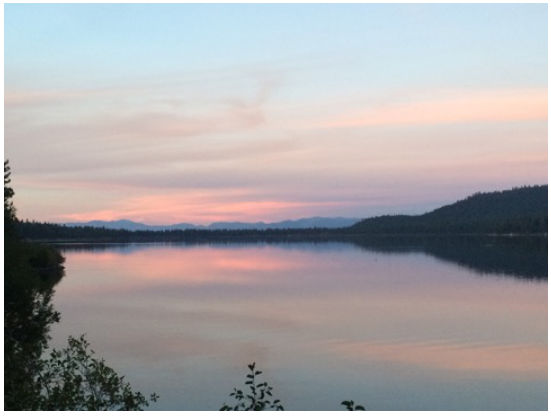
PRINCETON SIERRA CAMP 2026

Thursday, October 1 – Sunday, October 4, 2026

Fallen Leaf Lake, CA



We invite you to experience one of the most beloved Princeton Club of Northern California alumni traditions: the 15th Annual Princeton Sierra Camp Weekend, set against the breathtaking backdrop of the Sierra Nevada mountains. Whether you choose the three-night option beginning Thursday or the two-night option beginning Friday, you'll enjoy an unforgettable gathering of Princeton alumni, families, and friends in one of California's most spectacular natural settings.

Since its inception in 2011, Princeton Sierra Camp has grown into a cherished annual event, welcoming more than 150 attendees each year. Our home for the weekend is the renowned Stanford Sierra Camp, nestled on the pristine shores of secluded Fallen Leaf Lake near Lake Tahoe. Widely regarded as one of the region's hidden gems, Stanford Sierra Camp is so sought-after that its summer family sessions often carry a waitlist of five years or more.

Guests stay in comfortable private two- and three-bedroom cabins or lodge rooms, many offering stunning views of the crystal-clear lake and surrounding alpine peaks. Throughout the weekend, delicious meals are provided, allowing you to relax and fully immerse yourself in the experience.

The camp offers an extraordinary variety of activities for every interest and age. Explore miles of magnificent hiking and mountain biking trails, swim in the clear waters of Fallen Leaf Lake, cast a line from the dock, or enjoy nearby horseback riding and golf. Take advantage of the camp's full marina facilities, join leisurely daytime boat excursions, or experience the magic of the lake on an evening boat ride beneath the stars. Families can enjoy arts and crafts, music, games, and beachside campfires, while those seeking relaxation can simply unwind amid the serenity of the mountains.

What truly makes Princeton Sierra Camp special is the community. The weekend offers a rare opportunity to reconnect with longtime friends, forge new friendships, and share meaningful conversations in a relaxed and beautiful setting. Whether you are attending as a couple, on your own, or with children and grandchildren, you'll find a welcoming atmosphere and activities suited to every generation.

A highlight of each year's program is the participation of a distinguished member of the Princeton faculty, who joins us for the weekend to share insights from their work and engage with attendees in an informal setting. Details about this year's faculty guest will be announced as the event approaches.

Come experience a remarkable weekend of outdoor adventure, intellectual engagement, and Princeton fellowship in one of the most beautiful locations in the American West.

Additional details are provided below. For a preview of the experience, please see the attached 2025 weekend schedule. If you have questions, please contact Josh Rafner '77 at josh@rafner.com.

We hope you'll join us for this memorable Princeton tradition in the Sierra.



Registration

Registration will open soon on the PCNC website and at least a week advance notice will be given. The weekends sell out every year – it is recommended that you register as soon as registration opens.

Cancellation and refund policy: Cancellations received by August 10, full refund. Cancellations received after August 10 but before September 10, 50% refund. Cancellations received after September 10, no refund. No exceptions. All refunds may be subject to a nominal credit card processing charge.

You have the option of booking two nights arriving Friday, or three nights arriving Thursday.

Accommodations

There are charming, rustic two- and three-bedroom, one-bath cabins with lake views from private balconies. There are also rooms with private bath in the main lodge, some of which have lake views. Guests may indicate their accommodation preference, which will be honored where possible. Cots and cribs are available. There is Wi-Fi available throughout the Lodge and cabins, as well as a business center in the Lodge with desktop computers.



What's Included

- Lodging
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner each day
- Coffee, tea, decaf and whole fruit available all day
- High speed wireless internet access
- Courtesy transportation to and from South Lake Tahoe to meet the Reno Airport shuttle and the Lake Tahoe Airport on the first and last days
- Social hour with hors d'oeuvres and beverages including assorted beers, sodas and wine
- Soda fountain (items must be purchased separately)

- Use of on-site recreation facilities (weather and other conditions permitting): tennis, volleyball, basketball, horseshoes, Ping-Pong, rowboats, sailboats and kayaks
- Morning kids' groups for ages 5-12
- For children under 5, babysitting can usually be arranged with individual staff members at additional cost.

Meals

Delicious food, served family style or buffet, with a selection of wine and beer available for purchase. Dietary needs can typically be accommodated.



Program

In addition to do-it-yourself fun, including use of a full boat dock, magnificent hikes and mountain biking, swimming, fishing, nearby horseback riding and golf, crafts, music, there is a program of organized activities including group hikes, a beach campfire with s'mores and a sing along, boatster cruises on the lake and the nighttime astrocruise, yoga, kids' capture the flag and other games, story hour, disco bingo, a dance party, movie night, wine tasting, and a Princeton faculty member talk. Hanging out in the Old Lodge by the fire is popular as is late night card games and conversation. There will be lots to do! See the photo gallery from past years' weekend posted on the PCNC website.



Cost (inclusive of all taxes and gratuities)

For Friday arrival (2 nights):

Single participant $792, PCNC member discounted rate $752 (you can join the PCNC now and recover the $40 price of membership). The spouse/partner/guest rate (including children ages 13 and above) sharing the same accommodation is $370 per person.

The child rate, ages 5-12, is $246 per child. The child rate includes supervised activities each morning between breakfast and lunch.

Toddler rate, ages 3-4: $143 per child (2 and under, free).

For Thursday arrival (3 nights):

Single participant $1,188, PCNC member discounted rate $1,148 (you can join the PCNC now and recover the $40 price of membership). The spouse/partner/guest rate (including children ages 13 and above) sharing the same accommodation is $555 per person.

The child rate, ages 5-12, is $369 per child. The child rate includes supervised activities each morning between breakfast and lunch.

Toddler rate, ages 3-4: $214 per child (2 and under, free).



Join us!