

VALLEY OF THE MOON CAMP

Located in the beautiful rolling hills of the Sonoma Mountain Range, 885 feet above the valley floor, VOM Camp offers its visitors a pleasantly secluded site just north of Sonoma. Once a Pomo Indian village, the camp covers 27 acres in a wooded area among Madrones, Redwoods, Bay Laurels, Maples, Buckeyes, and several species of Oak trees. At the heart of the camp is a large meadow which serves as a center for recreational activities. A long, narrow road leads up to the camp, so it is important to allow time for one group to leave before another begins arriving. The parking lot holds 40 cars. Buses cannot be longer than 40'. Dual axle buses will not make it up the hill to camp, only single rear axle buses please. The Site Director's residence is just beyond the parking lot. Staff residences are also located on the west end of the camp.

LODGING: There are **5 dormitory style CABINS** (3 are arranged in a semicircle around the meadow and 2 are by the pool).

Each cabin sleeps from 16 to 24 in either two or three rooms, thirteen rooms in all for a total of **96 beds**. The cabins are duplex and triplex style, and each cabin has two entrances. They are closets in Cabins 1, 2, and 3. There are concrete pathways from the main lodge to Cabins 1, 2, and 3, and to the bathroom by Cabin 1.

Cabin #1:	3 rooms (one sleeps 4, two sleep 8 each)	= 20
Cabin #2:	2 rooms that each sleep 8	= 16
Cabin #3:	3 rooms (one sleeps 4, two sleep 8 each)	= 20
Cabin #4:	1 rooms that sleeps 16	= 16
Cabin #5:	3 rooms that each sleep 8	= 24
(Cabin #5 is being rebuilt in 2006)		
Gable		= 6

Heating: All of the cabins are heated. There are electrical outlets in each cabin. Groups may not bring their own heaters – they may overload the breakers and may be unsafe.

Bathrooms: The bathrooms are centrally located; one set by the pool, and one by Cabin 1.

The open-air bathhouse by the pool has 4 sinks along one side, 4 toilets, and 4 showers with a shielded outdoor dressing area. Cabins 3, 4 and 5 use the bathhouse by the pool or they can walk over to the bathhouse near Cabin 1.

The bathhouse by Cabin 1 has 1 toilet, 2 sinks, and 1 shower on one side, and 4 toilets, 4 sinks, and 4 showers on the other side.

GABLE COTTAGE is available for camp directors or for campers with

special food needs. It is named so because Clark Gable, movie star of an earlier era, used the cottage for hunting parties. The Cottage has one bedroom with one queen bed and a living room with one double foldout sofa bed and a bunk bed, a full bathroom, and a kitchenette. Gable Cottage is not handicap accessible. **The maximum capacity of the Gable Cottage is 6.**

DINING: **THE DINING HALL** can accommodate groups of 30-90. It is a large wooden building with a fireplace, open-beamed ceiling, paneled walls and linoleum floor. Seating is grouped around 11 large, round tables for family-style meals, plus 4 square tables. A refrigerator and microwave in the dining hall are available for groups to store their own food/snacks. A coffee station is also available for use, in the dining hall, throughout the day. The dining hall kitchen is used by UCCR staff only. There is a hand-washing sink that can be used for arts and crafts and for clean up, located on the deck of the Dining Hall. TV/VCR is available for group use.

A **PICNIC AREA** is next to the Dining Hall with 3 picnic tables that seat about 50 people.

MEETING: **DINING HALL** The heated Dining Hall can be used for group meetings winter and summer. It also has a piano (tuned).

REC HALL (32'x60' = 1920 sq.ft.) provides additional meeting/recreational space. It is a big, rustic building with a fireplace and wood walls. The Rec Hall has small windows all the way around the top of the building, and one side (the south wall) has 4 large (4' X 4') sliding windows. The Rec Hall is lit by fluorescent lighting. The hardwood floor, though a bit rough, is good for square dancing. A large blackboard is on one wall. There are long tables with 100 padded stackable chairs for meetings or doing crafts. There are two pianos (not tuned). There is a heater in the Rec Hall.

FIRE CIRCLE between the Dining Hall and the Rec Hall seats about 70 adults or 90 children on wooden plank benches and logs in a semi-circle. Campfires require an OK from the Site Director during summer, dependent on fire danger.

OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATRE The outdoor amphitheater is beyond the Rec. Hall and accommodates up to 100 people on 14 wooden benches. A sheltered, raised stage has outdoor lighting. The path leading to the theater is also lit. The stage has electrical plugs.

VESPER POINT, an outdoor chapel, is located beyond above camp. To reach Vesper Point there is trail with a slight incline by cabin #4. It affords a beautiful view of the Valley of the Moon. It can accommodate up to 90 people on wooden plank benches on a gentle slope. There is a podium at the head of the benches.

RECREATION:

The **SWIMMING POOL** is a large L-shaped pool and is open usually from May 15 through Labor Day. The pool is not heated, but is warmed by the sun. Since UCCR must provide a lifeguard whenever groups use the pool, weather and the availability of a lifeguard determine whether the pool is open at other times. Please check with the Site Director regarding use of the pool. Lifeguard ratio is one for every 25 persons.

THE PLAYFIELD is a large area in the center of the camp providing an area for **baseball**, a **grass volleyball court**, **horseshoes**, and **group games**. A large paved area has **two basketball hoops**. Sports equipment (basketballs, volleyball, kickball, and some softball equipment) is available at all times. There is also **1 ping pong table** available.

There are many **hiking trails**. **Jack London State Park** is nearby, about 1 1/2 hour hike each way. Also nearby is horseback riding, mini-golf, Traintown (Sonoma), and local wineries. There is also a guided hike to a 900 year old Redwood tree. The camp also has a **Low Ropes Challenge Course** available.

MISCELLANEOUS:

TV and VCR

1 pianos

Elevation - 885', Mileage from office - 37

Limited wheelchair access - check with Site Director

Parking spaces - 35 to 40

Phone is available for guest use.

No dual axle buses. Only single rear axle buses no more than 40' long please.

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:

1. Challenge Sonoma Adventure Ropes Course

(707) 996-0934
P.O. Box 12
Eldridge, CA 95431
(15 minute walk from VOM)

2. Sonoma Cattle Company (Horseback Riding)
(707) 996-8566 www.winecountrytrailrides.com
in Jack London State Park
3. Jack London State Park
(707) 938-5216