

CAMP COLDWATER

GIANT SEQUOIA NATIONAL MONUMENT

Located Between Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks



CLASSIC RESIDENT CAMP ACCOMODATIONS AMONG THE PINES

Camp Coldwater is conveniently located on the edge of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. We are a short 4.5 hour drive from Los Angeles Valley College. Our camp is minutes away from Giant Sequoia Trees in Grant Grove (Kings Canyon) and the largest tree in the world (General Sherman Tree in Sequoia National Park). Hume Lake (kayaking, paddleboarding, swimming, and fishing) is a short 20-minute drive away.

Camp Coldwater features rustic cabins with beds, flush toilets, and hot showers. We also have a bath house with 12 shower stalls, toilets, sinks, mirrors, and electrical outlets that serves the bunk cabins that lack indoor plumbing and as an option for our campers.

The camp also has a commercial kitchen adjoining a large outdoor dining deck and an indoor recreation room with a communal fireplace. A small stream runs through the camp and a larger "Woodward Creek" is a few hundred yards away.

MONARCH SEQUOIA FAMILY CAMP 2023

AT CAMP COLDWATER

Giant Sequoia National Monument

Family Camp – Wed, July 26th – Sun, July 30th

Rates: \$450 per person age 13+

Campers 5-12 years are \$350 ea.

Campers 4 & under are \$100 ea.

WHERE:

We will be traveling up the west side of the Sierra Nevada to Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Park for four nights. Our base camp will be at Camp Coldwater (formerly known as Camp San Joaquin), in the Giant Sequoia National Monument.

HOW:

You will be traveling to Camp Coldwater in your private vehicle(s). We will provide you with driving directions. The trip is approximately a 4.5-hour drive from LA Valley College.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

Please review the "Camper Checklist" carefully. Do not pack unnecessary items. If it's not on the "checklist", you don't need it. All participants will need to have signed a Monarch Camp release and medical consent form that is on file with the camp.

Our Sequoia/Kings Canyon Family Camp features a five-day/four-night trip to Camp Coldwater and Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Parks. Tentative activities include hiking 500 steps to the top of Moro Rock, a visit to the 2,100-year-old General Sherman Tree (the largest living tree in the world – 275 feet tall, 102.6-foot circumference, 2.7 million pounds), exploration of the Giant Forest Museum, fishing, Tunnel Log, Grant's Grove Museum, the General Grant Tree (second largest tree on earth), kayaking/paddleboarding, swimming (Hume Lake), the Buck Rock Fire Tower, the Crystal Cave, Boyden Cavern, rock climbing, hiking to waterfalls, traditional camp activities, etc. Activities will depend upon safety and the forest/water conditions/regulations at the time of the trip.



LONG HOUSE – Four dorm-type cabins with 10 bunk beds in each room. Each room has its own flush toilet, hot shower, and sink.



Camp Coldwater Pool – Camp Coldwater has an onsite swimming pool with a diving board and lots of deck space for relaxation.



2023 Family Camp At Camp Coldwater

Monarch Summer Camp will host one Family Camp this summer at Camp Coldwater. The trip will run from Wednesday, July 26th thru Sunday, July 30th. Your meals are prepared in our commercial kitchen and served on our dining deck. All ages are welcome.



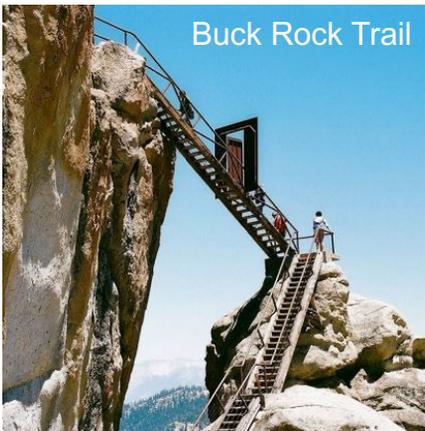
**Relaxing in front of the
Fireplace in Camp
Recreation Room**



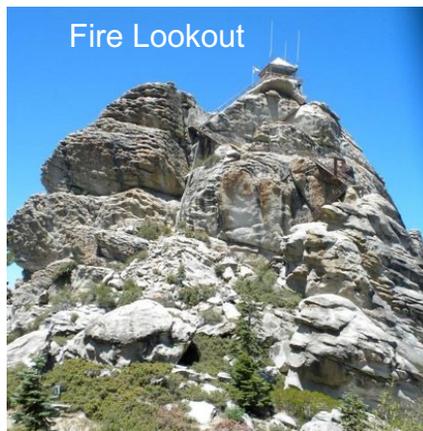
**Foosball in Camp
Recreation Room**



**Nurses Cabin:
Typical cabin at
Camp Coldwater**



Buck Rock Trail



Fire Lookout

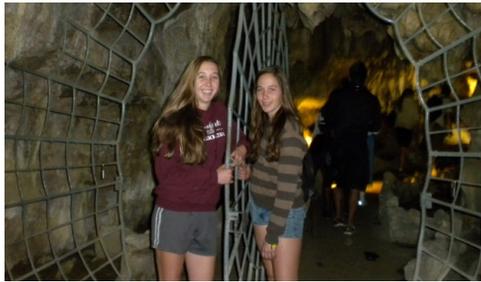


**Rock
Climbing**

**Buck Rock Fire Lookout -
8,502 foot elevation;
15 minutes from camp**



Hume Lake – A short 20-minute drive from Camp Coldwater (swimming, kayaking, paddleboarding and fishing) are among our campers' favorite activities at the lake.



The Crystal Cave

The Crystal Cave is a huge underground cavern with incredible stalactite and stalagmite formations. The cavern is a constant 55 degrees, and tours run for 50 minutes. Tickets and reservations are required.

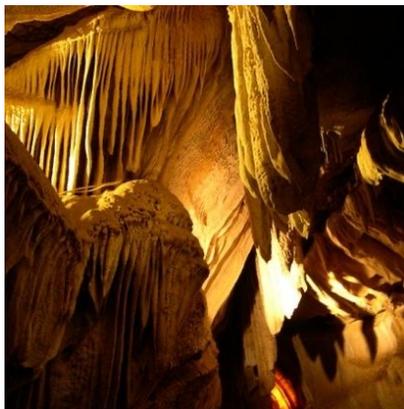
Moro Rock Trail

The trail to the summit of Moro Rock is a paved 500-yard staircase, with safety railing and viewpoint rest areas. The photo on the right pictures our Monarch campers and counselors on their way up to the summit of Moro Rock where a panoramic view awaits.



Camp Dining Deck

Meal-time on our camp dining deck.



Boyden Cavern

The Boyden Cavern is located along the Kings River in Kings Canyon. Tickets are not as expensive as for the Crystal Cave, and the hike to the cave entrance is only about 200 yards long. The formations in the Boyden Cavern are quite impressive.



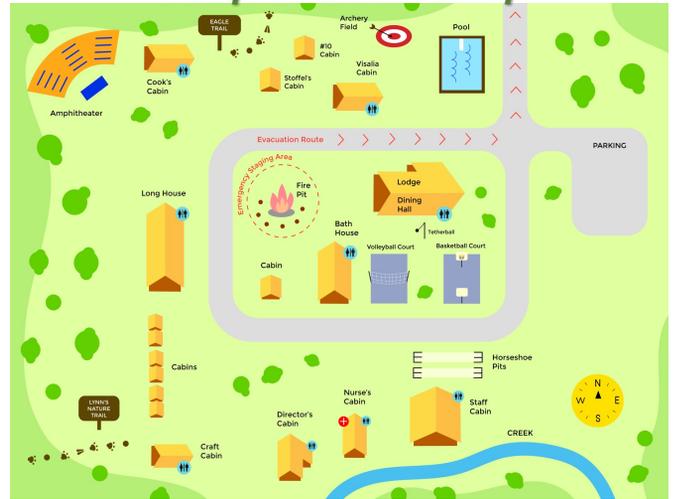
Woodward Creek Pool

Woodward Creek

Woodward Creek flows adjacent to our camp, and this waterfall and swimming hole are a few hundred yards away. Native rainbow trout can be seen swimming in the creek.

Camp Coldwater is located one mile down a paved road from the General's Highway. A map of our 13.5-acre camp is shown below.

Camp Coldwater Map



Camp Facilities

A few additional camp facilities are displayed below:



Campfire Circle



Bath House



Amphitheatre

Cabins, Meals, Activities, and Participant Information

Cabins with beds are assigned by our counseling staff. Our daily menu, meal-times, and tentative group activities are posted for your review. We have mountain bikes and helmets, fishing poles, and archery equipment for participant use. A "Camper Checklist" of what to bring is posted on our website. Detailed instructions are provided to participants upon enrollment, and our staff hosts a trip presentation with a question/answer session approximately one week before the trip.

YOUR FAMILY CAMP RESPONSIBILITIES: Check List

Depart for our camp early enough to arrive while there is still daylight.

It will be difficult to navigate forest roads in the dark.

- Pack a lunch and snacks for the drive to the campground. You will not need a tent as you will be sleeping in a cabin with a bed/bunk.
- Sleeping bag rated down to 30 degrees – it can get cold at night (**Necessity**).
Campground elevation is approximately 6,500 feet.
- Pillow
- Bath towel & flip flops (for shower)
- Toothbrush
- A knit hat, like a ski cap or polar fleece winter hat, that will help keep your body warm
- Metal or plastic cup (clearly marked with your name). We supply plates & utensils.
- Two extra pairs of socks
- Long pair of pants and shorts
- Sweatpants to pull over shorts (Strongly Recommended)
- Two extra light shirts or t-shirts
- Extra underwear
- Jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt (nights can be cold and it can snow in summer)
- Cap with sun visor (Necessity)
- Sunscreen w/UVA & UVB protection (rated 15 or higher)
- Sunglasses (Necessity)
- One extra pair of tennis shoes or water shoes (you need an extra pair)
- Swimsuit
- Flashlight with fresh batteries and a set of extra batteries (Necessity)
- Day pack for hikes (Necessity)
- One quart water container for day hikes (Necessity)
- Small disposable camera (optional)
- Toilet paper for day hikes (1/2 roll in a plastic bag)
- Picaridin Insect Repellent (preferred and strongly recommended) OR
insect repellent with DEET (very effective, but can damage gear; strongly recommended)
- Fishing pole, hooks, sinkers, bait, and net. Also, California fishing license, if 16 years or older. We suggest ultra-light pole and reel with 4lb line, #14 hooks, #3/0 split shot & salmon eggs (Pautzke's "Balls of Fire" brand). Berkley's Power Bait also works well. We have loaner equipment, so your own gear is not necessary unless you want your own. (Fishing equipment & bait are available for a reasonable price at Wal-Mart, K-Mart, and Big 5).
- Spending money (\$50 - \$70) – Optional but nice to have for a souvenir or treat.
- Enthusiasm, positive attitude, and a sense of humor!

It's only four nights, so pack light! We have hot showers and flush toilets at our camp.

Please **clearly label all of your clothing with a waterproof pen. Pack all your gear into one duffel bag** and label it with your name. **PLEASE LEAVE VALUABLES AT HOME!**

Note – This is not a tour-guided trip. Our staff will assist camper families and suggest a variety of activities, but it is the families' responsibility to be ready to participate at the appointed time. Meal times are posted, and it is the camper's responsibility to be ready at meal times if they wish to eat with the group.

SEQUOIA FAMILY CAMP 2023 – TYPICAL MENU

WED. LUNCH (On the Road)	Bring your own sack lunch and snacks
WED. DINNER (around 7 p.m.)	Hamburgers with lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, onions, etc. Also hot dogs, potato salad, chips and lemonade. Activity: campground area exploration
TH . BREAKFAST (around 8 a.m.)	Breakfast burritos, quesadillas, Danish, fresh fruit, hot and cold cereal, orange juice, and milk
TH. LUNCH	Salami, turkey, bologna, cheese, P & J sandwiches; fruit, chips, trail bars, trail mix, dried fruit, and water. (pack your lunch while breakfast is being prepared) Activity: Moro Rock, Tunnel Log, Lodgepole Visitor Center, and General Sherman Tree)
Th. Dinner (around 7 p.m.)	Mac & cheese, curry stew on rice (Vegee-curry option). Steamed Chinese vegetables, Kool -Aid
FRI. BREAKFAST (around 8 a.m.)	Blueberry & chocolate chip pancakes, bacon, eggs, hash brown potatoes, orange juice, hot or cold cereal, muffins, and milk.
FRI. LUNCH	Roast beef, pastrami, cheese, P & J sandwiches, fruit, chips, trail bars, trail mix, dried fruit, and water (pack your lunch while breakfast is being prepared) Activity: Hume Lake/10 Mile Creek – kayak, paddleboard, swim, fish, & hike
Fr. Dinner (around 7 p.m.)	Carne asada & chicken tacos with lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, onions, etc. Soy-rizo (vegee option), Spanish rice and refried beans, fruit Salad & lemonade .
SAT. BREAKFAST	Cheese & meat quesadilla's, cinnamon rolls, hot oatmeal, cereal, & fresh fruit
SAT. LUNCH	Turkey, ham, and salami sandwiches, fruit, chips, trail bars, trail mix, dried fruit, and water (pack your lunch while breakfast is being prepared) Activity: Buck Rock Fire Lookout – rock climbing
SAT. DINNER	Barbeque tri-tip steak, garlic shrimp, corn, Southwest salad, mashed potatoes, and Kool-Aid
SUN. BREAKFAST (around 8 a.m.)	French bread, apple pancakes, bacon, eggs, country style potatoes, orange juice, hot or cold cereal, and milk
SUN. LUNCH	Bologna, turkey, salami, P & J sandwiches, fruit, trail mix, trail bars, chips, oranges, cookies, fresh fruit, and water (pack your lunch while breakfast is being prepared)

CAMP COLDWATER - AN IDEAL LOCATION



Camp Coldwater

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP FROM 99 NORTH

- <https://goo.gl/maps/gDEQDF2BtD7owFhf7>
- Use the link above to access Google Maps. The address for Camp Coldwater Camp (AKA San Joaquin) is: 64949 Generals Hwy, Sequoia, CA 93633
- Follow I-5 N and CA-99 N to Betty Drive (Exit 98), **drive past the town of Tulare & the 198 freeway exit to Visalia.**
Exit CA-99N at Betty Drive (Betty Drive/Alta Ave.). It's exit 98. Turn right. Restrooms, food, etc, are located in the "Valley Fuel Travel Plaza" at the exit (Chevron gas station).
- Go about 2 miles east to N. Plaza Drive (80) and turn left) It's the street right before the big warehouses (UPS & Amazon Distribution Centers) (At signal).
- Go 9 Miles to 384 (Turn Right at Signal)
- Go 5 miles and turn left on Road 120. It's a two-lane road (small). Slow down... it's easy to miss.
- Go 18 miles on 120 (which becomes the 63), to CA 180 East. The 120 becomes the 63. The last few miles is uphill through the foothills to the 180. Last Gas before Park Entrance is Texaco Station and Valero Gas, in Squaw Valley.
- Turn right on 180 East (25 Miles) to the Kings Canyon Entrance Station. Take a right toward Sequoia National Park (about 1.5 miles after the entrance station). If you arrive at the Kings Canyon Visitor Center, you missed the turn. Continue south on the General's Highway (approximately 9 miles), past Ten Mile Road, Kings Canyon Overlook and the Montecito Sequoia Lodge. A Forest Service Sign that says "Organization Camps" San Joaquin & Far Horizons, will be on your right, about 1 mile past the Montecito Sequoia Lodge. Drive down this road ½ mile to Trash Bins (take left fork) and drive another ½ mile to Steel "Green" Gate (on right). Drive up the driveway about 150 yards to our Camp. If you pass Stony Creek Village (on the General's Highway), you've gone about 2 miles past our turnoff.

