

**Come to Camp or Have a
Retreat with your Kids at IHC!!!**

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Girl Scouts... School Picnics...

Family Reunions... Leadership Camps...



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Open Weekends...Spring + Summer - Groups size of 40 or more

Cabins
March 23-25
June 8-10
June 15-17

Tenting
April 6-8
April 13-15
June 22-24
July 6-8

Wagons
April 6-8
May 4-6
June 29-Jul 1

**Open Weeks This Summer... Monday to Saturday or any part thereof -
Groups of 100 or more for availability during June, July and August**

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::YOU'RE INVITED::

IHC Heading into 2018 With Key Projects: Trees, Cabins and Restroom Re-Do's!

Trees Report - We lost 80 of our beautiful Oaks in the past 2 year because of the drought and the **Bark Beetle**. It has been painful to watch, but for safety and spread of the beetle they had to come down quickly. We plan to reforest, but we will need your financial help and volunteer labor.

Cabins Report - We have been working on deferred maintenance for 2 years. The interior walls, bunks and ceilings have been repainted and new mattress covers for every bunk. Now we are working on the exteriors, which we have half repainted and need to start re-roofing each cabin. Presently, we are looking for **roofing supply donations** or monetary donations to cover the cost of 700.00 per each roof.

Cabin Restrooms - IHC received a 10,000 donation from **The Leavey Foundation** to renovate one of our handicap restrooms. We are stripping out the existing restroom and adding all new up to date ADA fixtures along with new tile and a private exterior entrance.

Remember that construction volunteers are as valuable as materials !!

SAVE THE DATE

**Alumni & Family
Work Day
April 7, 2018**

VOLUNTEERS !!!

WE NEED YOU !!!
Once or Twice a Week
Mornings or Afternoons

Office: Do You Know Programs?
Answer Phones, Copies, Filing,
Publisher Projects.

Grounds:
Landscaping and Caring for Camp Areas:
Adopt-an-Area with a budget, Camp Store,
Front Office, Garden Pathway, Farmyard,
Winchester's Outpost, Dining Areas.

Maintenance:
General Repairs: Doors, Windows, Screens,
Paint, Plumbing, Electrical,
Carpentry and Signs.

Other:
Animal Care, Food Service, Pool Care,
Bike Track and Artistic Talent.

To Volunteer Email:
Teresa@IndianHillsCamp.com

WORK PARTIES NEEDED!!!

**Church Groups, Business Groups,
Youth Groups, Friend Groups, Scouts**

Trees - Planting seedlings, large trees and installing irrigation lines.

Cabins - Painting exterior sidings and reroofing.

Handicap Restroom Renovation - Tile work and
ADA fixture installation (\$10,000.00 Grant).

For work parties Email: Bob@IndianHillsCamp.com



Thank you to all of you who came to our aid last year donating towards the needed Water System of two new wells, 50,000 gallons of water storage and major underground infrastructure. Our water is now working at top condition and it is primed for to maintain and grow into the future. We still need to increase our water storage but we have flexibility over the next couple of years.

The secondary issue that came with this drought related fiasco, was losing so many of our beautiful oak trees. We know that those who love IHC like you, helped us raise over \$40,000.00 in donations last year!!!!!! We thank you for helping us solve problem #1- Water!!! We are prayerfully appealing for your continued generosity in helping us solve this second issue of replacing lost trees.



One of the more painful experiences for me here at Indian hills camp was the bringing down of over 60 oak trees. I have been here for so long (going on 35 years) it seems as though I am familiar with every tree on the camp facility. Each tree I see coming down takes a little part of me with it. The landscape and shade provided by these amazing oaks leaves the camp facility in quite the precarious situation.

Why have we lost so many trees??? The drought in California over the past 10 years has taken a toll on the IHC Oaks. In my time here at IHC we have had several similar droughts though none quite as long as the recent drought and the Oaks have stood strong resisting the infamous **Bark Beetle**. But in the last three years our beautiful amazing oaks have succumbed and they became a major safety issue for all the campers running around under the shady canopies.



What's next??? Reforesting IHC grounds. **For the present** we have developed a replanting shade tree program that coincides with our region, drought resistant and fast growing shade trees. Two of these type of trees are the Tipu Tree and Italian Stone Pine. We also will be planting more California Peppers and Sycamores (best friend to the Oaks). Like the water system, we have a **three phase plan** over the next few years. We will never be able to see the Oaks replenish in our lifetime, but we have a plan to start the long term **oak replanting** though our outdoor education program.

Phase 1 is getting the shade back to the **Family Grove tent camping area, Farmyard and the Oak Rock Amphitheater**. This project will cost IHC \$30,000.00. The project includes planting larger mature trees, oak medicine and all the water irrigation materials. We have MANY volunteers who will help keep the cost of this undertaking down.



Italian Stone Pine



Tipu Tree



California Pepper



Sycamore

Just because you were wondering...



Interior Live Oaks is a native California-Baja California chaparral and oak woodland. It covers over 16% of California's landscape. This oak grows strictly in a Mediterranean climate, which is characterized by mild, wet winters and hot, dry summers growing up to 70 feet tall.



Tipuana Tipu (Tipu Tree) is a moderately fast growing semi-deciduous tree with fissured bark and a flat crown that is usually wider than the tree's height, which is typically seen as 30 to 40 feet tall but large older specimens have been noted in California that are 50 to 70 feet tall by over 100 feet wide. It is an ideal shade tree for IHC region being heat tolerant, growing in inland valleys and the low desert, and reliably cold hardy to around 22°F.



Italian Stoney Pine thrives in California as an ornamental evergreen with a full, high canopy that resembles an umbrella. They grow between 40 and 80 feet tall, but occasionally get taller. Expect the Stoney pine tree to grow to about 15 feet in the first five years of its life. Once the tree is established, care for Italian stone pines is minimal and very drought resistant.

Bark Beetles burrow under the bark of trees to feed and lay eggs. The larvae feed on the underside of the bark, making distinctive tunnels. The bark beetles burrow under the bark of oak trees to feed and lay eggs. The larvae feed on the underside of the bark, destroying the inner bark and making distinctive tunnels.



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