



# Hillside's 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Camp

## Sugar Pine Point State Park @ Lake Tahoe

### July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024



#### GENERAL INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS

(2/14/24 revision)

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#### LOCATION:

SUGAR PINE POINT STATE PARK - GENERAL CREEK CAMPGROUND Hwy. 89 West Shore Lake Tahoe, Tahoma, CA 96142. (530) 525-7982. The Park's entrance is between Tahoma & Meeks Bay, approximately 9 miles south of Tahoe City. For background information, check out this link: [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=510](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=510) and this brochure: <http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/510/files/EdZbergSugarPinePointSPWebBrochure2013.pdf>

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#### ARRIVAL/

#### DEPARTURE:

The first official arrival date and time is Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 2:00 P.M. with a departure on Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 P.M. Your scheduled arrival and departure dates along with your assigned campsite location will have been sent to you on or before Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> via email. Evening arrivals on July 21<sup>st</sup> or early morning arrivals on July 22<sup>nd</sup> may be possible. If you arrive during scheduled business hours, identify yourself by last name at the Park Entrance Ranger Station as part of the Hillside Church Group. Park Staff will have our group's campsite assignment database. In most cases, this information will match the instructions that will have been sent to you. However, your campsite assignment is subject to change at any time, and Park Staff will have the most up-to-date and accurate information. Once you have checked-in and received your parking pass(es) from the Ranger, you may proceed directly to your pre-assigned site. Afterhours arrivals should proceed to the campsite noted in your confirmation document. If you are unclear or have any questions about where you are supposed to locate, please see or call one of Hillside's Family Camp Coordinators. Mike's cell phone is (408) 930-2561, and Terry's is (408) 489-9907. If in doubt, please DO NOT SET UP your camp site before talking to one of us, as this is critically important to ensuring that everyone has a good place to camp.

Every reasonable effort will be made to locate you/your family in a site that is appropriate for the camping equipment and vehicles recorded on the registration form, and to pair you with the friends/family members you've listed. Please let us know if your requested arrival or departure date differs from your original registration application. In general, you may check out at any time, but by no later than 12:00 noon on your scheduled departure date.

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#### OUR GROUP/

#### RESERVATIONS:

Family camp at Lake Tahoe is primarily attended by Hillside Church members, but friends and relatives of Hillside members are welcome to participate as space allows. Based on our current reservations with the State of California, we will be able to comfortably accommodate 150-200 people. If you've not already done so, please submit your registration application with payment ASAP for the best opportunity to attend this year's Camp. Hillside's Family Camp committee assigns campsites based on overall group needs. Please refer to the EdZbergCampgroundMap for information provided by the State of California on Ed Z'berg Sugar Pine Point State Park including a map of the campground's 175 campsites.

Due to heavy demand for sites, we may need to wait list campers that sign up after the early ordering deadline (4/7/24), and potentially before then. If you are thinking about coming to camp and/or bringing someone with you (e.g. neighbors, friends, relatives, etc.), that is great, but please make this request as early as possible this year. Anyone under 21 years of age must have an adult to which they are accountable, so if you'd like to adopt any of our teens or young adults who don't have family going with them this year, please contact Hillside's Associate Pastor of Student Ministry to make the right connections. If the number in your party or anything else is different than originally submitted on your registration form, please let us know before leaving San Jose so we can make sure to arrange a space for everyone.

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**PARKING/  
VEHICLES:**

Each campsite we've reserved for you in the Group & Eastern Loop includes parking for one to two cars, vans or pick-up trucks plus a trailer up to 26'. Motorhomes or campers up to 32' are also allowed. The Park may charge per night for "extra" vehicles (defined as those exceeding 1 or 2 cars per numbered campsite). For Group Sites, only cars and motor-homes are considered vehicles for this count. If you bring more than one vehicle for your family, please be prepared to pay any additional fees the park may assess. Please let us know if you are bringing up a boat, jet ski's etc. on a trailer as well. Please advise any visitors you plan to receive at your campsite for a day or evening that they will need to pay a "day-use" fee, and their vehicles must fit within the parking pad space of your campsite or be parked in an overflow parking area near the campground entrance.

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**FACILITIES/  
UTILITIES:**

In the areas where we will be located, there are full restrooms with hot/cold water at sinks with mirrors, toilets, and AC power outlets for hair dryers, shavers, etc. in some. There are fresh water faucets in central areas around our campsites. Within the greater campground there are two buildings with 16 really nice/clean coin operated hot showers (tokens needed). Per State of California standards, each individual campsite can accommodate up to 8 campers each. In general, we will try not to allocate more than 6 to 7 campers to a single site, but we may assign as many as 8 to some in order to accommodate the maximum number of Hillside campers and for those families that want to camp together. Each site has a heavy gauge steel campfire/barbecue pit and a large heavy-duty picnic table. My personal experience is that you can sit as many as 10 at these tables, but that can be tight. If you have a folding table, it would be wise to bring it along with a netted canopy which is big enough to go over a large picnic table. This provides protection from the sun and any bugs while allowing for God's fresh air to pass right on through. There is also a bear/critter proof food storage locker in each campsite (36" deep x 43" wide x 22" high). This must be used, as putting coolers and/or food in your tent or passenger vehicle will not protect you and your food and will result in you being fined. There are large bear/critter proof garbage dumpsters in the camp area. If you are in a group of just 2 or 3 people, prepare to share individual camp site resources with another group of 2-3 people.

If you are bringing a trailer or motor home, and this information was not on your reservation request form, please let us know ASAP so that you can be placed in an area appropriate for the type and size of your vehicle. There are NO dedicated in-campsite utilities (e.g. AC power, water, sewer), but there are fresh water faucets in the immediate camp site area and a sewage dumping station within the main camp perimeter (away from the campsite area). Quiet generators are allowed during the day from 10:00AM to 8:00PM only.

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**PETS & WILDLIFE:**

We have, love, and will miss them too, but we strongly recommend that you plan to leave your pets at home. The park may charge an extra fee per night (payable by the owner) for each pet. All pets must be on a leash at all times and cannot go on the hiking trails. You also may need proof of applicable pet inoculations. There are birds, squirrels, chipmunks, and other scavengers that call our camp home. Bears sometimes roam through our campsite as well. As long as you use the bear boxes and don't leave food out (see food section re: lock boxes), they will pass harmlessly through as a great photo op'.

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**ACTIVITIES &  
GATHERINGS:**

**INFORMALLY ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES:** Swimming, water-skiing, rafting, fishing, hiking, tennis, mountain biking, golfing, sightseeing, reading, etc. You can do these things on your own, or with others. A walk to the Lake leads to a huge rolling lawn that goes to the Lake's edge. This is where the famous Sugar Pine Point Pier is located and a great place to swim, catch a ride on a boat or jet ski, sunbathe or snooze under a tree during the day, or to gaze at the stars at night. This is the same location as the Ehrman Mansion/Pine Lodge which provides daily tours. If you'd like to organize an activity for others to join in, please let us know so we can get the word out. Depending on conditions we always try to arrange a River rafting adventure. There are numerous events going on in and around the Tahoe area during the summer, so we'll provide information about planned activities.

**FORMAL HILLSIDE GATHERINGS:** As highlight of our time together at Lake Tahoe, we will meet together as a group for praise and worship throughout the week. Depending on the size of our group, may can use the Sugar Pine Point State Park Amphitheater. These meetings are a highlight for that you will not want to miss. Conditions and facilities permitting, we will have our annual all church BBQ-Potluck dinner there as well.

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**CLOTHING/ FOOD/  
CAMPING GEAR, etc.**

It is recommended that you organize this in advance for your family and with those you will be camping. We would be happy to give you advice on this if you'd like. Please keep in mind that this a completely outdoor camping experience. As such, you will need to bring the shelter plus related gear and supplies appropriate for this environment. You should bring clothing and sleeping bags/blankets for nighttime temperatures that can dip into the 30's. Daytime highs are typically in the low 80's. San Jose stores have a good supply of reasonably priced camping gear such as tents, sleeping bags, lanterns, etc.

If you want to get food locally, Save Mart & Safeway are in Tahoe City 9 miles away, with the PDQ market (w/ ice for coolers) in Tahoma only two miles away. If you want to prepare hot food, it's a good idea to have a small camp stove or two. You will also want to have table cloths, and a small bin to wash up your utensils after meals. There are food lock boxes (36" deep x 43" wide x 22" high) in all group sites, so make sure your containers fit. Coolers and other items left out at night will attract animals that will want to share your food.

Other items to bring with you include but are not limited to bibles, general reading materials, games, smart phone/tablets & radios, swim gear (rafts, inter-tubes, super soaker squirt guns, beach towels, sunscreen, etc.), bug spray, flashlights, cameras, Frisbees, baseballs and gloves, tennis rackets and balls, badminton sets, horse shoe sets, etc.,

Assuming no wood burning limitations, we may place a bulk order of firewood for our group camp fires and for our church family's individual campsite fires. If we do so, the wood will be available for purchase at the Hillside HQ campsite. If you are interested in purchasing this wood, please let us know no less than 3 weeks before camp, and please check in with a coordinator before taking any wood when on-site. Small bundles of softwood may also be purchased at the Ranger Station entrance to the Park or at the local market. Please don't cut any wood in the Park or gather wood from the forest floor.

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**CURFEW & US**

We are ambassadors of our church family and our faith. As such, we need to hold to a higher standard in how we treat the places we occupy and the people's paths we cross. Every year, Hillside has a unique opportunity to share Sugar Pine Point with campers of unknown commitment to our Lord & Savior. God has blessed us with the circumstances of this year's camp to serve Him, so may the Lord shine through us in all we say and do. At the very least, please know & obey all park rules. Park Rangers and Camp Hosts will enforce a 10:00 P.M. quiet time. In addition to this, our curfew policy is as follows: Up to and including high school seniors ('24 graduates) – all youth must be back in camp & checked in with the parent or adult to whom they are accountable by 11:00 PM. (actual bedtime is up to individual families/chaperones, keeping in mind the 10:00 PM quiet rule). Recommended curfew for everyone else (back in camp) is 11:59 PM. The youngest person in a group determines the curfew! Please note that we have a great relationship with the wonderful California State Park Rangers at Sugar Pine Point. For over 50 years, Hillside Church has had the unique privilege of being able to book campsites at Lake Tahoe. We are graciously received each year by a staff that deserves our utmost appreciation and respect.

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**LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER WONDERFUL  
TIME TOGETHER AT BEAUTIFUL LAKE TAHOE!**

