



# Valhall Viking



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May 2021

Valhall Lodge #6-25

<https://lodgeofvalhall.com>

Serving San Diego, CA

## Meeting Location

La Mesa Masonic Lodge  
4731 Date Ave.  
La Mesa, CA 91942

Founded 1912

May 1, 10:00 AM LOV Virtual Meeting

May 15, 2:00 PM In-Person Salmon Dinner Social

May 15, 5:30 PM Virtual Lodge Meeting

## Ord fra presidenten

Dear Members,

Your Board has decided that the time has come to get together again. We are going to have a Salmon Dinner at the Lodge Hall on May 15. We are complying with a 50% limit on the Lodge Hall capacity, so that means not more than 67 people may attend. We suggest that if you have not received a vaccination, then you sign up to have your salmon dinner delivered to your car in the parking lot. We think it will be OK to meet if the people attending have received at least one



shot. If more than 67 people sign up for the dinner, then the last to sign up will be asked to receive their dinners in their cars on the parking lot. If things go bad and dining inside gets shut down, we will deliver dinners to everybody in the parking lot. See Page 3 for details on this exciting development.

Respektfult,

Maury D. Lee

President, Valhall Lodge 06-25



Happy Birthday  
Gøstulerer Med Dagen!



## May Birthdays

4	Dale Roybal
4	Susan Hansen
10	Andrea Hales
13	Debra Hausvik
13	Michael Kaine
14	Amelia Seeto
15	Cynthia May
16	Arlene LaBree
16	William Stedham
25	Mary Conklin
26	Alexander Davis
31	Alan Ka

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## Terra-Ellen V. Hieshetter, RIP

1954-2021

We are sorry to learn of the passing of Terra-Ellen V. Hieshetter. She was a new member of Valhall Lodge, having joined in March 2020. She had just had her 67th birthday on February 4, 2021. She passed away on February 20, 2021. Due to COVID, many of us sadly never had the chance to meet her. We send our heartfelt and deepest sympathy to her friends and family.

# Syttende Mai and Salmon Dinner

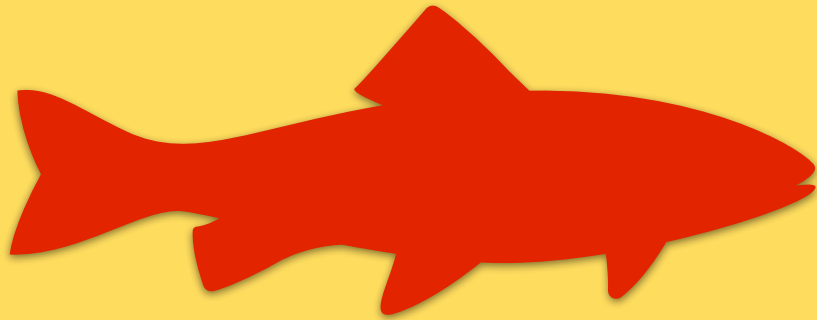
Saturday May 15, 2021, at 2:00 PM PDT  
Masonic Lodge La Mesa, Check in 1:30, Dinner at 2:00  
Zoom Lodge Meeting to follow at 5:30 PM PDT  
**\*\*\* Capacity Limited to 67 \*\*\***

Please join in for an indoor, socially distanced, protocols followed, mask wearing, wonderful to finally see some friends dinner.

**\*\*\* If restrictions change, it will become a DRIVE THRU PICKUP \*\*\***

## Menu

Fish Soup  
Salmon and/or Meatballs  
Potatoes  
Vegetable  
Bread  
Cucumber Salad  
Dessert  
Coffee



**Reservations Limited to 67 ... Payment Deadline May 12, 2021**

Cost: \$15.00

Reservations: Contact Millie Wright  
Email: [grandmom2dach@gmail.com](mailto:grandmom2dach@gmail.com)  
Telephone: (619) 760-7446

**Please indicate if you want salmon or meatballs or half and half.**

Please prepay  
Mail check to:  
Millie Wright  
14215 Pecan Park Lane #5A  
El Cajon, CA 92021-2760

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# Minutes of the Lodge Virtual Meeting

## April 17, 2021

Virtual meeting on Zoom. Nineteen members attended. Ronna with District 6 and Vinland Lodge was our guest.

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM by President Maury Lee

Treasurer's Report was read by Millie. Steve moved and Sandra seconded to approve the report. There were no corrections. The report was approved as read.

Minutes of the March meeting were in the lodge newsletter. There were no corrections.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Foundation- Jim reported that the Corporation discussed supporting local charities since our investments are currently showing a profit. Sandra moved, Millie seconded that we donate to the list of 10 charities that were proposed by the Corporation members. After some discussion that one of the charities is not rated very highly for getting funds to the population they support, Sandra and Millie removed the motion for now. Steve will ask Aprell to email the members and let them know we will discuss at the May meeting.

Corporation Treasurer – Steve gave the required investment policy review.

Blood Drive – Sharmane volunteered to organize a community event that we haven't done in a while. She connected with the San Diego Blood Bank to get a date to do a blood drive. August 21, location probably at La Mesa Masonic Lodge. Details to follow.

Cultural Director – Myla reported on behalf of Amelia that we will have the June presentation by Vesterheim. Sandra said that she learned from our experience how to prevent the interruptions that we experienced tonight with Jennifer Kovarik's presentation of In Trunks, Hands and Hearts.

Publicity – Susan said that local newspapers produced no result. We are discussing how to use social media as well.

Social Director – Judy emailed the board members to ask for interest in doing an in-person salmon dinner for our May 15 social, using the looser guidelines for restaurants now that we are in the Orange Tier. The original plan was to do a drive-up like we did last November, asking people to pay in advance by check. Discussion of how to arrange tables and use safety protocols to offer meals in a group. They will also have the option to pick up the meal in the afternoon. We will have a virtual meeting at night for everyone to attend. Judy will create a flyer and ask Aprell to email to the members.

Historian – Sandra went through old lodge newsletters and found events that the lodge used to do: beach parties, luau, dance parties.

### NEW BUSINESS

Steve and Sandra recommend that members sign up for The Norwegian Heritage Meet-up Group to find events and enjoy the convenience of having information in one spot. Sandra has also included links to virtual events in other places like Norway House in Minneapolis.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Jim asked if someone is interested in serving as Sunshine Chair for the lodge. Contact him.

Maury said the House of Norway wants to do a flag- raising on Monday May 17 at 9AM at the pole close to the cottages. Maybe BYO snack and socialize for a bit.

Millie said Ellen had another knee replacement surgery. Maury called her and said she seemed in good spirits.

Millie thanked everyone for sending cards and phone calls after her recent injury.

Maury thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted, Myla Coleman, Secretary pro-tem

## **Arletta Jurasinski, RIP**

**1925-2021**

We are sorry to report that Arletta Jurasinski passed away on April 18 after several weeks of declining health. She was the mother of Susan Cody and Karen Jurasinski. She was born on a farm in Grand Meadow, MN, to Peter Andrew and Isabelle Hagen Olson on June 5, 1925. She was the youngest and last surviving of 13 children. She worked in a factory putting together parts for airplanes during WWII and then worked as a cosmetologist until she got married in 1950. She is survived by 5 children, Susan, Robin, Karen, Kevin, and Steven, and 2 grandchildren, Brock and Samuel, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins in the USA and Norway. She was very proud of her Norwegian heritage and always called herself a Viking. She was strong-willed and opinionated, and Susan now thinks of her as a Valkyrie in Valhalla. She was a member of Valhall Lodge, Sons of Norway, joining in 1999, and traveled to Norway twice (with her mother in 1947 and with Susan in 1998). Susan said that she leaves a large gap in the lives of her family and friends. We extend our deepest sympathies to Susan, Karen, and other members of their family.

# Cultural Notes

## April, 2021

Our April 17 virtual social featured Jennifer Kovarik from Vesterheim Museum in Decorah, Iowa. "In Trunks, Hands, and Hearts: What Norwegian Immigrants Brought to the United States" showcased the museum's diverse collection of objects, books, and historical photographs. Jennifer gave a great overview of Norwegian immigration to the US from Norway, starting with those who endured the weeks- long Atlantic crossing in sailing ships, then those who came after the Civil War when steamships cut the travel time down to days. She noted that although most entered the US through New York, other major points of entry were Quebec, New Orleans and Philadelphia. Some settled in New York, central Texas, Montana, Seattle, but most settled in the mid-western states: the Dakotas, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois and Minnesota.

Trunks contained the physical things they would need: in the early years, steerage class passengers had to bring their own blankets, cooking tools and enough food for their whole group for the trip; items they would need in their new homes; portable wealth like jewelry and silver; heirlooms to remind them of home and family; tools to earn a living and build things.

With their hands they brought their skills: carpentry, farming, fishing, textile arts, needlework, animal husbandry, innovations like the outboard motor, the gas pump, skis, and the entrepreneurial spirit to create businesses that made life better in their communities.

In their hearts, they carried the love of home and cultural traditions. Their native language was carried on through regularly published newsletters. Believing that education was essential, they founded colleges, trade schools and medical institutions.

Vesterheim continues to accept artifacts that represent the Norwegian experience, especially ones that have a great story to go along with them. I loved the story of the fluffy lap blanket created by a wife to send along with her husband who found work in cold, far northern Lofoten. Scattered in the warm woolen homespun yarn are strips of silky fabric, probably from her old clothing – not very warm but a sentimental reminder of the woman waiting for him at home.

A recording of the presentation will be emailed to our members soon. Thanks to Sandra for providing the Zoom platform and for her presence of mind to get us back up and running after an unpleasant interruption by, in her words, "disruptive gentlemen". Thanks to Linda for editing the video.

### COMING UP

May 15 Syttende Mai Salmon dinner. Short virtual program for the evening is in the works.

June 19 – Virtual Presentation from Vesterheim Museum: "Rocks and Hard Places: Emigration through the Lens of Knud Knudsen." \*

\*In consideration of our Vesterheim guest speakers who are located in Iowa, two hours later than us, we are reversing our normal agenda of lodge meeting followed by the social. We will start promptly at 5:30 to spend about an hour with our speaker, then have our lodge meeting at 6:30. To attract potential new members, our events will be on Vesterheim's calendar with a link so that interested people can join us.

The museum allow meetings featuring Vesterheim presentations to be recorded so that we can share with our members or to provide for members who could not attend the meeting. However, they ask that we do not share the recording publicly, such as on YouTube, Facebook, or on a public website, including our lodge website.



# LOV Virtual Meeting Minutes

## April 3, 2021

Fifteen members attended. The meeting was called to order at 10:06 AM by Vice President Susan Cody as Millie recovers from an injury.

Minutes of the March meeting were published in the lodge newsletter. Susan asked if anyone wanted it to be read aloud. No one did. There were no corrections. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Amelia presented the report for March. The report was approved as presented. There were some fraudulent charges on one of the debit cards. The bank has reversed them and a replacement card was sent.

### OLD BUSINESS

Sandra continues to work on the History page of the Lodge website. Jean gave her a bunch of photos with names on them. Sandra asked for ideas on how to make them available to the members only. They all are labeled with names so it wouldn't be appropriate to post them on the website. She asked if anyone knew the location of the photo albums that used to be in the lodge library.

Per Sandra and Amelia, the Norwegian Outreach group with representatives from seven Norwegian culture groups will meet on April 8. On the agenda: a central promotion system to minimize emails for interested people. Meetup is already set up so we want to encourage our members to create a login for this useful tool. Per input from LOV, we think that the main focus of the group is to create a solid base of active members who enjoy the variety of offerings and will reach out to others to increase our membership.

Sandra reported on behalf of the LOV Ad Hoc Committee, formed to plan how to use the proceeds from sale of the bunad book, consistent with the intention of the original committee. Anne, Anita, Denise and Sandra met virtually. They decided on the structure of the committee and to meet again on 4/29 to clarify their mission. Sandra took notes and will email to LOV members. Anita agreed to take notes at future meetings.

### NEW BUSINESS

May 15 Lodge Social drive through for take-out dinner – LOV to bake Spring-y desserts. TBD.

Sunshine – Denise sends cheerful greeting emails to the members weekly. Enjoyed speaking to LaVonne on the phone.

### CULTURAL/PROGRAM

Ragnhild and Anne were to do a language lesson but Anne couldn't make the meeting. Ragnhild suggested that we use YouTube videos called Simple Norwegian. She will forward a link to Sandra to email a few days before the LOV meeting. Then we can practice what we learned from the unit.

Sandra and Myla attended an early morning virtual session with Kari Tauring, musician and Nordic spiritualist, sponsored by Norway House in Minneapolis. Kari spoke of Nordic traditions that follow the seasons of the year, focusing on Easter week where each day has special work, foods, and rituals associated with it. A påskris is a switch made of twigs that is used to sweep away bad spirits and beat in good luck.

Millie and Sandra expect their cultural pins to come from SON national, but haven't received them.

Millie, Sandra and Else enjoyed the Brain Injury Foundation Walk.



## GOOD OF THE ORDER

Dale noted that genealogy research never ends, and she is still surprised to uncover information about her family. A recent newsletter from a research group in Wisconsin had an article about the local university. Years ago, they recorded the varied dialects of residents for posterity, and Dale's friend was thrilled to hear the voice of her great grandfather. Barbara suggested that we collect for our server Juan at Denny's when we can get back to meeting in person. Susan said she saw him recently when she made a pickup for Uber Eats; he was his usual cheery self. Tam noted that we may want to watch Atlantic Crossing, a new mini-series on PBS, the story of Crown Princess Märtha's war-time stay in the United States.

There were no birthdays or anniversaries.

Next meeting: May 1 at 10AM. Sandra will send reminder to members. Susan said she won't attend as she'll be up at Camp Norge, helping to get it ready for Memorial Day. We were sad to hear that Arletta will be in hospice.

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Myla Coleman, Secretary

## LOV Notes

### April, 2021

Next Meeting: May 1, 2021 10:00 a.m. via Zoom  
Hostesses: N/A

This will be a short message from me as I recuperate from a broken leg. Recovery is going very well, and I would like to thank everyone for the emails, cards, and phone calls. You are all a blessing to me.

I would also like to thank Susan Cody for chairing the April LOV meeting in my absence. In reading the April LOV meeting minutes, a lot of ground was covered, especially regarding cultural projects including LOV, Valhall Lodge, and the Norwegian Outlook Group; tusen takk to all the ladies who stepped up to be part of these committees.

A quick reminder that I will be taking reservations for the May 15<sup>th</sup> Salmon/Meatball Dinner. See the enclosed flyer for details. (Flyer is on Page 3 of this newsletter.)

La de gode tidene rule,

Millie Wright  
President, LOV

## San Diego County Norwegian Cultural Public Outreach Committee

The House of Norway owns a Meetup Group and has kindly made it available to other Norwegian Heritage organizations in San Diego County. We encourage lodge members to register in this group: **San Diego Norwegian Heritage Meetup**.

If you do not already have a Meetup account, you will need to create one before you register for a Meetup group. Go to <https://www.meetup.com> and click on “Sign up” in the upper right corner of the web page.

To register in this Norwegian Heritage group, go to <https://www.meetup.com>. Be sure to log in. Scroll down a bit to where it says “Join a group” in green lettering on the left side of the page. Click on that. On the next webpage, you will see 2 boxes at the top. The one on the left has faint lettering that says, “Search for keywords”. Enter “**Norwegian Heritage**” in that box. The box on the right should say, “San Diego, CA”. Make sure that it says that. Underneath those boxes are the words “Events” and “Groups”. Be sure that “Groups” is selected (in green lettering and underlined). Click on the read field that has a magnifying glass icon in it at the top of the page.

In the next page, you should see “**San Diego Norwegian Heritage Meetup**” at the top of the list. Click on that. You will arrive at the San Diego Norwegian Heritage Meetup webpage. There is a red-orange button that says, “Join this group”. Click that if you haven’t joined and would like to do so.

As a member of this group, you will be able to see what other Norwegian organizations are doing and you will be able to register to attend their events.

### **Announcement from Ron Stubbings, President, International Board, Sons of Norway:**

At the start of global pandemic, the International Board voted to extend our current biennium until the International Convention in 2022. This meant that all officers and delegates remained in place through 2022 unless they chose to step down from their role.

Pursuant to the National Emergency bylaw provision enacted by the Board, the postponement of the 2020 convention to 2022 served to extend the biennial term through 2022. This means that, as long as officers agreed to continue to serve, their term was extended until the end of the biennium in 2022. This is an extension of the first term, and does not count as a second term for the purpose of term limits. Those eligible to seek a second term of office remain eligible if they desire to run again.

We wanted to provide some clarification as we have received questions around this issue. If you have any further questions, please reach out to [fraternal@sofn.com](mailto:fraternal@sofn.com)

# Valhall Viking History

Lodge Historian Sandra Yeaman has researched past newsletters to discover activities done by the lodge in the past but are no longer being done. Here is a list of items by year:

1985

- Ancestral Roots project (similar to what House of Norway is doing now). It appears the map this project produced has disappeared. Maybe it is still in the storage unit.
- Las Vegas Night in April
- Midsommer Fest Picnic in July
- Luau dinner in September
- Caribbean Cruise (I think this was in conjunction with District 6)

1987

- Rummage Sale (I suspect such events were stopped because of the threat to the lodge's nonprofit status. I know this happened to church sales in Virginia.)
- July picnic
- Arts and Crafts organizing
- Norway choir performance
- Las Vegas Night in April
- Luau in September
- Folkdancing group was formed

1988

- Las Vegas Night in April
- Folkdancing group was disbanded
- Midsommer Fest Picnic in June
- Rummage sale
- Norwegian band performance
- Jule Bazaar in November (this is pre-LOV Lille Butikken)

1989

- Bay cruise
- Luau in September

1990

- Lefse baking party in February
- Las Vegas Night in April
- Leif Erikson Day in October
- Norwegian language classes formed

1991

- Discussion of farming
- Ladies group formed (LOV, I think)
- Dance group for children formed
- Participated in International Friendship Festival in El Cajon
- Luau in October
- District 6 Caribbean Cruise (I think this was cancelled.)

1992

- Country Western theme Cruise
- Long Range Planning Committee mentioned
- Las Vegas Night
- Hardangersøm gettogether
- Norwegian male chorus formed

1993

- Beach Party Social
- Picnic at Santee Lakes
- Grieg Concert
- Talent Show
- Valhall Viking Band disbanded

- 1994
  - Olsok Picnic in Julian in August
  - Fiesta time in September
- 1995
  - Beach Picnic
  - USO Night in September
  - Uff da Ski for Light Golf Tournament
- 1996
  - Variety Show with Bingo
  - Uff da District 6 Golf tournament for Ski for Light
  - Dance classes (I think this was just ballroom dancing, not Norwegian dancing)
  - Mannskor ad
- 1996
  - Skandia Festival in Julian in November
  - Interest expressed in creating a webpage for the lodge
- 1997
  - Bingo and Talent Show in April
  - Vesterheim Museum artifacts show
  - Memories of Norway
  - Participated in International Food Fair in El Cajon
  - Cultural Exhibits for Heritage Month
  - former members of Sorlandet Lodge merged with Valhall Lodge
- 1998
  - Supper Eight proposal (groups of 8 people or 4 couples would meet together for dinner)
- 2000
  - Norwegian conversation class formed (for those who already know Norwegian, not a class for beginners)
  - Participated in International Food Fair in El Cajon
- 2002
  - Norwegian chorus performed
  - Norwegian language classes mentioned
  - Genealogy classes
  - Cooking classes (Susan Cody has provided cooking classes as recently as 2019)

After preparing the above list, Sandra discovered some additional activities:

- Chauffeur Project proposed (to connect members who no longer drive with those who do to get them to meetings)
- Walk-a-thon in support of the Special Olympics
- Making Hardanger embroidery embossed bookmarks for a District 6 convention
- Valhall Viking Walkers proposed to get up to 10 people together to walk regularly
- Valhall Voyagers joined the March of Dimes walk
- 1999 Balboa Park Rosemaling Competition and Exhibition
- Folk Art Competition for District 6 convention
- Viking Team Walks for MS (But we still walk for the San Diego Brain Injury Foundation)

**Save the Date: October 15-17, 2021 (Friday - Sunday)**

Southern California Kretsstevne is scheduled for October 15-17. We expect details to be provided some time during the summer or early fall.

I Was a Teenage Norwegian, Too  
by Sven I. Olsen

Norway today is a country with one of the highest standards of living in the world. It's a country where people get paid every month by the state for each child and where new parents get maternity leave with full pay for a year . . . People in Norway today have never had it so good. Taxes are high, but who needs the money? The "welfare state" takes care of everyone from "cradle to grave." Universal medical care and special vacation pay are provided to all citizens and if you are sick, the government will send you to a state operated spa on the Mediterranean for a few weeks or more to get over whatever ails you. All these benefits are possible because Norway is the second largest exporter of oil in the world.

The post—war Norway of my childhood and teenage years was a different place from Norway today. After the war, our family moved back to the capital of Oslo and found ourselves homeless. For almost three years the family was split up between various relatives and the two younger children at a Salvation Army children's home. When we finally got a house, we felt like we "had died and gone to Heaven." The house was brand new and consisted of three bedrooms, living room, dining area and a modern kitchen. We had hot and cold running water and a bathtub! Our "refrigerator" was the pantry with a vent that opened to the outside. It would freeze the milk in the winter. The laundry was located in the basement and had the latest style stainless steel tub. You filled it with water, fired up the wooden burner underneath, added the famous all-purpose Norwegian "grønsipe" (green soap) and let it boil. Phase two consisted of using "Norwegian power" and scrubbing each piece of laundry on a washboard. (Like the ones you find in the antique stores today). No Downy Softener, No "Gentle cycles," No dryer. Laundry was hung on long pieces of string outside and fastened with strange looking wooden pins. The stiff frozen laundry would then be brought into the house to thaw and completely dry after a while. Believe it or not, we had clean clothes!

As a teenage Norwegian I didn't have a telephone. How did I survive? In case of emergencies, we would borrow the phone at the little neighborhood store a block away. Except to call the doctor, telephones were not necessary. Get-togethers for birthdays and holiday events were never coordinated. every year on my mother's birthday, preparations such a cooking and baking were made several days in advance. Since nobody had a phone, no phone calls were made and no invitations were sent. However, on the appropriate day, half the people on the "five o'clock bus," were my mother's friends coming to the annual birthday party. No surprises, everybody just arrived, like clockwork. It couldn't have been better planned with a telephone. As I think back on raising my own four teenage daughters, I often wonder how they would have survived growing up without a telephone.

As a teenage Norwegian I didn't have a TV either. Imagine raising a child under such disadvantaged conditions! I know this sounds strange, but I got an opportunity to read a lot of books and even do some homework once in a while, play outside with my friends and go skiing in the winter.



My “disadvantaged” Norwegian teenagehood came to an abrupt end when I, as a 17-year-old high school student, was pulled away from my “root,” pulled away from the cold and dark Norwegian winter to the land of sunshine and smog—to the golden state of California, to a new life in a new world! It was an adventure that continued for the next forty years. My parents, at the time, were en route to Korea , where they would work as missionaries with orphans, under *The Scandinavian Foreign Mission* for the next 20 years. Since I was almost finished with high school, I stayed in the United States, finished my education, married a wonderful girl, raised a family and spent a career in the Navy. . . And you know the rest of the story.

*Ed. Note: This essay was discovered by Sandra Yeaman in a past issue of The Valhall Viking. We are happy to reprint it so that we can appreciate our good friend Sven Olsen.*



***Sons of Norway Vinland Lodge  
#6-159 cordially invites you to  
their 1<sup>st</sup> post-pandemic in-person  
meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00am.***

***We will meet at the Orchard  
Church in Temecula, located at  
42101 Moraga Rd, Temecula.***

***Lunch will be catered. Please  
RSVP to David Moe at 951-309-  
1597 or [ha26moe@outlook.com](mailto:ha26moe@outlook.com),  
by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.***



# Camp Norge is Re-Opening This Memorial Weekend!

May 29 - 31st, 2021

Come join us at **Camp** for a fun and relaxing holiday weekend and help us celebrate as we re-open for the first time since 2019!

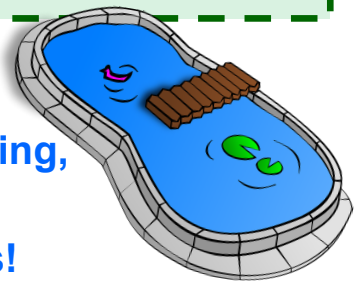
♥ Join us for lunch on Saturday, May 29th from 12:30-2:00pm

Hamburger or Hot Dog, Chips, Potato Salad, Cookie and a Drink for \$5 per person.

Please RSVP (your lunch order) to Luella Grangaard at [morongo2@verizon.net](mailto:morongo2@verizon.net)  
or call 760-363-7704 and leave a message.



The usual amenities  
will be available: dorms, camping,  
swimming pool, fire pit,  
horseshoe pits, hiking trails!



- COVID Precautions will be followed
- RSVP by May 27 will be required
- Please wear a mask and social distance
- Tables will be spaced so family groups can enjoy camp in safety
- Surfaces and rest rooms will be monitored and sanitized for your safety



Call Susan at Camp to reserve a spot  
by May 27th: (530)389-2508

Want to learn more about Camp Norge?

Click on ➡ [www.campnorge.org](http://www.campnorge.org)



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**MAY 2021**

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**May 15 In-Person Salmon Dinner Social**  
**May 15 Virtual Lodge Meeting**  
**May 23 Newsletter Deadline**

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