were held. If you arrived during that time, there would probably be no one available to guide you to the area where activities are taking place. If you are arriving on Saturday, it is best

to plan to arrive NLT 0930 hours. You might also want to consider being present for one of the evenings as there will be evening programs. Depending on the length of your stay, the reunion fee will be reduced.

Will my cell phone work at Camp Winthers?

It should work, but not necessarily everywhere. Most of the attendees of last year's reunion were able to find a place that their cell phone would work. There seemed to be few problems in the main camp area. A cell phone number will be provided to attendees in case they have difficulty getting to Camp Winthers and need to call for assistance.