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## Berkeley Tuolumne Campers Find a Home at the City of Berkeley's Echo Lake Camp for Summer 2014.

**Berkeley, California (Friday, January 24, 2014)** – The nearly century-old tradition of Berkeley Tuolumne Family Camp will continue this summer at a temporary location at the City's Echo Lake Camp. This new family camp program in the High Sierra near South Lake Tahoe will blend many of the traditions of both Echo Lake as well as Tuolumne Camp, whose site suffered extensive damage in the August 2013 Rim Fire.

The new City-run program – Berkeley Sierra Family Camp at Echo Lake – will have five weeks of family camp : June 21-July 7, July 11-20, and July 25-August 4. In addition, Echo Lake Camp will continue to offer its existing youth camp, teen weekends, 50+ camp, and group rentals. Camp registration will begin February 12th for Berkeley residents and February 19<sup>th</sup> for non-residents, pending City Council approval on February 11, 2014. Schedules, rates, and new program information will be available in the next week. Call the Recreation Office at 981-5150 or visit [www.cityofberkeley.info/recreation](http://www.cityofberkeley.info/recreation) for more information.

Straddling the Pacific Crest Trail and just minutes from Echo Lake and Desolation Wilderness, campers will be treated to an amazing alpine camping experience. Echo Lake Camp boasts incredible views and excellent outdoor recreation opportunities. Familiar tent-cabin lodging will help Tuolumne campers feel right at home, as will the regular daily activity schedule. Basketball, volleyball, bocce ball, disc-golf, and archery are all part of the fun, as is swimming in the newly renovated swimming pool. Echo Lake Camp facilities include a nature center, recreation lodge built in 1922, a recently remodeled kitchen, and the dining hall where campers can enjoy excellent company and delicious meals.

Berkeley Tuolumne Camp, also in operation since 1922, has been a highly-regarded summer tradition for generations of Berkeley residents. More than 4,000 individuals annually enjoyed BTC's fun-filled activities and heart-felt traditions at Tuolumne Camp. The new Berkeley Sierra Family Camp program at Echo Lake takes the best of Echo Lake and Tuolumne Camps to create a wonderful family camping experience for all ages. Whether exploring the new environment at Echo Lake or taking part in traditional programs, songs, and activities, Berkeley Sierra Family Campers will be a part of keeping the Tuolumne Camp Spirit alive.