

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE OF SDA TEEN PATHFINDER INVITATIONAL CAVING WEEKEND

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LAVA BEES NATIONAL MONUMENT

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Friday:

1. Morning worship by club
2. Caving begins by club *(If anyone wishes to work on the Caving Honor, you must cave for a total of ten hours and map a cave. The easiest cave to map would be Mushpot Cave. Also a 500 word report on caving must be done and all of the other requirements met. See the Smiths for additional Honor packets.)*
3. Sundown worship by club
4. Suggest limited standup caving on Sabbath please
5. 7:00 pm–LITs meet with Smiths at their motor home
6. 10:00 pm–Campground quiet time

Sabbath:

1. Breakfast by club
2. 8:30 –10:30 am–Morning Church service from (subject to change by Ranger) in Valentine Cave
3. Suggested afternoon activities are included in the packet
4. Sundown worship by clubs
5. 11:00 pm–Caving ends in the Cave Loop. No exceptions please, new park rules.
6. 10:00 pm–Campground quiet time

Sunday:

1. Breakfast and worship by clubs
2. Caving or pack up and leave as you please.

*current rules established by
the national park service for*

OUR USE AT THE LAVA BEDS TEEN INVITATIONAL CAVING WEEKEND

1. Do not pay entry or camping fees to the rangers at the Lava Beds. NCC will pay those fees that are collected from each club
2. Conference activity fees can be paid to Don Smith or charged to your church/club.
3. Everyone must be screened for White Nose Syndrome (to protect the Lava Bed cave bats) before entering any cave. The permit given by the Park Service must be displayed on each club vehicle at all times. You should stop by the Visitors Center to obtain the permits.
4. Current Park rules include:
 - a. When hiking stay on trails at all times.
 - b. No collecting of plants, rocks, firewood, etc.
 - c. No use of artificial light to view or spot animals (flashlight, etc.).
 - d. No skateboarding or roller skating allowed in the park.
 - e. Only 2 vehicles are allowed per camp site. A third vehicle could potentially be parked in a neighboring club site that only has one vehicle.
 - f. Only 8 people allowed per camp site. Clubs will need to occupy adjoining sites to cover the total number of campers in the club.
 - g. Food and cooking equipment must be stored in vehicles or solid storage units.
5. We are only allowed the use of Valentine Cave from 8:30–10:00 am.





1. Know at least three light sources for caving and the importance of having extra light supplies and backup lights.
2. List all equipment needed for a successful caving trip and start putting together your own set of equipment.
3. Join an experienced person in exploring at least three relatively easy caves accumulating a total of ten hours of actual caving time.
4. Keep a log of these explorations, (You may use the attached form or create your own. There should be a form for each person wanting to work on the caving honor.)
5. Learn, know well and practice caving safety rules.
6. Describe several ways caves were used in Bible times.
7. Participate in the mapping process of a small cave you have explored. (Mushpot cave is an easy cave to map.)
8. Know the names of at least five different speleothems and three cave-dwelling animals. Include in your either oral or written report those you have observed while caving.
9. Write or give an oral or written report of at least 500 words on ten or more hours of your caving experience and include all you have learned while carrying out the previous eight requirements.



Remember to Plan Ahead – There is no gas available at Lava Beds. We encourage you to top your tank off in one of the nearby communities of Klamath Falls, OR, Merrill, OR, Tulelake, CA, or Alturas, CA. Depending on your route, the last gas station you will pass could be over an hour away from Lava Beds.

From the North via Klamath Falls, Oregon: take Oregon Hwy. 39 south approximately 15 miles until you see a brown highway sign for the Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuges. Follow this route by turning right (south) on Merrill Pit Road. Travel south approximately 2 miles until you reach Stateline Road 161. Brown highway signs mark turns leading to Lava Beds from U.S. 161 into the monument. Turn left (east), travel approximately three miles, and turn right (south) at the golf course onto Hill Road. Travel south on Hill Road nine miles until you enter Lava Beds National Monument. You will pass the visitor center for the Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuges on your way into the monument. – It takes approximately one hour to reach the Visitor Center from Klamath Falls via this route.

You may also access Lava Beds from the north by continuing on Oregon Hwy. 39 across the state line and following brown Lava Beds highway signs through the town of Tulelake, CA and into the monument's northeast entrance.

If you wish to see the entire monument from the north before arriving at the Visitor Center, continuing approximately four miles south of Tulelake and following signs to Petroglyph Point.

From the I-5 corridor: take U.S. 97 North at Weed towards Klamath Falls. Turn right onto California Hwy 161, also known as Stateline Road, located just north of Dorris, California and just south of the California–Oregon border. Brown highway signs mark turns leading to Lava Beds from U.S. 97 into the monument. Travel east on CA 161 through the Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge to Hill Road. Turn right on Hill

Road at the golf course. Travel south on Hill Road nine miles until you enter Lava Beds National Monument. You will pass the visitor center for the Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuges on your way.

It takes 1.5 to two hours to reach the Visitor Center from Weed, depending on weather and traffic. Plan ahead in winter-- the pass on U.S. 97 at Mount Hebron is often snowy.

From California Hwy 299 from the Redding or Lassen National Volcanic Park areas: turn left (north) at Bieber on Hackamore / Lookout Road (County Road 91) until it ends at California Hwy 139. Turn left (north) on CA 139, Your next turn will be a left onto Forest Service road 97. From there you'll turn left on to Forest Service road 10, which will become the park road once you cross the park's south east boundry.

NOTE: Forest Service 10 is paved, but has potholes; drive slowly and carefully around them. In the winter, this road is not plowed and can become unpassable due to snow. To enter via a smoother route, or open road in the winter, continue north on Hwy 139 and follow brown highway signs from the Tulelake, California or Merrill, Oregon areas.

From California Hwy 89 (Summer only, typically mid-June through October), the more adventurous visitors can enter Lava Beds from the south via the Medicine Lake Road (FS 15 and 49) through the Modoc National Forest. Begin this route from U.S. 89 just east of Bartle. **This route includes approximately ten miles of dirt road north of Medicine Lake.** They are accessible in any

vehicle, but are typically heavily washboarded by mid-summer. Allow 1.5 to two hours to reach the Lava Beds boundary from the turnoff on U.S. 89, and consider planning extra time to enjoy geologic features and Medicine Lake along the way.

