

# SUMMER

2013 EASTERN SIERRA

# GUIDE



EVENTS, ACTIVITIES,  
CELEBRATIONS & MORE!

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# The Heart of Mammoth



## 2013 Schedule of Events

### JUNE

- 20 - 30 The Village Summer Movie Series - Thurs. & Sun. evenings
- 21 - 29 The Village Summer Concert Series - Fri. & Sat. evenings
- 22 Moti Gras Celebration and music in the Plaza
- 29 Moti Gras Celebration, annual pit bike races & music in the Plaza

### JULY

- 4 - 7 July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend festivities, fireworks and concerts
- 5 Mammoth Food & Wine Experience Wine Walk
- 5 - 27 The Village Summer Concert Series - Fri. & Sat. evenings
- 7 - 28 The Village Summer Movie Series - Thurs. & Sun. evenings
- 13 Jazz in The Village
- 19 - 20 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Reggae Music Weekend
- 26 - 27 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Villagefest - CA.'s highest rib cook-off & live music

### AUGUST

- 1 - 29 The Village Summer Movie Series - Thurs. & Sun. evenings
- 2 - 30 The Village Summer Concert Series - Fri. & Sat. evenings
- 9 - 10 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mammoth Margarita Festival - fine food, tequila tasting and music
- 16 Mammoth Festival, wine walk and live music in The Village
- 23 - 24 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Mammoth Rocks - A Taste of the Sierra
- 24 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mammoth Mud Run through The Village
- 29 - 31 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mammoth Bluegrass Festival

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mammoth Bluegrass Festival
- 4 - 8 Mammoth Kamikaze Bike Games
- 27 - 28 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Mammoth Lakes Oktoberfest



### 14 DINING OPTIONS

- Bear Creek Pizza Den
- Ben & Jerry's
- Campo Mammoth
- Gomez's Restaurant
- Lakanuki
- Old New York Deli & Bagel Co.
- Pita Pit
- Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory
- Side Door
- Smokeyard BBQ & Chop Shop
- Starbucks
- Sushi Rei
- Underground Lounge
- Whitebark

### 15 SHOPPING OPTIONS

- Alpine Approach
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- Mammoth Child Care
- Mammoth Village Properties
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- ZanTees

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a taste of the sierra

# ROCK free music BANDS

# FOOD tastings from local restaurants

## THE VILLAGE AT MAMMOTH AUGUST 23-24

### FRI 4-10PM SAT 12-10PM



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Dining and shopping details, event calendars and more at [www.VillageAtMammoth.com](http://www.VillageAtMammoth.com).

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## 2013 footloose summer series

### Women's Wednesdays and Sundays Road Bike Rides

**FREE** two-hour guided road bike ride for women. Includes mini clinics and tips on riding. Meet Wednesday mornings at Whitmore Pool. Sunday rides vary. Call 760-934-2400 or check our Facebook page for current info.

### Women's Mondays

**FREE** two-hour guided mountain bike ride for women or beginner riders. Meet at Footloose at 5 pm. Discounted rentals available. Available from mid-June through August.

### Discount Tuesdays

Rent for a full day and pay the **half-day rate** on all bike rentals.

### Discount Thursdays

Rent for a full day and pay the **half-day rate** on stand-up paddleboard rentals.

### Coreban Stand-Up Paddleboard Demo Day

**JUNE 15-16** FREE stand-up paddleboard demos for all ages. Time and location TBA. Call for 760-934-2400 info.

### Footloose Freedom Mile

**JULY 4** A one-mile fun run starting at Old Mammoth Road and Minaret Road at 10:10 am (prior to the 4th of July Parade). Entry fee.

### Women's Mountain Bike Trail Ride

**JULY 17** Meet at Footloose Sports at 5 pm for a free guided mountain bike trail ride with a social hour at Footloose. Ride location to be determined. Pre-register at Footloose Sports. Sign-ups are limited to 20 riders.

### Intensapolooza

**JULY 12-14** Intense Mountain Bike Demo Fest, open to all Intense bike owners – or prospective buyers. Three days of riding, food and fun. Space is limited—register at [www.intensecycles.com](http://www.intensecycles.com).

### Footloose/Charthouse 10k/5K Run/Walk

**AUGUST 10** Race starts at 8 am at the Chighthouse Restaurant parking lot. Pre-register on [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) or at Footloose Sports. Entry fee.

### Mammoth High Sierra Fall Century

**SEPTEMBER 7** 30, 50 or 100-mile fully supported road ride through the scenic Sierra. Pre-register at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com).



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FROM THE EDITOR



# The Sierra Tease

Summer in the Sierra ... what a tease.

She sneaks in amid snowstorms flashing her bare legs and flirting with her long, warm days, but then, just as we begin to tan and grow used to her, she's gone again, leaving us with only warm thoughts to get us through those cold winter days.

We try to catch her, to grasp her in our hands, but she always dashes away too quickly like one of Sierra Classic Theatre's elusive Shakespearian nymphs, giggling in the wind that whispers through the trees.

Remember the freezing temperature of last December? I brought summer memories to the surface of my mind back then, clinging to thoughts of lakeside barbecues, bike rides and campfires that last late into the night, to help ease my shivers in the winter air.

And now, here she is before us once again.

Summer is always a whirlwind of activity in the Eastern Sierra and this year is no different. With the huge line up of events and celebrations, some old and some new, summer will be as strong as ever and will fly by just as quickly, too.

The compilation of this year's Eastern Sierra Summer Guide has also been a whirlwind of excitement and activity, befitting this season in the Sierra. We've covered new faces and events like Sue and Robert Joki, new owners of The Gallery at Twin Lakes, and the addition of a Gran Fondo to the much-loved High Sierra Fall Century Ride. We also celebrate long-time business, Gomez's in Jack Lunch's story on their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, all the while providing tidbits on what to do during most days of the summer with our event calendars.

So soak it up and enjoy it while you can.

I for one will miss summer when she's gone.

Lara Kirkner

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2013 MAMMOTH LAKES TRAIL SYSTEM  
SUMMER OF STEWARDSHIP

If you like a little sweat and dirt on your brow, come help clear the trails for summer while sharpening your skills for future events and volunteer opportunities. The 2013 Summer of Stewardship trails days will focus on trail maintenance, trash pickup, and lakeshore beautification. Volunteers will be rewarded for their efforts with lunch and raffle prizes. Please dress for trail work in order to avoid scratches, stubbed toes, or worse: sturdy, closed-toed shoes, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt. Gloves and tools provided. Visit [www.mltpa.org](http://www.mltpa.org) or [www.friendsoftheinyo.org](http://www.friendsoftheinyo.org) or call 760.873.6500 or 760.934.3154 for more info.

- June 1** National Trails Day:  
Panorama Dome
- July 6** Uptown/Downtown &  
The Earthquake Fault Trails
- July 20** Mountain View Trail
- Aug. 3** Coldwater Trails &  
Mammoth Consolidated Mine
- Aug. 17** Hot Creek
- Sept. 21** Lakes Basin  
Coastal Cleanup Day

THE VILLAGE AT MAMMOTH  
SUMMER MOVIE SERIES

Head to the Village at Mammoth for free family movies under the stars every Sunday and Thursday at dusk, weather permitting. Seating provided for the first 80 people. Bring a blanket because it does get chilly! Popcorn and drinks are available for sale. All movies, times and dates are subject to change. For more information and movie lineups visit [www.villageatmammoth.com](http://www.villageatmammoth.com) or call 760.924.1575.

TIOGA PASS RUN

Join the camaraderie of the Tioga Pass Run with 3,200 feet of elevation gain over a 12.4-mile course along the shoulder of one of the most scenic highways in the country! Held September 8, the run starts at 8 a.m. in downtown Lee Vining and finishes at the Tioga Pass entrance station to Yosemite. Info: contact Rose Catron 760.647.6595



DISCOVER THE MAMMOTH LAKES BASIN

June, July, and August: Naturalist walks to explore the Mammoth Lakes Trail System and the treasures of the Lakes Basin including mining, geology, wildflowers and more. Stop by the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center or visit [friendsoftheinyo.org](http://friendsoftheinyo.org) for a schedule and more details.



VALENTINE RESERVE WALKS AND TALKS

Enter the pristine wilderness that is the Valentine Reserve during one of the 2013 public outreach programs offered throughout the summer. Talks cover a range of topics and walks are easy to moderately strenuous. Sign up to learn about wildflowers, black bears and more. The black bear walks fill up fast, so sign up early!

PROGRAM DATES:

- Early Season Wildflowers: July 11, 18
- Introduction to Wildlife: July 9, 23, 30
- Wildflowers of the Reserve: July 26, Aug. 2
- Living History, Los Angeles to Valentine Camp in the 1920s: TBD—check website
- The Forest of Valentine Reserve: July 19, 25
- The Geology of the Valentine Reserve: July 10, July 17, 24, 31
- Black Bears: July 12, 16, Aug. 1

INFO: [vesr.ucnrs.org](http://vesr.ucnrs.org) or [ldawson@msi.ucsb.edu](mailto:ldawson@msi.ucsb.edu).

REGISTRATION: Leslie Dawson, 760.935.4356  
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STANDUP PADDLEBOARD YOGA  
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PEDAL-PADDLE 2013

Camping, sports and FUN is what Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra's Pedal-Paddle camp-out is all about! This family camp-out exemplifies DSES' spirit of inclusion! Campers will enjoy two fun-filled days of cycling, paddle boarding, kayaking, fishing and, of course, making s'mores and telling stories by the campfire! You'll even catch the trout for dinner! Join us for this weekend of adventure!

DATE: August 16-18

LOCATION: McGee Creek Trout Ponds & Camp Ground

EVENT PARTICIPANT FEE: \$175 for 2-day event (scholarships available)

PARTICIPANTS: We welcome anyone with a cognitive and/or physical disability, as well as their family!

INFO: [www.disabledsportseasternsierra.org](http://www.disabledsportseasternsierra.org)

- FRIDAY-EVENING 1: Camp set-up and socialize
- SATURDAY-DAY 1: Cycling / Fishing
- SUNDAY-DAY 2: Kayaking



PHOTO: MAMMOTH KAYAKS

MAMMOTH KAYAKS SETS UP LAKESIDE

By Katie Vane

Mammoth Kayaks owner Rob Witherill has one goal in mind when renting kayaks and paddle boards to summer enthusiasts in the Eastern Sierra: "If you're coming up here to have fun," he said, "I'm gonna make sure you have fun at an affordable price." To that end, Mammoth Kayaks offers its second season of lakeside rentals at the June Lake Beach during the months of June through September. "We're the only one with a lakeside permit," Rob said. "It's a cool little niche." The convenience of the beachside location reduces the amount of time spent transporting kayaks or paddle boards from other locations in town, he pointed out; "Our slogan is, 'drive on up and paddle on out.'"

Kayaking and paddleboarding on June Lake provides a scenic experience with wildlife sightings including eagles, deer and bears, plus beautiful views of surrounding Sierra Nevada Mountains. June Lake is an ideal location for beginners, Rob said, because of the beach, and the shallow water, which is 8 feet at the deepest point before the drop off.

Anyone interested in renting has only to show up to the beach and pick out kayaks or paddle boards, although takeaway services are also available for those who wish to kayak or paddle board on other lakes in the area. Paddles and life jackets are included in the \$25 per hour rate, Rob said, and "I don't charge extra for lessons."

Rob co-owns Mammoth Kayaks with his wife, Cheryl, and has seen their kayak fleet grow from six to 14 over the past six years of business. Three years ago, the Witherills added stand-up paddle boards to the mix. "Paddle boards are the number one inland water sport, now," Rob said. Paddleboarding offers the challenge of balance and strength, but, Rob said, is remarkably easy to pick up. He recalled a camper who approached the Witherills last summer, curious about paddleboarding. She was hooked in no time, taking her husband with her out onto the lake to fish from their paddle boards. The camper, Yvonne, was 73 years old.

Rob explained the appeal of paddleboarding and kayaking as a mixture of a good workout in a tranquil setting. "It's green, it's family-oriented, and it doesn't require a lot of experience," he said. "And it's peaceful."

Mammoth Kayaks offers a variety of single, two-person, and triple kayaks, as well as a fleet of 11 paddle boards, including soft tops, fiberglass, and displacement hull race boards. This summer, paddle board enthusiasts can also enjoy yoga classes led by Sierra Yoga on the lake, and Rob and Cheryl are happy to offer group rates to any other interested parties. Mammoth Kayaks has hosted running teams, family reunions, wedding parties, nonprofits including Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra and Wounded Warriors, and more, and offers competitive group rates.

Thus far, Mammoth Kayaks has seen its share of success. "We had 954 users over last season," Rob reported. He and Cheryl hope to bring the business to Horseshoe Lake in the Lakes Basin this summer, expanding to accommodate the demand from locals and visitors alike. "We're just excited to get people out on the water, whether it's the first time or the second time," he said. "We love to be able to expose people to the Sierra and the sport of kayaking and paddleboarding."

Call 760.924.3075 or  
visit [www.mammothkayaks.com](http://www.mammothkayaks.com)



## BODIE FOUNDATION PHOTOGRAPHER DAYS

This is a wonderful opportunity to photograph Bodie in the early morning light. Photographer Days are the 3rd Saturday of each month, May through October. Cost: \$75. Time: Sunrise to 9 a.m. Access in and out of Bodie continues until closing of the park that day. There is no inside building photography offered on Photographer Days.

INFO: [www.bodiefoundation.org](http://www.bodiefoundation.org)



## SHOWBOAT YOUTHEATRE DRAMA CAMP

Does your child like to sing, dance or act? Then sign them up for Showboat Youtheatre in Mammoth this August. The drama camp will have 6-10 year olds performing in "Surf's Up," while 11-17 year olds tackle "Aquanet." Both sessions culminate in public performances.

INFO: [www.mammothrecreation.com](http://www.mammothrecreation.com)

## CHILDREN'S THEATRE WORKSHOP

Children ages 7-13 are invited to sign up for Playhouse 395's Children's Theater Workshops in June and July. Children will learn stagecraft and stage presence, on stage and behind the scenes while producing Disney's Little Mermaid, Jr. Each session runs for two weeks, Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Children may sign up for one or both sessions. Session 1 is June 17-28; Session 2 is July 29-Aug. 9. Both sessions culminate in public performances on the final Friday with shows at 5:30 and 7 p.m.

Registration materials are available online at [www.playhouse395.com](http://www.playhouse395.com).

## TIOGA GAS MART'S CONCERT SERIES

Join the party at Tioga Gas Mart, home of the Whoa Nellie Deli, in Lee Vining for a whole summer of free concerts and great food! Yes, we said great food inside a gas station ... this local's secret still surprises people! Enjoy great music every Thursday & Sunday through September at the junction of highways 395 and 120. Enjoy Whoa Nellie Deli's famous fish tacos and other favorite menu items while listening to great music under the big Sierra sky. Concert rules are strictly enforced: No dogs allowed, and alcohol consumed must be purchased at the venue. Phone: 760.647.1088. For music schedule visit [www.whoanelliedeli.com](http://www.whoanelliedeli.com).

## SIERRA CLASSIC THEATRE'S SHAKESPEARE IN THE WOODS

Do you enjoy watching your friends and neighbors dress up, adopt English accents and run around the forest? Then you're sure to enjoy Sierra Classic Theatre's Shakespeare in the Woods under the pines at Sam's Wood Site. This year's production takes place the weekends of July 19 and 26. Suggested donation of \$10. Bring your own beverages (including wine!) and snacks, plus a chair or blanket. For more info visit Sierra Classic Theatre's Facebook page.

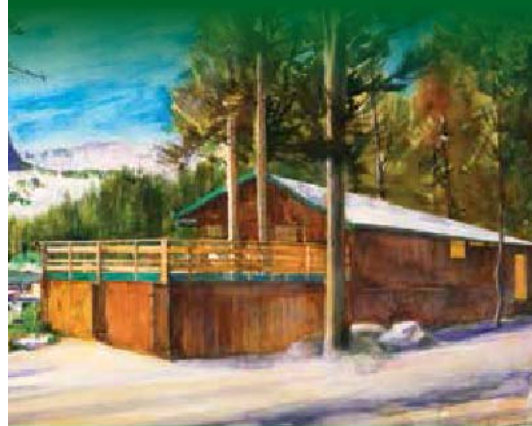


## THE VILLAGE AT MAMMOTH SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Come to the Village at Mammoth every Friday and Saturday throughout the summer and enjoy a free concert with a different musician performing each week. For more information such as times and musician lineups visit [www.villageatmammoth.com](http://www.villageatmammoth.com) or call 760.924.1575.

## DINNER CONCERTS AT POKONOBE LODGE

Enjoy an evening of fine dining and great musical entertainment at the historic Pokonobe Lodge on beautiful Lake Mary! Your evening begins at 6 p.m. with appetizers on the deck, followed with a delicious dinner and dessert prepared by Wilderness Catering, which is run by long-time local Marci Satterfield who also caters weddings and other events in the Eastern Sierra. The Pokonobe dining room is transformed into an intimate concert hall where attendees can watch the sun set over Lake Mary. Experience the magic that brings guests back every season! Cost is \$45 for adults and \$20 for young'uns, and seating is limited! Credit card secured reservations for any or all dates by calling 760.873.4616. Call for dates.



## FROM INYO FARM TO MONO TABLE

By Katie Vane

Options for farm-fresh produce in Mammoth have expanded with offerings from local grocery store Sierra Sundance and café Stellar Brew, but there's still nothing quite like selecting fruits and veggies from a summertime farmers market. Kathleen Rudder, who helms the Mammoth Lakes Farmers Market, also known as Skip's Market, described it as a vibrant social event. "Families bring kids; we have hula hoops and chalk drawings," she said, "and it's a great place to just meet and greet, and learn about new businesses."

Skip's Market is named after late councilman and restaurateur Skip Harvey, who played a major role in bringing the Market to its present location in the parking lot of the Luxury Outlet Mall. This year, Skip's Market begins its third season on July 3 and runs through September, providing a weekly outdoor sale of fresh produce, baked goods, arts and crafts, food, and retail items every Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. The Market encourages not only healthy eating and living, Rudder said, but also social and environmental responsibility in its support of local farmers, vendors, artists and craftspeople.

Speaking of produce, "Usually we have a minimum of four farmers," she said. These farmers, most located in the Bishop area, bring a variety of produce ranging from lettuce to leeks, garlic to squash. "We're also working really hard on finding a source for fruit," she said.

In addition, Skip's Market welcomes nonprofit and information booths from organizations like Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra and the Forest Service, vendors including Thai'd Up, CJ's Grill, Black Velvet Coffee, and Mimi's Cookie Bar, local arts and crafts from Sierra Art Studio and Natural Design Jewelry, and cut flowers and plants from Ken's Flower Garden.

"The local reception is great," Rudder said. "People can hardly wait."

From the farmer's perspective, Skip's Market, which is an Eastern Sierra Certified Farmers Market (ESCFM) along with three other markets in Bishop, Independence and Lone Pine, offers an important source of revenue. "The market in all of its various locations plays a crucial role in providing small-scale local growers with a marketing outlet for their produce and fruit," said Skip's Market participant and ESCFM president Martin Freeman. The 'certified' in ESCFM "means that the county agriculture commission has certified that each grower is local and that they produce what they sell," he said.

Freeman and his wife grow and market a garden in Big Pine, with produce including tomatoes, cantaloupes, eggplant, spinach, carrots, beets, bok choy, sweet peppers, cucumbers, and much more. "This is how we make our modest living," Freeman said; "we couldn't do it without the markets. They are vital to our success."

Freeman also praised the positive effect of these farmers markets on patrons, who are provided with an opportunity to sample "clean, fresh, ripe fruits and produce. It's a win-win situation for both growers and the community they serve," he said.

The community concurs, said Rudder, going by the great turnout for Skip's Market last year and a still better turnout expected this year. Things are looking good in Inyo County this growing season, she said, especially after much-needed May rain. Freeman agreed. "Growing fruits and vegetables on the eastside of the Sierra can be challenging at times," he said, but "the gods seem to have been gentle with us this year. It appears to be a banner year."



PHOTO: KATIE VANE



PHOTO: LARA KIRKNER



## A FED BEAR IS A DEAD BEAR

Don't encourage bears to take the easy way out and eat human food. If a bear finds easily obtainable food and/or food trash, the animal will continue to return until the food source is gone. A bear may check back for several days in a row (sometimes up to a week), and if the food is absent, the bear will move on.

These are common mistakes made by humans living in or visiting a forest/urban interface area such as Mammoth Lakes:

- Household garbage isn't disposed of properly. Take trash straight to the provided trash receptacles where you live or are staying. Follow all property management trash rules posted for that location or written in a lease. Homeowners in Mammoth who are responsible for disposing of their own trash need to make regular trips to the transfer station, or store trash properly for pickup. The containers should be tightly sealed and kept inside. Regularly spraying ammonia-based household cleaners inside cans or bins is also a proven deterrent to bears as well as raccoons and coyotes.
- Pet food is left out on porches or decks. Clean up after your dog or cat eats, or better yet, feed your animals inside. Store extra food in airtight containers. If food is kept in a garage or other outside storage area, make sure the container is sealed and the storage area/garage door is closed.
- Bird feeders are not properly hung or cleaned up around. Seed, fruit and suet are all natural bear foods. It sends the bears a mixed message to put out things they are supposed to eat and then punish them for trying to do so. Avian biologists suggest providing only fresh water in the summer months when bears are active. A birdbath will attract just as many birds as feeders. Save the feeding for the snowy months when the birds really need help and the bears are denned up. If you insist on feeding, hang the feeders out on wires so they are away from trees, posts, the house, or anything a bear can climb on to get to them. Feed only seed and clean up the spills daily. Many people have success with attaching a trash can lid, tray, or other similar object to the bottom of the feeder to keep the spills from hitting the ground.
- Food is not properly secured at campsites. State and local laws require that the bear boxes in each site be properly used. Ice chests cannot be left out in the open when unattended. In the backcountry, canisters are required.
- Food or empty wrappers/containers are left in vehicles. Bears will open car doors or tear through soft tops to get to what smells like food. Considerable damage is often done to cars in the process.

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## JUNE

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JUNE 11-15 • Walker and Coleville  
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530-208-6078 [www.EasternSierraATVJamboree.com](http://www.EasternSierraATVJamboree.com)



### Bridgeport Trout Tournament

JUNE 22 • Bridgeport  
Open to everyone, especially families! Tournament fee includes a goody bag, event merchandise, trophies, prizes, and an awards dinner where every child is recognized!

209-217-4498 [www.BridgeportFishEnhancement.com](http://www.BridgeportFishEnhancement.com)



JUNE 14-16 • Mono Basin Bird Chautauqua  
760-647-6595 [www.BirdChautauqua.org](http://www.BirdChautauqua.org)

JUNE 21-30 • Monster Energy Mammoth Motocross  
800-626-6684 [www.MammothMotocross.com](http://www.MammothMotocross.com)

JUNE 29 • Trout Fest 559-765-4824 [www.Dfg.Ca.Gov/Events/Trout\\_Fest](http://www.Dfg.Ca.Gov/Events/Trout_Fest)

## JULY

### Bridgeport Old-Fashioned 4th of July

JULY 4-7 • Bridgeport  
151st anniversary of the Bridgeport Old-Fashioned 4th of July. Rodeo, parade, fireworks, turkey shoot, watermelon eating contest, horseshoe tournament, greased pole contest and much more!

760-932-7500 [www.BridgeportCalifornia.com](http://www.BridgeportCalifornia.com)



### June Lake Triathlon

JULY 12-13 • June Lake  
Known as "the TOUGHEST race in the most BEAUTIFUL place," the June Lake Triathlon tests athletes of all ages in the high alpine community of June Lake at an elevation of 7,600 feet. Named 3rd best triathlon in the country by Triathlete Magazine!

[www.HighSierraTri.org](http://www.HighSierraTri.org)



JULY 1-31 • "How Big Is Big?" Fishing Derby 530-495-2911

JULY 10-14 • Mammoth Lakes Jazz Jubilee  
877-686-5299 [www.MammothJazz.org](http://www.MammothJazz.org)

JULY 26-28 • June Lake Loop Mountain Music Festival  
310-450-9606 [www.JuneLakeMusic.com](http://www.JuneLakeMusic.com)

## AUGUST

### Mammoth Festival of Beers & Bluesapalooza

AUGUST 1-4 • Mammoth Lakes  
Outdoors among the pines, "Beer & Blues in the High Sierra" showcases more than 60 of the best craft breweries in the country plus top blues performers. Tickets sell out fast - purchase in advance.

888-992-7397 [www.MammothBluesBrewsFest.com](http://www.MammothBluesBrewsFest.com)



### Ghosts of the Sagebrush Tour

AUGUST 23-24 • Lee Vining  
Explore the history of Lee Vining and the Tioga Road - the Eastern Gateway to Yosemite! Friday night dinner, Saturday auto tour starts at the Old Schoolhouse Museum at 10 am.

760-647-6461 [www.MonoBasinHS.org](http://www.MonoBasinHS.org)



AUGUST 3 • Crowley Lake Stillwater Classic  
760-935-4301 [www.CrowleyLakeFishCamp.com](http://www.CrowleyLakeFishCamp.com)

AUGUST 31 • Western BBQ and Concert at Bridgeport Barns & Terrace  
775-545-7003 [www.Fishin-Mission-Foundation.org](http://www.Fishin-Mission-Foundation.org)

AUGUST 10 • Friends of Bodie Day 760-647-6564 [www.BodieFoundation.org](http://www.BodieFoundation.org)

## SEPTEMBER

### Founder's Day Celebration

AUGUST 31 - SEPT 2 • Bridgeport  
Honoring the pioneer spirit that founded the Bridgeport Valley in the 1850s, this family-friendly event is packed with old-fashioned festivities and fun. Team branding, hayrides, live bluegrass music, exhibits, historic tours, food, and more!

760-932-7500 [www.BridgeportCalifornia.com](http://www.BridgeportCalifornia.com)



### Mark Twain Days

SEPTEMBER 13-15 • Lee Vining  
An annual celebration of American author and humorist Mark Twain (1835-1910). Enjoy theatrical impressions of Mark Twain and John Muir, plus a diverse group of food and craft vendors, and plenty of live music to celebrate!

760-647-6581 [www.MonoInn.com](http://www.MonoInn.com)



SEPTEMBER 7 • Mammoth High Sierra Fall Century and Gran Fondo  
[www.FallCentury.org](http://www.FallCentury.org)

SEPTEMBER 8 • Tioga Pass Run 760-647-6595  
[www.MonoLake.org/Visit/TiogaPassRun](http://www.MonoLake.org/Visit/TiogaPassRun)

SEPTEMBER 20-22 • Fly Fishing Faire 808-718-8566

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For lodging information, maps and a complete list of events, go to: Mono County Tourism 800-845-7922 [www.MonoCounty.org](http://www.MonoCounty.org)



# JUNE

## 1 MAMMOTH YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEER REGISTRATION DAY

From 3-7 p.m., Sierra Center Mall, Second Floor. Go to [www.mammoth/youthfootball.org](http://www.mammoth/youthfootball.org) for more information and forms. Registration is \$50 for the season and includes uniforms, pictures, great coaching and participation awards. Practice starts August 5. For more information or if you cannot attend registration please contact Theresa Dessert (football) 619.851.8288 or Amber Dessert (Cheer) 760.709.1372 to register.

## 1 NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

Black Canyon Single Track maintenance with Friends of the Inyo and Inyo National Forest. More details at [friendsoftheinyo.org](http://friendsoftheinyo.org).

## 1 MAMMOTH LAKES TRAIL SYSTEM SUMMER OF STEWARDSHIP TRAIL DAYS 2013 EVENT: NATIONAL TRAILS DAY ON PANORAMA DOME

For more information see ad on page 15 or [www.mltpa.org](http://www.mltpa.org) or [www.friendsoftheinyo.org](http://www.friendsoftheinyo.org)

## 3-7 WOUNDED WARRIOR: OPERATION HIGH ALTITUDE

For info: Maggie Palchak, 760.934.0791 or [mpalchak@disabledsportseasternsierra.org](mailto:mpalchak@disabledsportseasternsierra.org)

## 4 15TH ANNUAL GUN RIGHTS DINNER & AUCTION

Sponsored by the Bridgeport Gun Club. Cocktails 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. Featured Guest: Three-time Olympic Gold medalist, Kimberly Rhode. For tickets and information: 760.932.7177

## 4 CAT AND KITTEN ADOPTION DAY

Cats and kittens from the Big Pine Animal Shelter will be in Bishop at Bonifide Dog Training Facility, 162 W. Line St. (1/2 block West of Main St.). Come and meet these beautiful felines, save a life and add a new member to your family!



## 5 EASTERN SIERRA LAND TRUST BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES

Discussion: *Climate Change in the Eastern Sierra: What's Already Happening, and What Might Happen in the Future?* Noon-1 p.m. at the ESLT Garden. Holly Alpert, Program Manager for the Inyo-Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Program, will be the speaker for the June installment of our Brown Bag Lunch Series. Everyone is invited to attend, and is encouraged to bring his/her own lunch. The Brown Bag Lunch will be held in ESLT's garden at 176 Home St. in Bishop. Info: [www.easternsierralandtrust.org](http://www.easternsierralandtrust.org)

## 8 KIDAPOLOOZA

The Eastern Sierra is celebrating kids & families at the third annual KidApolooza children's festival at Mammoth Creek Park in Mammoth Lakes. Alphabet Rockers will be headlining the event with high-energy, kid-friendly hip-hop. The festivities begin at 10:30 a.m., following a one-mile Fun Run at 9 a.m. Additional highlights include kids and family yoga, hula hooping, a free family photo booth, giant lawn games, a master balloon twister, books, arts and crafts, bicycle games, prizes and giveaways galore. For more information, go to [www.kidapoolooza.com](http://www.kidapoolooza.com).

## 8 BODIE HILLS HIKE

Explore everything spring has to offer in the Bodie Hills. More details at [www.friendsoftheinyo.org](http://www.friendsoftheinyo.org).

## 8 GO DAY! NATIONAL GET OUTDOORS DAY

Get outdoors and enjoy naturalist tours and children's activities at the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center. Info: 760.924.5500

## 8-9 EASTERN SIERRA LAND TRUST BENTON HOT SPRINGS MEMBER CAMPOUT

Join Eastern Sierra Land Trust and landowners, Bill and Diane Bramlette, in celebrating the ESLT community and preserved lands in the Eastern Sierra at the Benton Hot Springs Ranch Conservation Easement! Weekend will include hiking field trip, dinner, music, hot springs, and more. This weekend celebration is free for ESLT members. If you'd like to join in the fun, become an ESLT member today! Please note: ESLT members may camp for free at the hot springs, or may reserve a room at [www.historicbentonhotsprings.com](http://www.historicbentonhotsprings.com) at a discounted rate. Questions, contact Lesley at 760.873.4554 or email [lesley@eslt.org](mailto:lesley@eslt.org).

## 9 MINES, MILLS, RAILS, & RUINS

New private driving tour into the Bodie Mining District. Info: [www.bodiefoundation.org](http://www.bodiefoundation.org)

## 11-12 ART & ARF

Dogs, art and artists, craft demos and classes, snacks, event shirts and dye booth, Snazaroo Face Painters, Wild Hair Art, Quirky Western folk art, fresh air and good clean family fun. All well-mannered dogs, adults and children are welcome. Unattended children will be sold to the circus. Info: [www.redwoodmotel.net](http://www.redwoodmotel.net)

## 11-15 6TH ANNUAL EASTERN SIERRA ATV AND UTV JAMBOREE

California's only ATV & UTV Jamboree, held in Walker. For more info: 530.208.6078 or [www.EasternSierraJamboree.com](http://www.EasternSierraJamboree.com)

## 15 MAMMOTH 2 BISHOP BIKE RIDE

Kick off your summer riding your bike in the Eastern Sierra Mountains and take part in the inaugural Mammoth2Bishop Fun Bike Ride with Altitude and Finish Line Festival, which will deliver the best combination of scenery, challenging ride with altitude, camaraderie, music, art, humanity and philanthropy. All in an Eco Friendly environment, this will be a Green Event that's all in the name of FUN. Info: [mammoth2bishop.com](http://mammoth2bishop.com)

## 21-30 MONSTER ENERGY

**MAMMOTH MOTOCROSS**  
The oldest continuous running motocross in the USA. Every summer racers have flocked to Mammoth for this classic event to test their skills on the world-class track situated 8,000 feet up in the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range. For the complete line-up and to register visit [www.mammothmountain.com/summer](http://www.mammothmountain.com/summer) or call 800.MAMMOTH.



## 22 BRIDGEPORT TROUT TOURNAMENT

A family focused event that includes a goody bag, event merchandise, quality trophies, prizes, and an indoor awards ceremony that includes a good old fashion dinner with all the trimmings. The Kid's division is always the main focus and we bring each and every child to the stage, present them with a trophy or medal and submit a group photo to Western Outdoor News. In addition, every year we try and add something extra that may include a tackle manufacture for added opportunities to win cash or prizes. Info: [www.bridgeportfishenhancement.com](http://www.bridgeportfishenhancement.com)

## 22 JUNE LAKE TRAILS DAY

Join the June Lake Trails Committee, Friends of the Inyo and Inyo National Forest for their fourth year in a row, to clean up and work on trails around June Lake. More details at [friendsoftheinyo.org](http://friendsoftheinyo.org)

## 22 SILVER LAKE/RUSH CREEK CLEANUP

In cooperation with the Federation of Fly Fishers. Meet at the boat launch area at 8 a.m. Info: [silverlakeresort.net](http://silverlakeresort.net)

## 22-23 SUMMER SOLSTICE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Doubles play at Snowcreek Athletic Club. This fun and competitive tennis event is for A, B and C level players and offers dropdown divisions so that everyone will play at least two matches. Please enter as soon as you can. Space is limited. Don't be left out! Info: 760.934.8511

## 23 MAMMOTH HALF MARATHON >

See this page for more information.

## 29 TROUT FEST AT HOT CREEK FISH HATCHERY

Kids, bring your parents to Trout Fest for a free, fun-filled day of fishing activities and fascinating facts about California native trout. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Info: 559.765.4824.

## 29 COUNTRY WESTERN BBQ AT HAYDEN CABIN

Featuring music by Heart Full Soul. Free music, line dancing, no host bar and BBQ. Begins at 5 p.m.

# HIGH ON HALF MARATHONS

By Lara Kirkner

This June 23 get your run on in the high country at the inaugural Mammoth Half Marathon and 5K. Brainchild of Susan Briggs, Executive Director of the San Diego Half Marathon, a non-profit 501(c)(3), this event is sure to get you breathing heavy even if you're just cheering for your favorite runner passing by.

Three years ago Susan, who lives in San Diego, had the idea of putting on a community event in the sunny city. The goal would be to get people to volunteer and raise funds for good causes. So, in 2012, Susan, with the help of her husband Bob, got the San Diego Half Marathon off the ground, and followed up with the second race this past March.

Olympic medalist Meb Keflezighi, who splits his time between Mammoth and San Diego, was the inaugural starter for the 2012 San Diego race. It was through Keflezighi's situation that Susan realized the Mammoth/San Diego connection that many people have. So she decided there should be a sister race high in the Eastern Sierra, and the idea of the Mammoth Half Marathon was born.

"We came up and connected with Stu (Brown of the Town of Mammoth Lakes) and John (Urdu of Mammoth Lakes Tourism)," said Course Captain and the race's Chief Information Officer, Matt Hayes. "The reception from the community has been great. We've been welcomed with open arms and everyone seems excited."

The San Diego/Mammoth Challenge was what organizers came up with to link the two races. Those who were on top of their game, approximately 240 athletes, were able to sign up months ago to run the San Diego Half Marathon in March and the Mammoth Half Marathon in June not only to gloat about basically running a full marathon (who cares if it was broken into two pieces), but to also receive the special San Diego/Mammoth Challenge medal.

Although the medal for racers who've just signed up for the Mammoth Half are pretty sweet, too!

The race begins in the Mammoth Lakes Basin at Horseshoe Lake, nearly 9,000 feet above sea level, and winds its way through the scenic wonderland of Mammoth, ending in the heart of downtown on Old Mammoth Road.

JUNE 23



When asked if any special precautions will be taken seeing that many of the runners may be from out of town and not used to the thin air in such high altitude, Hayes said that Andrew Kastor and the Mammoth Track Club are holding a camp the week before the race to help people acclimate.

If you're unable to be in Mammoth for that length of time, don't fret. In addition to water, energy gels and electrolyte drinks, aid stations will also be equipped with oxygen courtesy of Dr. Pete Clark and Mammoth Hospital, which is providing medical support for the event.

A Celebrate Mammoth Lakes Block Party at the finish line awaits not only runners, but also the community at large. A Family Fun Center will be available to all and a post-race meal and medals will reward racers.

Plus, don't miss the Sport, Health and Fitness Expo on June 22 from noon-8 p.m. at the Village at Mammoth. This event is also free and open to the public. Racers can pick up their packets here, and everyone can enjoy the interactive demos, free product samples and workshops, and more!

Want to be involved, but don't feel like running 13.1 miles? There's an option of a 5K run, or you can volunteer to help out at the event.

"We need more than 200 volunteers on race day," Hayes explained.

To sign up to run, or to learn more about volunteer opportunities, visit [www.mammothhalfmarathon.com](http://www.mammothhalfmarathon.com).

One hundred percent of the net proceeds from the Mammoth Half Marathon and 5K will go toward community service projects and local charitable causes. According to Hayes, these include Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra and Mammoth High School's ASB to benefit the school's athletic department.

"We hope to benefit long-term with these groups, particularly with the school," Hayes said.



# IT'S OK TO RIDE LIKE A GIRL

By Lara Kirkner

Always wanted to road bike but been afraid to try? Or perhaps you're looking for the camaraderie that comes with joining a group ride? Maybe you want to improve your skills or train for that special summer ride in which you plan to participate.

Footloose Sports' FREE Women's Road Rides, held every Wednesday and Sunday throughout the summer accommodate all of the above. Join coach Bobby Lichen for beautiful rides without pressure or competition. Rides include mini clinics and tips on riding.

"Our motto is *nobody gets left behind*," Lichen said.

And as new rider Sonja found out, he sticks to what he says.

"I turned 50 and decided to try new things," Sonja explained. "I was so nervous when I showed up. I didn't have all the gear like the other women had, and come to find out I even had my bike tire on backward!"

But Lichen and the women in the group cheered her on.

"Bobby stayed with me the whole time," Sonja said. "I made it all the way to Wattersen [Summit]. I was on a high for two days!"

Jenny, a very experienced rider who also attends the women's rides, was excited to see all kinds of women in attendance.

"This is a great launchpad for independence in riding for women," she said.

Jenny explained that she had been riding since the early 70s and had seen quite the evolution of women in cycling.

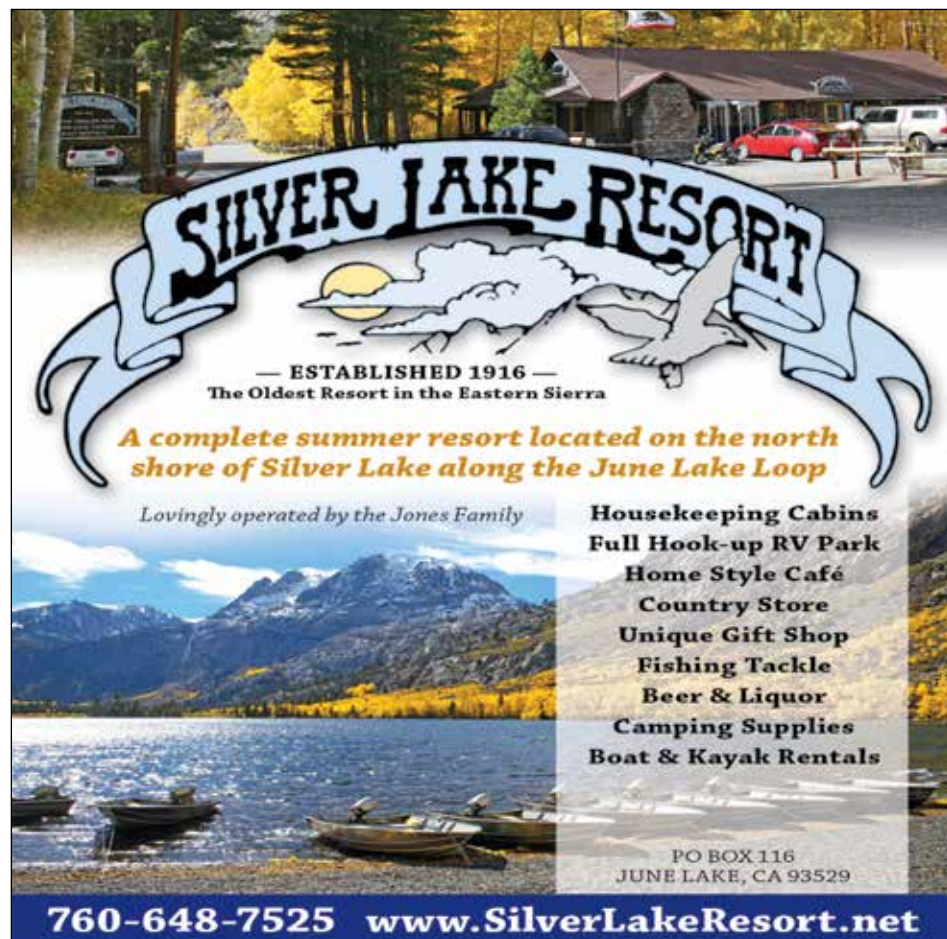
"When I did my first tour from Seattle to San Francisco I was the only woman," she said. "Now tours are mostly comprised of women. Women have been afraid to ride in public because of the threat of breaking down. But this ride has your back."

While the rides are geared toward women, men are allowed to join in the fun, but they have to remember the number one rule: No Testosterone!

"No testosterone just means that we don't want men coming out and trying to be super competitive," Lichen explained. The group strives to keep things relaxed and fun.

Currently the rides average about 12-15 riders, anywhere from teenagers to women in their 70s. Lichen would love to see the size of the rides grow to 30 or more.

Wednesday rides meet at Whitmore Pool. At the end of Wednesday's ride the group chooses where to go for Sunday's ride. "Like" Footloose Sports' Facebook page to receive all the updates for the rides, as times vary. You can also call Footloose at 760.934.2400 for info.



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# INDEPENDENCE DAY: JULY 4 JULY 5 JULY 6 JULY 7

## CROWLEY FIREWORKS

THURS JULY 4 @ 9:15 PM  
HOSTED BY THE TOWN OF  
MAMMOTH LAKES

**FEE** \$25 per vehicle  
\$5 per person if on foot/bike

**Music coordinated with the show will be broadcast over KMMT/106.5.**

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, family and friends and enjoy the festive, family-oriented entertainment.

### FOOD & DRINK

Multiple food vendors will be onsite, plus the new Pelican Point Grill will be open! Crowley Lake Fish Camp Store will also be open selling soda, ice cream & snack items.

### PRE-FIREWORK MUSIC

Eastside Five

### CAMP

\$125 per vehicle  
Includes five nights open camping and the firework show. Open camping at the South Landing ONLY.

*The North Landing/North Shore of Crowley Lake will be closed beginning at noon on Wednesday, July 3 through noon on Friday, July 5.*

**NO personal fireworks are permitted within Mono County.**

**Have fun—Be safe!**

### IN MAMMOTH

#### Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

Located in the Mammoth Mall Parking Lot from 7–11 a.m. Breakfast includes orange juice, coffee, sausage and all the pancakes you can eat! \$8 for adults, \$6 for children under 12 years old.

#### Footloose Freedom Mile

A one (1) mile road run that starts on Old Mammoth Road in front of the Snowcreek Golf Course. Start time is 10:10 a.m.

#### Independence Day Parade

The annual Chamber of Commerce Independence Day Parade starts at 11 a.m. FREE

#### Fourth of July Fire Safety Fun Festival

Come learn how to be fire safe and have fun doing so with Smokey Bear. Starts after the parade until 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Located at the USFS Fire Station 2 on Sawmill Cutoff Rd. FREE admission

#### Fourth of July Fire Station 1 Open House

Fire Station #1 on Main Street will be holding an open house from noon - 3 p.m. Refreshments. Meet our firefighters. FREE admission

#### Pops in the Park

Kick back at Mammoth Creek Park after the parade (Approximately 12:30 p.m.) and enjoy a live 45-piece orchestra playing patriotic and Hollywood favorites. Hosted by Chamber Music Unbound, this concert is free and is an event not to be missed!

#### Grumpy's Fourth of July Bash & Annual Hot Dog Eating Contest

The 4th of July Bash starts before the parade at 10 a.m. Free. When the Parade ends, the competition begins with the "Grumpy's Annual Hot Dog Eating Contest."

#### Mammoth Celebrates the Arts

Fine arts and crafts show, entertainment and food. Come see the amazing artwork featured at Mammoth Celebrates the Arts, a juried art show held in the Footloose Sports parking lot. Thurs 11 a.m., Fri & Sat 9 a.m.–6 p.m. and Sun 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Info: monoarts.org

#### Weekend Festivities at the Village at Mammoth

Info: [www.villageatmammoth.com](http://www.villageatmammoth.com)

### IN BRIDGEPORT

#### Pancake Breakfast

Lee Vining High School ASB, Memorial Hall, 6:30–9:30 a.m.

#### Kids Fun Attractions

Courthouse lawn, as soon as set up

#### Arts & Crafts Festival

School Street, 9 a.m.

#### Book Sale

Hosted by Friends of Library, School Street, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

#### Parade

THEME: Our Children are the Future!, Main St. 10 a.m.

#### Art Show

Young Artists of North Mono County, Memorial Hall, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

#### Parade Awards

Courthouse Lawn, 11:30 a.m.

#### B.B.Q.

Bridgeport Gun Club, in the park, 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

#### Find the Money in the Haystack

Age limit 3 to 10, courthouse lawn, 12:30 p.m.

#### Watermelon Eating Contest

Courthouse lawn, 1:30 p.m.

#### Arm Wrestling

Courthouse lawn, 2 p.m.

#### Karaoke Sing-A-Long / D.J.

In front of Courthouse, 1–5 p.m.

#### Rubber Duck Race

Bridgeport Duck's Unlimited, Jct 395 & 182, 2 p.m.

#### Greased Pole Contest

Age limit 14, Courthouse lawn, 3:30 p.m.

#### Fiddlin' Pete

Courthouse lawn, 5-8 p.m.

#### Concert: Comstock Cowboys

Barns & Terrace, 6:30-10 p.m.

#### Spectacular Fireworks Display

Airport, at dusk.

Visit [www.BridgeportCalifornia.com](http://www.BridgeportCalifornia.com) for more information on Bridgeport events.

### IN MAMMOTH

#### The Village Summer Concert Series

Come to the Village at Mammoth and enjoy a free concert with a different musician performing each week. FREE.

#### Weekend Festivities at the Village at Mammoth

[www.villageatmammoth.com](http://www.villageatmammoth.com)

#### Mammoth Food & Wine Experience

A three-day festival of food, wine, and education! Wine tastings, food and wine seminars, live and silent auctions, wine dinners, cooking competition and more! Wines for everyone from oenophiles to novices. Info: [mammothfoodandwine.org](http://mammothfoodandwine.org)

### IN BRIDGEPORT

#### Kids Fun Attractions

Courthouse Lawn, as soon as set up

#### Five Mile Run & Three Mile Walk

CHS Boosters, Lower Twin Lakes, 8 a.m.

#### Arts & Crafts Festival

School Street, 9 a.m.

#### Book Sale

Hosted by Friends of Library, School Street, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

#### Mud Volleyball

Hosted by B.P. Gun Club & C.H.S. Boosters, Jct, 395 & 182, 10 a.m.

#### Horseshoe Tournament: Doubles

Prizes and More! In the Park, 11 a.m.

#### Bridgeport Ranch Rodeo

Bridgeport Gun Club & Centennial Ranch, north end of town, 11 a.m.

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### IN MAMMOTH

#### The Village Summer Movie Series

The Village at Mammoth offers FREE family movies under the stars. Movies begin at dusk. Seating for the first 80 people. Bring a blanket! Popcorn & drinks for sale. (Weather permitting. All movies, times and dates are subject to change.)

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#### The Bodie Benefit Concert with David John and the Comstock Cowboys.

Tickets \$40 and include concert, bar & finger food. 7:30–10 p.m. Doors open 6:30 p.m. Bridgeport Ranch Barn & Terrace. Info: 760.647.6564, [www.BodieFoundation.org](http://www.BodieFoundation.org), [info@BodieFoundation.org](mailto:info@BodieFoundation.org)

#### Mammoth Lakes Trail System Summer of Stewardship Trail Days 2013 Event

Uptown/Downtown & Earthquake Fault Trails. For more information see ad on page 15 or [www.mltpa.org](http://www.mltpa.org) or [www.friendsoftheinyo.org](http://www.friendsoftheinyo.org)

### IN BRIDGEPORT

#### Kids Fun Attractions

Courthouse Lawn, as soon as set up

#### Softball Tournament

Aurora Canyon Road, 8 a.m.

#### Arts & Crafts Festival

School Street, 9 a.m.

#### Book Sale

Hosted by Friends of Library, School Street, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

#### Horseshoe Tournament: Singles

Prizes and More, in the park, 11 a.m.

#### Bridgeport Ranch Rodeo

Bridgeport Gun Club & Centennial Ranch, north end of town, 11 a.m.

Visit [www.BridgeportCalifornia.com](http://www.BridgeportCalifornia.com) for more information on Bridgeport events.

### JUNE LAKE LOOP

#### Horseshoe Tournament & BBQ

Silver Lake Resort, June Lake 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Info: [www.silverlakeresort.net](http://www.silverlakeresort.net)

### COUNTY-WIDE

#### Mono County Free Fishing Day

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A three-day festival of food, wine, and education! Wine tastings, food & wine seminars, live & silent auctions, wine dinners, cooking competition and more! Info: [mammothfoodandwine.org](http://mammothfoodandwine.org)

### IN BRIDGEPORT

#### Kids Fun Attractions

Courthouse Lawn, as soon as set up

#### Softball Tournament

Aurora Canyon Road, 8 a.m.

#### Arts & Crafts Festival

School Street, 9 a.m.

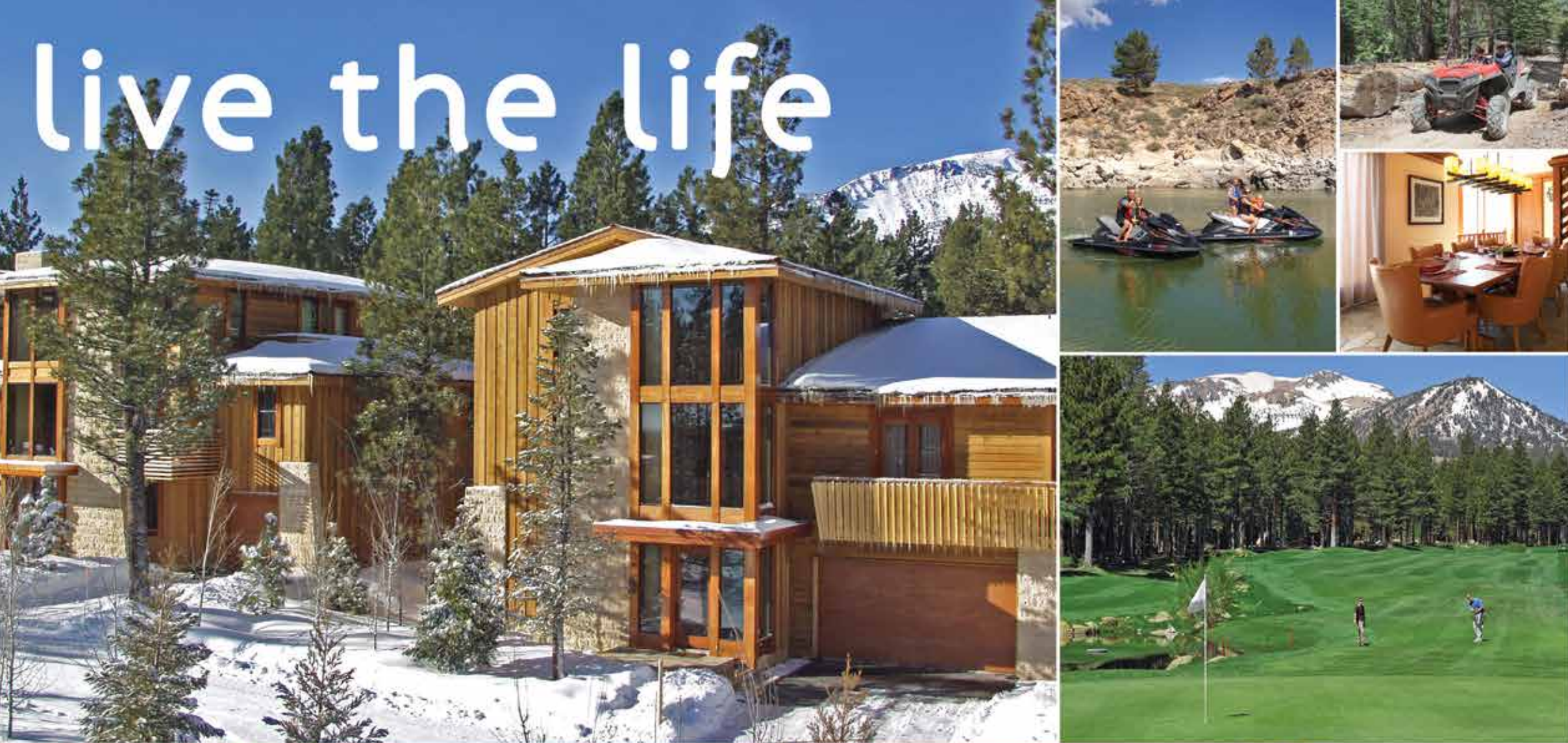
#### Church Services

Bridgeport Christian Fellowship, courthouse lawn, 9 a.m.

Visit [www.BridgeportCalifornia.com](http://www.BridgeportCalifornia.com) for more information on Bridgeport events.



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The Bodie Stabilization Project

# the BODIE-BENEFIT CONCERT

**DAVID JOHN AND THE COMSTOCK COWBOYS**

Bridgeport Ranch Barn & Terrace  
68 TWIN LAKES ROAD, BRIDGEPORT, CA

PRESENTED BY THE BODIE FOUNDATION

For Further Information: 760.647.6564

THE BODIE FOUNDATION kicked off its efforts to raise funds to help keep Bodie State Historic Park in a state of "arrested decay" during the summer of 2011 with the Bodie Stabilization Project and a benefit concert. Since that time, private and public donors have provided funds toward completion for over a dozen projects.

Funds are required annually to keep this ghost town "alive." This year, 2013, we are putting our efforts toward a few events that assist toward the preservation of Bodie for future generations.

A benefit concert held in Bridgeport, CA on Saturday evening, July 6, 2013 at the Bridgeport Barns & Terrace features David John and the Comstock Cowboys.

The annual Friends of Bodie day event, membership drive will be on August 10, 2013.

Mines, Mills, Rails, & Ruins—new private driving tour into the Bodie Mining District begins June 9, 2013.

Photography workshops are being scheduled for spring/summer/fall.

All proceeds will go toward the Bodie Stabilization Project with emphasis on the historic Railroad Office and the Bodie Cemetery Project.

For further information on how you can help take a look at our website [www.bodiefoundation.org](http://www.bodiefoundation.org) or call 760.647.6564.

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**1-31** HOW BIG IS BIG FISHING DERBY  
The West Walker River is stocked with extra fish all month long for this annual free fishing derby. Weigh and record your fish at the Walker General Store to claim one of many prizes!  
Info: [www.northernmonochamber.com](http://www.northernmonochamber.com)

**4-7** MAMMOTH CELEBRATES THE ARTS  
Fine arts and crafts show, entertainment and food. Come see the amazing artwork featured at Mammoth Celebrates the Arts, a juried art show held in the Footloose Sports parking lot. Thurs 11 a.m., Fri & Sat 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sun 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Info: [monoarts.org](http://monoarts.org)

**5-7** MAMMOTH FOOD & WINE EXPERIENCE  
A three-day festival of food, wine, and education! Wine tastings, food and wine seminars, live and silent auctions, wine dinners, cooking competition and more! Wines for everyone from oenophiles to novices.  
Info: [mammothfoodandwine.org](http://mammothfoodandwine.org)

**6** THE BODIE BENEFIT CONCERT WITH DAVID JOHN AND THE COMSTOCK COWBOYS  
Tickets are \$40 and include the concert as well as bar and finger food. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., event from 7:30-10 p.m. at the Bridgeport Ranch Barn and Terrace. Proceeds benefit The Bodie Stabilization Project. For more information: 760.647.6564, [info@BodieFoundation.org](mailto:info@BodieFoundation.org) or [www.BodieFoundation.org](http://www.BodieFoundation.org). Presented by the Bodie Foundation.

**6** MONO COUNTY FREE FISHING DAY  
Info: [www.monocounty.org](http://www.monocounty.org)

**6** HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT AND BBQ AT SILVER LAKE RESORT  
11 a.m.-5 p.m. Info: [www.silverlakeresort.net](http://www.silverlakeresort.net)

**6** CAT AND KITTEN ADOPTION DAY  
Cats and kittens from the Big Pine Animal Shelter will be in Bishop at Bonifide Dog Training Facility, 162 W. Line St. (1/2 block West of Main St.). Come and meet these beautiful felines, save a life and add a new member to your family!

**6** MAMMOTH LAKES TRAIL SYSTEM SUMMER OF STEWARDSHIP TRAIL DAYS 2013 EVENT: UPTOWN/DOWNTOWN AND EARTHQUAKE FAULT TRAILS. For more information see ad on page 15 or visit [www.mltpa.org](http://www.mltpa.org) or [www.friendsoftheinyo.org](http://www.friendsoftheinyo.org).

**10-14** 25TH ANNUAL MAMMOTH LAKES JAZZ JUBILEE  
Cajun, big band, swing, 50's & 60's rock 'n' roll, Dixieland and straight ahead jazz—fun for all!  
Info: [mammothjazz.org](http://mammothjazz.org)

**10** FIREFIGHTER'S BARBECUE IN JUNE LAKE  
Info: [www.monocounty.org](http://www.monocounty.org)

**11** DOUBLE EAGLE JAZZ FEST  
Live Jazz Music with outdoor seating at the Double Eagle in June Lake. Barbecue dinner buffet. Plus the June Lake Loop Women's Club serves up the best of June Lake's Bake Sale. Free music, charge for dinner, donations for dessert. Info: [DoubleEagle.com](http://DoubleEagle.com)

**12-13** JUNE LAKE TRIATHLON

The toughest race in the most beautiful place! Set in a beautifully scenic high alpine setting, the community of June Lake sits at 7,600 feet above sea level with breathtaking views of Carson Peak and the Sierra Range surrounding the nestled cluster of high altitude lakes: Grant, Silver, Gull and June. New this year—a Half Ironman Category! Info: [www.highsierratri.org](http://www.highsierratri.org)



**13** JAZZ AND PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA CAR SHOW  
Info: [villageatmammoth.com](http://villageatmammoth.com)

**13** 23RD ANNUAL TOUR OF HOMES  
Come and celebrate in the 23rd Annual Tour of Homes. Expect to be in awe of some of the most beautiful homes in Mammoth Lakes. Pre-Sale Tickets are just \$25 per person or \$30 for tickets sold at the door. Reception for refreshments and appetizers in the church Parsonage at noon to end this fantastic event. From 9 a.m.—noon. Info: Mammoth Lakes Lutheran Church: 760.934.4051.

**17-Aug. 2** MAMMOTH LAKES MUSIC FESTIVAL  
Chamber Music Unbound presents the Felici Trio and international guests. Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday at Cerro Coso College in Mammoth. Info: [www.felicitrio.com](http://www.felicitrio.com)

**19-20** REGGAE MUSIC WEEKEND  
Info: [villageatmammoth.com](http://villageatmammoth.com)

**20** MAMMOTH LAKES TRAIL SYSTEM SUMMER OF STEWARDSHIP TRAIL DAYS 2013 EVENT: MOUNTAIN VIEW TRAIL  
For more information see ad on page 15 or visit [www.mltpa.org](http://www.mltpa.org) or [www.friendsoftheinyo.org](http://www.friendsoftheinyo.org).

**20-21** FIESTA CALIENTE!  
A free event presented by the Mono Council for the Arts at Sam's Woodsite. Info: [monoarts.org](http://monoarts.org)

**26-28** JUNE LAKE LOOP MOUNTAIN MUSIC FESTIVAL  
Something magic happens here! Celebrating its fifth year, this is a boutique festival that presents unique and top-rate talent – from Folk to Bluegrass to Indie Rock, storytellers and poets, all provided by local and visiting artists. The event also sponsors a Kid's Music Camp, where young musicians are given the opportunity to create and perform. The brainchild of Bonnie Tamblyn, the festival takes place on the June Lake Loop - a delightful old-fashioned village where you can enjoy the music and avoid the crowds. Visit [www.junelakemusic.com](http://www.junelakemusic.com) for the event lineup.

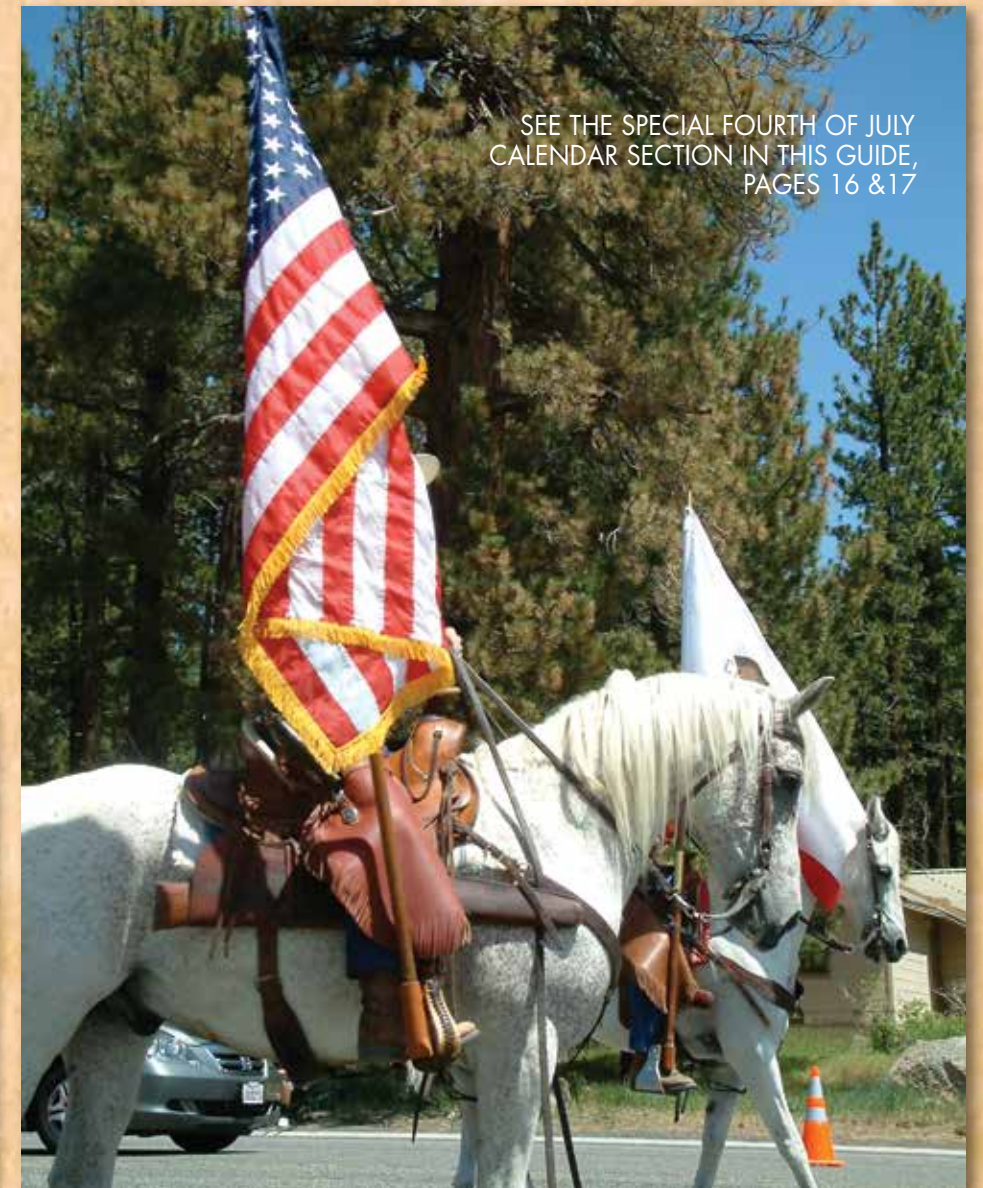
**26-28** 10TH ANNUAL VILLAGEFEST: CALIFORNIA'S HIGHEST RIB COOK-OFF  
Chili Cook-off, Ribs, Crawdad Boil, Live music, raffles, auction & crafts. At the Village at Mammoth. Fri: 4-10 p.m./Sat: noon-10 p.m./Sun: 4-10 p.m. Free admission.  
Info: [www.mammothvillagefest.com](http://www.mammothvillagefest.com)

**27** CHILDREN'S FISHING FESTIVAL  
Mono Council for the Arts presents this annual event from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Snowcreek Ponds on Old Mammoth Road in Mammoth Lakes. Locally famous 15-inch Alpers trophy trout will be stocked in these beautiful High Sierra ponds (with a couple of monsters added for fun) with Mammoth Mountain forming a picturesque backdrop. Rods and reels are provided, you can bring your own or perhaps you will even win one! Come later, receive more individual attention from our guides, have lunch, and win lots more raffle prizes. Our fish keep biting all day long! Info: [www.kidsfishfest.com](http://www.kidsfishfest.com)

**27-28** MAMMOTH LAKES FIRE DEPARTMENT CANOE RACES & PICNIC  
Canoe races & barbecue at Horseshoe Lake on Saturday, with a picnic, barbecue and games for all ages at Shady Rest Park on Sunday. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., daily. Info: 760.934.2300.



**27-29** SIERRA CYCLE CHALLENGE  
Support Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra and explore the area by circumnavigating the Glass Mountains. Cycle more than 150 miles with amazing support, beautiful scenery, delicious meals, and of course, camaraderie!  
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# MAMMOTH

## 1-4 MAMMOTH FESTIVAL OF BEERS & BLUESAPALOOZA

In its 18th year, Mammoth's Festival of Beers and Bluesapalooza promises an incomparable lineup of musical talent and a grand tasting of craft brews from around the country. It all takes place outdoors among the pines at Sam's Wood Site, located on Minaret Road between Main Street and Meridian Boulevard, with California's Eastern High Sierra as the backdrop. Info: [www.MammothBluesBrewsFest.com](http://www.MammothBluesBrewsFest.com)

## 2-4 MAMMOTH LAKES FINE ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily at Kittredge Sports. Admission is free. Info: [www.pacificfinearts.com](http://www.pacificfinearts.com)

## 3 MAMMOTH LAKES TRAIL SYSTEM SUMMER OF STEWARDSHIP TRAIL DAYS 2013 EVENT: COLDWATER TRAILS AND MAMMOTH CONSOLIDATED MINE

For more information see ad on page 15 or visit [www.mltpa.org](http://www.mltpa.org) or [www.friendsoftheinyo.org](http://www.friendsoftheinyo.org).

## 3 EASTERN SIERRA LANDS & LEGACY CELEBRATION DINNER

Held at Mountainside Conference Center on Mammoth Mountain, with entertainment provided by String Theory. Keynote speaker will be Rand Wentworth, President of the Land Trust Alliance. Walking tour of one of ESILT's conservation easements. Tickets available by calling 760.873.4554 or email [info@esilt.org](mailto:info@esilt.org)

## 4 CHARTHOUSE/FOOTLOOSE SPORTS 5K/10K WALK/RUN

Runs begin at 8 a.m. at the Chart House parking lot. California's highest 10k & 5k at 8,000 feet. Pre register on [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) or at Footloose Sports. \$30 with t-shirt; \$25 without t-shirt. Registration on race day add \$5.

## 8-10 SIERRA SUMMER FESTIVAL

Enjoy classical music from the Eastern Sierra Symphony Orchestra and guests. Held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church from 7-9 p.m., daily. Admission is \$10. Info: [www.sierrasummerfestival.org](http://www.sierrasummerfestival.org)

## 9-10 MAMMOTH MARGARITA FESTIVAL

A celebration of fine food, music and tequila, presented by Gomez's Restaurant and Tequileria. Enjoy more than 15 tequilas, margarita alley, Latin bands and tapas. At the Village at Mammoth. Info: [www.mammothmargaritafestival.com](http://www.mammothmargaritafestival.com)

## 10 CROWLEY LAKE STILLWATER CLASSIC

Info: [www.crowleylakefishcamp.com](http://www.crowleylakefishcamp.com)

## 10 MAMMOTH LAKES CHALLENGE TRIATHLON

Begins at 9 a.m. at Whitmore Pool. Info: [www.mammoth-lake-challenge-triathlon.com](http://www.mammoth-lake-challenge-triathlon.com)

## 10 FRIENDS OF BODIE DAYS

Come enjoy a day from the past at Bodie State Historic Park! Daytime Festivities, Living History Presentations and Special Tours. There will also be a Members Only BBQ dinner with a choice of Steak, Chicken, or Veggie dinner. Info: [www.bodiefoundation.org](http://www.bodiefoundation.org)

## 10 WEST WALKER RIVER FISHING TOURNAMENT

An inaugural event! Presented by the Northern Mono Chamber of Commerce. Info: visit [www.northernmonochamber.com](http://www.northernmonochamber.com)

## 11 QUAKE & SHAKE 10K / HALF MARATHON

The Quake and Shake starts at 9 a.m. It starts at the Inyo Craters Parking Lot and goes through Crater Flats, and winds back through blue diamond single track trails. Half Marathon does the loop twice plus a .8 to make it 13.1 miles. There will be two aide stations and great signage. Info: [www.sierra-nevada-races.com](http://www.sierra-nevada-races.com)

## 16-18: PEDAL PADDLE

For info: Maggie Palchak, 760.934.0791 or [mpalchak@disabledsportseasternsierra.org](mailto:mpalchak@disabledsportseasternsierra.org)

## 15-18: THE MAMMOTH FESTIVAL

With live music, wine tasting from a variety of world-class vintners, food from some of Mammoth's finest restaurants and a lively expo featuring local and regional artists. Saturday nights' concert at Canyon Lodge will feature headliner Chris Isaak and other special guests. For a complete line-up and registration, visit [www.mammothmountain.com/summer](http://www.mammothmountain.com/summer) or call 800.MAMMOTH.

## 17 MAMMOTH LAKES TRAIL SYSTEM SUMMER OF STEWARDSHIP TRAIL DAYS 2013 EVENT: HOT CREEK

For more information see ad on page 15 or visit [www.mltpa.org](http://www.mltpa.org) or [www.friendsoftheinyo.org](http://www.friendsoftheinyo.org).

## 17 BEEF AND WINE TASTING

The Bridgeport Ranch will be hosting a Beef & Wine Tasting Event with live music performed by Joey and Rory. Gate opens at 6:30 p.m., concert at 8 p.m. Info: [bridgeportranch.com](http://bridgeportranch.com)

## 17 GEORGE'S 10K RACE AT HORSESHOE LAKE

A gruelathon: Quarter-mile swim, six mile mountain bike ride and a two mile run at Horseshoe Lake (10k). Begins at 10 a.m. Info: [www.sierra-nevada-races.com](http://www.sierra-nevada-races.com)

## 22-Sept. 8 '25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE'

Presented by Edison Theatre. Info: [www.edisontheatre.org](http://www.edisontheatre.org)

## 23-24 GHOSTS OF THE SAGEBRUSH TOUR

In Lee Vining. Info: [www.monocounty.org](http://www.monocounty.org)

## 23-24 MAMMOTH ROCKS & TASTE OF MAMMOTH

Rock your socks off at the event that lights up Mammoth. The scene is set for a smorgasbord of choice. Not only is there music to listen to over the weekend, but there's food galore, too. Drink, taste, dine, and savor a treat for all your senses. Daily at the Village at Mammoth. Info: [www.mammothrocks.net](http://www.mammothrocks.net)

## 24 MAMMOTH MUD RUN

Got dirt? The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Mammoth Mud Run takes place with a new course starting and ending at Canyon Lodge. The Mammoth Mud Run tests endurance and strength over a series of obstacles and mud pits on the three plus-mile course. For the complete line-up and to register for any of Mammoth's summer events visit <http://www.mammothmountain.com/summer> or call 800.MAMMOTH.

## 24 ANNUAL OLD TIMERS BBQ AT THE HAYDEN CABIN

Hear personal stories from Mammoth pioneers about the old days! 5-10 p.m. BBQ Optional: Tri-tip or chicken with all the fixin's, adults \$20, school aged kids \$6, and kids under 5 are free.

## 29-Sept. 1 TRI-COUNTY FAIR

A day at the fair on a hot summer afternoon is an experience most people carry with them from their childhood—sticky cotton candy, hot dogs, rides on the Ferris wheel and a look around the exhibits of home-grown vegetables

or tasty-looking cookies. These memories of a good old-fashioned country fair can be revisited at the Bishop Tri-County Fair over the Labor Day holiday weekend. For Inyo, Mono & Alpine County Residents, it's an annual treat to visit the fair, but for anyone from out of town, it can be a trip down memory lane. Info: [www.tricountyfair.com](http://www.tricountyfair.com)

## 30-Sept. 1 MAMMOTH BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

2nd Annual Mammoth Bluegrass Festival features Bluegrass bands with national recognition. Fun for young and old alike! Kicks off at 1 p.m. on Friday at Canyon Lodge. For ticket pricing, band lineup and more info: [www.mammothbgf.org](http://www.mammothbgf.org)

## 31 TOM'S PLACE CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Info: [www.tomsplaceresort.com](http://www.tomsplaceresort.com)

## 31 HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT & BBQ AT SILVER LAKE RESORT, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Info: [www.silverlakeresort.net](http://www.silverlakeresort.net)

## 31-Sept. 2 FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION IN BRIDGEPORT

Daytime activities will begin at 8 a.m. The Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department will host a high-noon open house from 12-1 p.m. on Saturday & Sunday. A dinner and historical presentation, plus a dessert auction, will be held on Sunday between 5:30-9:30 p.m. Info: [bridgeportcalifornia.com](http://bridgeportcalifornia.com)

## 31-Sept. 2 LABOR DAY FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

This event is from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday & Sunday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Monday. Join us for our Labor Day Festival showcasing over 100 artists traveling to Mammoth from all over the west. We are featuring music from Berel Alexander Ensemble, Lava Moon, etc. Located at Sam's Woodsite, this is Mammoth's premier Art & Music festival. Come for the day and enjoy the incredible artwork and listen to amazing live music in this spectacular forest setting. Cocktail lounge, beer garden, great food and kids art activities. Info: [monoarts.org](http://monoarts.org)

## 31-Sept. 2 LABOR DAY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Recurring daily at Snowcreek Athletic Club. Info: 760.934.8511

## FOR THE BIRDS

**MONO LAKE COMMITTEE**  
The Mono Lake Committee and the Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve lead guided bird walks at Mono Lake County Park.  
WHEN 8-10 a.m., Fridays & Sundays  
Through Labor Day  
INFO [www.monolake.org](http://www.monolake.org)

**Woodpeckers of the Mono Basin**  
Join North American woodpecker specialist Steve Shunk for this dynamic overview to Mono Basin woodpeckers.  
WHEN June 7-9  
WHO Stephen Shunk  
COST \$165 person / \$150 members

**Birding & Bird Photography**  
This seminar will focus on identifying and photographing birds found in the Mono Basin's diverse habitats. *Limited to 12 participants.*  
WHEN June 11-13  
WHO Santiago Escruceria  
COST \$165 person / \$150 members

**Birding the Migration: Mono Basin & Long Valley**  
Late summer is the best time of year to see the greatest diversity of landbirds, shorebirds, and waterbirds in the Mono Basin and on Crowley Lake Reservoir as they travel from northern nesting areas to warm southern habitats along this major migration route.  
WHEN September 14-15  
WHO Dave Shuford  
COST \$155 person / \$140 members

**Birding by Ear workshops at Mono Lake**  
How many times have you heard a bird sing and wondered what kind it was? These 4-hour workshops begin at 8 a.m. and are oriented for beginning and intermediate bird watchers but all levels of birders are welcome. Dave Marquart, Park Interpreter with the Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve, will help participants listen to singing birds and develop techniques to identify and remember them. *Limited to 12 participants.*  
WHEN June 1, 8, and 19.  
COST \$25/person  
INFO 760.647.6331  
[mono.lake@parks.ca.gov](mailto:mono.lake@parks.ca.gov)

**EASTERN SIERRA AUDUBON SOCIETY**  
INFO [esaudubon.org](http://esaudubon.org)

**Birds of Columbia with Santiago Escruceria**  
Dessert Potluck followed by Santiago's program on Birds of Columbia.  
WHEN June 5, 6:30 p.m.

**COSA Bird Walk and Census**  
Monthly bird walk, suitable for beginners or birders of all levels. Meet at the BLM/Forest Service Building on West Line Street in Bishop.  
WHEN June 8, July 13, Aug. 10  
Sept. 14 from  
TIME 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
INFO Jenny Richardson  
[jennyn63@gmail.com](mailto:jennyn63@gmail.com)  
760.920.8541

**Owens Lake Shorebird Identification Field Trip**  
Birders of all skill levels are welcome for a fun morning of learning. Meet at Diaz Lake County Park parking lot, 3 miles south of Lone Pine on Hwy 395.  
WHEN August 17, 7 a.m.  
LEADERS Jon Dunn and Mike Prather  
INFO Mike Prather  
[mprather@lonepinetv.com](mailto:mprather@lonepinetv.com)

**Owens Lake Fall Big Day**  
Mark your calendars for the Fall Big Day at Owens Lake. Contact Mike Prather to Volunteer.  
WHEN August 20  
INFO Mike Prather  
[mprather@lonepinetv.com](mailto:mprather@lonepinetv.com)

**Chautauqua 2013!**  
Get your binoculars ready for the Twelfth Annual Mono Basin Bird Chautauqua! This year many classic Chautauqua favorites along with more than 20 new programs are offered. A handful of new fields trips, workshops, and presentations are in the mix.  
WHEN June 14 - 16  
INFO [www.birdchautauqua.org](http://www.birdchautauqua.org)



**FIESTA CALIENTE**



**LATIN MUSIC**  
and **ARTS FESTIVAL**

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Latin Rhythms from Argentina

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Cuban Salsa

**BATISTA**  
The Latin Rock Experience

**MARIA DE BARROS**  
Spicy Mix of Brazil & Portugal

**BANG DATA**  
Latino Hip Hop Party Music

**SUNDAY 7/21 • 1-9 PM**  
CELEBRATE THE ARTS & CULTURE OF MEXICO

**LOS CAZADORES MARIACHI BAND**  
**BALLET FOLKLORICO**  
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**26th Annual**  
**KIDS FISHING FESTIVAL**



**Saturday, July 27th, 2013**  
**8am - 2pm Mammoth Lakes, CA**  
**Snowcreek Ponds on Old Mammoth Rd.**

**FREE for Kids 14 & Under**  
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# SEPTEMBER

## Aug. 31–Sept. 2 FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION IN BRIDGEPORT

Daytime activities will begin at 8 a.m. Events will include team branding at the Centennial Livestock rodeo arena on the west side of town and free hay rides at the Bridgeport Ranch next to the rodeo arena, courtesy of Ted Holloway of Smith Valley, Nevada. You can also participate in the 5/10K Stampede Run and the East Walker River Cleanup. Live blue grass music will be provided in front of the Courthouse. Activities and booths on the Courthouse lawn will include cowboy leathercraft, knife sales, a fly fishing exhibition, and Smokey the Bear. Historical information and sales will be available from the Friends of Bodie and the Mono County Historical Society. The Memorial Hall will present the popular annual quilt exhibit. The Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department will host a high-noon open house from 12–1 p.m. on Saturday & Sunday. A dinner and historical presentation, plus a dessert auction, will be held on Sunday between 5:30–9:30 p.m. Info: [bridgeportcalifornia.com](http://bridgeportcalifornia.com)

## Aug. 31–Sept. 2 LABOR DAY FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

This event is from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. on Saturday & Sunday and 10 a.m.–4 p.m. on Monday. Join us for our Labor Day Festival showcasing over 100 artists traveling to Mammoth from all over the west. We are featuring music from Berel Alexander Ensemble, Lava Moon, etc. Located at Sam's Woodsite, this is Mammoth's premier Art & Music festival. Come for the day and enjoy the incredible artwork and listen to amazing live music in this spectacular forest setting. Cocktail lounge, beer garden, great food and kids art activities ... this FREE festival is one of Mammoth's best ... not to be missed! Info: [monoarts.org](http://monoarts.org)

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## 4-8 KAMIKAZE BIKE GAMES

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## 7 HIGH SIERRA FALL CENTURY & GRAN FONDO

For more information see page 30.

## 7 HOP 'N' SAGE HARVEST FESTIVAL.

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## 8 MAMMOTH LAKES FOUNDATION GOLF CLASSIC

In support of education and the arts the Mammoth Lakes Foundation presents the 14th Annual Mammoth Lakes Foundation Golf Classic at Sierra Star Golf Course, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Info: [www.mammothlakesfoundation.org](http://www.mammothlakesfoundation.org)

## 13–15 MARK TWAIN DAYS

Following last year's successful revival of Mark Twain Days at the Mono Inn, just north of Lee Vining, Inn owners Jim and Mario are at it again this year with another round. In 1928, the Mono Inn started the annual event, which was held every year until 1944. Mark Twain wrote about Mono Lake in his first book "Roughing It." Speed boat races on the lake, a bathing beauty contest, fish fry, rock drilling contests were some of the past events held at the Mono Inn's Mark Twain Day. For more info on this year's event: 760.647.6581.



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## 20–22 MILLPOND MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Millpond Music Festival features an opportunity for local artisans to display their wares. Each year around six food vendors feed the crowd of around 1,500 festival-goers. Around 25 vendors sell everything from henna tattoos and hula-hoops, to photography and jewelry, to massages and musical instruments. The festival is held every year at the Millpond county park north of Bishop. Info: [inyo.org/art/arts-crafts/millpond](http://inyo.org/art/arts-crafts/millpond)



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SEPTEMBER 7

# Mammoth HIGH SIERRA FALL CENTURY & GRAN FONDO

# GRAND VISIONS



By Katie Vane

## ELEVATING THE BIKING EXPERIENCE

In Italian, “Gran Fondo” means long distance or great endurance, both of which perfectly describe the September 7 High Sierra Fall Century and Gran Fondo bike ride. This year, with the addition of the Gran Fondo, producer Mammoth Mountain Ski Area (MMSA) and backer Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation (MMCF) aim to create a grander event than any before it in the 17-year history of the High Sierra Fall Century bike ride.

“The Gran Fondo is an exciting event popping up all around the country,” said MMSA Senior VP Bill Cockroft. “It takes the Fall Century and adds an element of timing to the event, so you’re riding against not only yourself but also other people.” Adapting to Gran Fondo standards, this year’s Fall Century ride will offer a start and finish line for the first time, with riders timed according to age and gender. This gives riders an opportunity to ride not only against themselves, said Cockroft, but against others, if they choose.

Promoter Randy Fendon described the Gran Fondo as “an elevated event,” with a dramatic mass-start on Canyon Boulevard above the Village, and a sumptuous celebratory buffet dinner to finish. The start and finish line will also be the staging area for music, vendors, bicycle and mountain sports company booths, and more. “It will have a real festival feel,” Fendon said.

The ride itself is 102 miles of gorgeous and challenging terrain, with a start and finish elevation of 8,074 feet, and 6,879 total feet of climbing. The ride follows U.S. 395 and Highway 120, with well spaced-out climbs and

swift descents. Riders will find six fully stocked aid stations along the way, with plenty of fluids, snacks, and specialty-themed treats.

Fendon noted that the High Sierra Fall Century and Gran Fondo is also one of the least expensive Gran Fondos out there; \$85 for a single rider, where normally riders could expect to pay as much as \$115. “It’s a killer deal, and we’re going to put on a great event,” he said. Considering that *Bicycling Magazine* recently chose the High Sierra Fall Century as a “Top-Ten Century” for its “jaw-dropping vistas,” putting on a still greater ride could make this one of the most sought after Century and Gran Fondo events in the country.

The Fall Century will also include an option for a 60, 45, and 30-mile ride, beginning and ending at the traditional Whitmore Field location, Fendon said. “And we still want those riders to come and participate in the after-ride party,” he added.

To top it all off, the Gran Fondo is just one of a series of bike-related events during the September 4-8 Kamikaze Bike Games. “We have a long history of cycling racing and recreational bike riding in Mammoth,” Cockroft said, “but we stopped competition races back in 2005.” This year, with a five-day event including the High Sierra Fall Century and Gran Fondo, MMSA hopes to put itself back on the racing and mountain biking map. “We want to re-energize this event,” Cockroft said. “We want Mammoth to be a mecca for cycling, both road and dirt.”

Other events at this year’s inaugural Kamikaze Bike Games include a Hill Climb, Downhill, Super B, Kamikaze, Dual Slalom, and Kids Races. The Kamikaze Bike Games will also provide “all kinds of fun rides and tech clinics,” Fendon said.

Thus far, Fendon and Cockroft reported a good deal of positive buzz for both the Gran Fondo and Kamikaze Games. With registration now open for the High Sierra Fall Century and Gran Fondo, Fendon and Cockroft anticipate some 1,500 riders will participate. “Our main goal this year is to put on such a good event that we can get two or three times the event participation in the next couple of years,” Fendon said.

He gave special praise to MMSA, which offered full support and staff assistance with no aim for profit. “MMSA has provided logistical support and manpower, and whatever is needed to make this event, and with no profit motive at all,” he said. Fall Century and Gran Fondo proceeds go entirely to MMCF, and will help fund educational and athletic programs and facilities in Mono County.

“Mammoth has a long history of being a groundbreaking mountain bike area,” Fendon added. “Mammoth, and Mono and Inyo counties have a long history of high level bike riding, both mountain and road.” With the addition of the Gran Fondo to the High Sierra Fall Century, and the reinvigoration of the Kamikaze Bike Games, this year aims to add another page to history.

Register at [www.fallcentury.org](http://www.fallcentury.org).

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BEATRICE WILLARD HOLDING DAUGHTER BEATRICE IN FRONT OF THE WILLARD STUDIO IN 1925. PHOTO: PALM SPRINGS MUSEUM & HAYDEN CABIN



LAKE GEORGE. PHOTO: WILLIARD

## Bringing Stephen Willard's Photography Home

By Diane Eagle Kataoka

Up the road apiece from Twin Lakes, in a curve across from the Lake Mary turn off, sits a cabin, painted brown. It is rustic, nearly hidden by the soaring pines around it.

Photographer artist Stephen Willard built the eight-room cabin in 1934. It was home to him and his wife Beatrice for 32 years. It also housed his art gallery, the Willard Studio, where all visitors were welcomed to gather and learn about Mammoth Lakes.

Now renamed the Gallery at Twin Lakes, this historic cabin has reopened for summer 2013 under new ownership. Robert and Susan Joki are the fifth owners; it is their vision to restore the spirit and art of its original owner.

"Robert and Susan are uniquely suited to tell the Willard story through his art and to bring his legacy back into the light of day. Their experience in the art world, coupled with their love of the Eastern Sierra and their engaging personalities, will once again restore the Willard Studio to the inviting gallery and cultural center it once was," says Willard historian Richard Westman.

"The gallery is in a special location [on USFS land]," says Deb Schweizer, public relations officer for the Inyo National Forest. "The idea of photographing and doing landscape photography is a long tradition in the Sierra Nevada."

The Joki are enchanted by Mammoth's history, not to mention its beauty. Sue has spent summers since childhood at the Woods Lodge on Lake George, and she introduced Robert to its wonders when they met many years ago. Notions of a second career swimming in their heads, they happened to see a For Sale sign at the gallery last summer, and suddenly everything came together—all roads converging in a wood, so to speak.

As for Willard, like many of us in Mammoth, he was born elsewhere, happening by chance upon this magical spot in the Sierra. He was born in Illinois, raised in Corona, Calif., and settled in Palm Springs (1921), where he established his first art gallery. For the next quarter century, he traveled the Colorado and Mojave deserts, exploring a passion for photographing the desert. When he and Beatrice discovered Mammoth and the Lakes Basin in the mid-1920s, his passion

expanded to include that area. He documented remote areas of the West few Americans had seen or visited, including the Mammoth Lakes Basin.

Willard discovered Mammoth as it unfolded its grandeur as a summer wonderland in the early 20th century. Willard and countless others fled the summer heat of Los Angeles and even that of Bishop, and braved the steep grades and the narrow dirt roads to reach a high, cool perch in the Eastern Sierra Mountains.

They pitched tents, built cabins, caught fish and cooked over campfires. They built resorts along the lakes named George, Mary and Mamie. Stephen Willard was part of this third wave of history in Old Mammoth, following in the footsteps of miners and prospectors who traversed Eastern Sierra trails searching for the illusive glint of gold, a rush for glory that lasted only a few short years, and the Indians before them who traveled back and forth on the Fresno Trail in the 19th century, ending up where the Mammoth Lakes Pack Station is today.

"Restoring the Willard Gallery to its origins is very exciting. Willard was Mammoth's resident artist photographer," says Mark Davis, curator of the Hayden Cabin Museum in Mammoth and a huge fan of Willard's work. "This could be a key element in recognizing how historic the Lakes Basin is."

Historian Westman agrees. "This will provide an important guidepost to the history of Old Mammoth and a window back to a time when the natural wonders of the Lakes Basin remained pristine. The significance of the vintage photography of Stephen H. Willard to the cultural history of the Eastern Sierra is a long awaited story yet to be told," he says.

In the Gallery at Twin Lakes, Robert will sell original, not reproduction, artwork of Stephen Willard. His twin passions for art and history meet at this little cabin in the pines, where he will exhibit artists of the 19th and 20th centuries.

"Most of the artists who portrayed the West — from Alfred Bierstadt to Thomas Moran and Thomas Hill, for example — were out of the East Coast, members of the Hudson River school," Joki says. "They painted the West of the imagination. The gallery will show documentation of westward expansion."



Given that Yosemite National Park is right over the hill from the Lakes Basin, Joki also will show artists who painted Yosemite—Thomas Hill, Harry and Arthur Best (who started the Ansel Adams Gallery), and George Fiske, and who exemplify the romance of that time in the West.

Joki has the experience and success to back up his vision. He owned and operated the Sovereign Collection Fine Art Gallery in Portland, Ore., for 25 years. He encountered Willard's desert pieces—the photographer was known for both his desert and mountain art—in Portland and in trips to Palm Springs.

"Stephen H. Willard is regarded as one of the top photographer/artists to work in the western United States by academics and art collectors, but his reputation is yet to be fully recognized by the broader public like his western Sierra counterpart Ansel Adams," Joki says.

Beyond his unquenchable passion for Willard's historical and artistic importance, Joki also has a great interest in the old mining camp, Mammoth City, which thrived just a few hundred yards from the junction of Lake Mary and Old Mammoth roads. "It has melted into the forest. It needs to be retold; we want to unfold that history," he said. "We'll include a Historic Interpretive Center, with wildflower tours, and work with the Forest Service and the trail system."

Through programs like the interpretive center and occasional historical lectures for small groups, complemented by the gallery website ([www.thegalleryattwinlakes.com](http://www.thegalleryattwinlakes.com)), Joki looks to bring the spirits of the nearly two thousand people who lived in the now extinct town back to life again.

"I'm thrilled that somebody is interested in the old Willard Gallery. It's such a beautiful, small rustic building...a little gem of a place...just the idea that he's interested in continuing the Willard Studio is exciting," says Genny Smith, Mammoth's venerable publisher of historic books.

See ad page 10.

# Anniversary



## FROM FITNESS INDUSTRY EXECUTIVES TO RESTAURATEURS

By Lunch

As the old saying goes, when life hands you lemons, make lemonade.

However, Gomez Restaurant owners Michael Ledesma and Russ Squier have always approached things at a different angle.

So when life handed them lemons, they made margaritas.

Ledesma and Squier bought Gomez's about six years ago. At that time, as many of you may recall, Gomez's was located in the cute little A-Frame on Mountain Boulevard. And at that time, Ledesma and Squier had no real plans to become restaurateurs. It was more of a real estate play. Across the street, there was (and still is) a proposed real estate development (currently planned as a 54-unit boutique hotel).

The plan, according to Ledesma, had been to level the existing A-Frame and attached residential building, and redevelop the site as a three-story, mixed-use development, with retail on the ground floor (anchored by Gomez's) and two levels of residential above.

Then the real estate market tanked, and Ledesma and Squier were forced to come with up a Plan B.

And Plan B had the former fitness industry executives becoming ... restaurateurs. As Ledesma said with a glint in his eye, "Owning a restaurant had always been on our bucket list, but it wasn't part of the original business plan."

So the partners, who had become close friends while working together on the management team at Fitness Products International, moved the Gomez's name up to the Village, where they took on a lot of square footage and a lot of risk.

Much to their delight, however, they also found that they took a shine to the food and beverage industry.



< RUSS & MICHAEL



"I've fallen in love with it," said Michael. "Admittedly after the water was up to our chests," joked Russ.

As Russ explains, he and Michael are a bit of a hybrid for Mammoth. "We live here now, and work here, but our business experience is not from here — it's transferred from outside the area."

One thing both immediately realized when they moved Gomez's to the Village was that the concept needed to expand to fit the space. The old A-Frame lent itself to being an intimate, traditional, mom-and-pop, family recipe-based establishment.

The new space, at approximately triple the square footage, demanded more.

What Ledesma and Squier have given their customers is an expansive selection of tequilas and what Ledesma describes as an "excellent and approachable" menu which is split evenly between old school authentico and Latin fusion, featuring such dishes as spinach enchilada with white sauce, mezcal chipotle baby back ribs and their signature sugar cane shrimp salad.

Ledesma noted that when they bought the restaurant there was exactly one salad on the menu — a dinner salad.

As for the vast selection of fine tequila, Ledesma sees it this way. "If you're a martini bar, you better serve damn good martinis. And a Mexican restaurant better serve a damn good margarita, because the margarita is the most popular drink in America." That's why the story of the Mammoth Margarita is included in Gomez's menu, he says, because it's Gomez's signature drink.

You'll also find tequila in a lot of the sauces and dishes, and a full bottle of tequila is included in every batch of sangria.

Gomez's owners are also co-founders of the Mammoth Margarita Festival, which was initiated last summer and takes place the weekend after Bluesapalooza. Ledesma said, "We took a leadership role in this instance ... because thematically, it is our sweet spot, and a way to contribute to the great vibe up here during the summer!"

Gomez's carried 38 different tequilas pre-Ledesma/Squier. Now they carry almost 500. A helpful hint from Ledesma: "If it says less than 100% agave on the bottle, don't drink it. It will hurt you."

*\*As an FYI, the legal minimum to classify as "tequila" is 51% agave.*

When discussing the Margarita Festival, Squier adds, "We're believers in the big picture. The first business we're in is tourism. The second business we're in is food service. When you put the guest experience #1, everything follows from there. People come here from all over the world ... knowing that, we want to make sure we can give them what they may have had a month ago in Cabo."

Gomez's is celebrating its fourth season in the Village, sixth year of ownership by Ledesma and Squier and 20th anniversary overall in 2013. So if you're seeking to "find your beach" at 8,000 feet (with a nod to the geniuses who came up with the current Corona marketing campaign), you may wish to experience the deck at Gomez's this summer. And yes, there is indeed sand and toys available for the kids!

See ad Inside Back Cover.

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