

# 2017 SLAA Summer Camping Retreat Friday September 1- Monday September 4

Labor Day Weekend  
Back Ranch Meadows Campground

China Camp State Park, San Rafael

30 minutes from the East Bay/SF

\$35 earlybird registration before June 30

4 days & 3 nights

\$45 regular cost after June 30

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: August 18th


Online registration and payment:

<https://slaacamping.wordpress.com/>

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# Camping Questions & Answers



## **I've never been camping! (and/or, I've never been on the SLAA camping trip.) Help!**

You are not alone. Check the “newcomer” box on the registration form and we will do our best to pair you with a more experienced camping buddy. Or, feel free to add yourself to the camping email list and ask questions of the group.

## **Can I camp for just one or two nights?**

Fees are the same whether camping for one night or all three—no partial registrations will be accepted. If you can only attend part of the trip and don't want to pay the full fee, you can arrange with another part-timer to split the fee (but one of you will need to pay for the entire registration).

## **Can I come just for the day?**

You are welcome to come just for the day; donations are appreciated for the use of the campsite. The suggested rate is \$10 per day.

## **What are the campground amenities?**

The campsite is situated among groves of oaks, bay laurels, and madrones, and has modern restrooms and hot showers. Each camp site has a fire ring, picnic table and food locker to protect food from the raccoons. The campground is a short walk to the Shoreline and Turtle Back Hill nature trails.

## **Where is the campground located?**

Back Ranch Meadows Campground is located off of North Pedro Road in San Rafael. It is about 3 miles from highway 101, exit 454 (N Pedro Road exit).

## **Will meals or food be provided?**

Campers are responsible for their own food; if you are interested in being part of a camper-coordinated food and supply sharing effort, we recommend opting in to the google group email list when you fill out the registration form.

## **Is there a registration deadline?**

Early registration deadline (\$35 plus \$1.50 online registration fee) is Friday, June 30th. After that, registration is \$45 (plus \$1.50 online registration fee). Final registration deadline is Friday, August 18th.

## **What is the refund policy?**

Full refunds are available until August 25th. After that date no refunds will be available.

## **Can I bring my dog or other pet?**

Yes. Dogs are allowed in the campground and other day use areas including the beach, but must be kept on a leash not more than 6 feet long. Dogs are not allowed on the trails (unless they are service animals).

## **Is there parking?**

All campsites are walk-in, so tents, etc. must be carried from the parking lot, approximately 50-300 yards. Wheeled carts are available to assist in transporting our items. There is parking available at \$5 per night per car in the lot adjacent to the campground. The campground parking lot closes at 9 pm.

## **What activities are planned?**

The only planned activities are two meetings per day (one morning, one evening). In the past, impromptu hikes, swimming at the beach, kayak rental, cook-outs, arts & crafts, evening campsite sing-a-longs and more have occurred. The time is unstructured and yours to do with as you will—including relaxing!

## **What can I do in China Camp State Park?**

There are 15 miles of hiking and/or biking trails, a beach for swimming, and a place to launch your sailboat/kayak/paddle board. Historic China Camp Village and Museum are approximately 3 miles east from the campground, on North San Pedro Road. On Saturday and Sunday afternoons, docents give historical accounts and the free museum is open daily. The 1950s era cafe is open on weekends. The nearby Ranger Station and Visitor Center have volunteers that can suggest recommended activities.

## **Can I bring non-SLAA friends or family members?**

To maintain the anonymity and privacy of the group, the retreat is limited to SLAA fellows only. (i.e., those who have attended at least one SLAA meeting.)