



THE SIERRA CLUB NEWSLETTER FROM CLAIR TAPPAAN LODGE (CTL)

**"OUTDOORS FOR ALL"  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
EDUCATION FUNDRAISER**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR ONE,  
TWO, OR THREE DAYS!  
SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2019**

**FRIDAY, September 20**

- 1:30 Hikes
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:00 - Welcome, report on the Lodge, evening social

**SATURDAY, September 21**

- 7:30 Prepare sack lunch
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:15 Hikes to lakes and mountain tops

Cost for fundraiser weekend - all events

Adults - \$220 Children - \$150

Call (530) 426-3632

<http://clairtappaanlodge.com/events>

**SATURDAY SPECIAL - \$85.00**

- 1:00 - 3:00 - Painting demonstration by local artist Susan Barry
- 3:30 - 5:00 - Celtic Joy, playing Northern European folk music
- 5:00 - 6:00 - Welcome, Environmental Education presentation
- 6:00 - Gourmet dinner in meadow
- 7:00 - 8:00 - Talk by Special Guest Michael Brune, Sierra Club Executive Director
- 8:00 - Raffle drawing
- 8:30 - Silent auction closes

**SUNDAY, September 22**

- 7:30 Prepare sack lunch
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Hike to a High Sierra lake

## SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER MICHAEL BRUNE

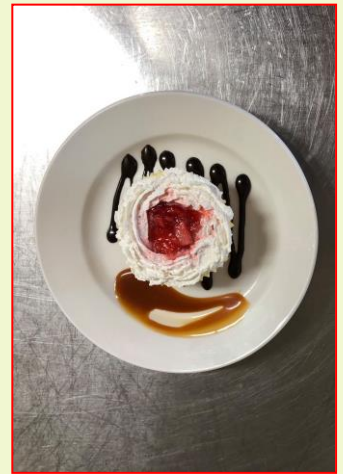
Sierra Club Executive Director  
Hear Michael speak about empowering our youth to explore, enjoy, and protect the planet. Listen to stories of Michael's love of nature and how he's using that devotion to protect the planet's last and best places.  
Saturday, September 21, 7:00 pm.



David making biscuits, cheesecake tarts with strawberries, and deviled eggs.

## FOOD

Gourmet meals by CTL Chef David Dierberger, who hails all the way from North Fork, Yosemite. David's dad was a butcher and they catered many weddings together. David then went on to train at Le Cordon Bleu, Pasadena. He likes snowboarding, fly fishing, hiking, and motorbiking so is working in the perfect environment. Folks are raving about his home-made creations. One of his specialties is vegan Thai food. He's a food artist!



If you want to help Dave in the kitchen, get your "ServSafe" Certificate on line  
<https://www.servsafe.com>



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## CELTIC JOY

A band of friends who play Northern European Folk music. They play regularly at the Empire Mine. Check them out on [Facebook](#)



## HIKES

Swim in a High Sierra lake, climb to the top of a peak for great views, or check out some Native American art. Each hike is led by a Sierra Club Outings Leader who will point out all the fabulous plants, animals, and views. As always, our wonderful hike organizer Rick Ramos has some exciting trips planned.



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**ART AUCTION**  
**By Susan Barry**

This season, folks who attended the *Paint and Hike Along Sierra Trails* National Outing once again donated some wonderful paintings of the beautiful lakes, creeks, and Sierra vistas for the art auction. We had eight returning artists. Some have been attending this trip for ten years, which says a lot for the lodge and beautiful country we explore and paint. This year, Charlie Vincent, Jan Whittaker, Joan Benner, Kristine Chinn, and Kathy Bingham are some of the artists returning and donating their paintings.



Meadow wild flowers, the sheep herders' cabin at Van Norden, Lake Flora, Maiden's

Retreat, and other favorite spots make the auction a very special event.

Ceramic artist Milan Young will once again donate a special piece. Milan created the 'ceramic time capsule' at the 100-year Sierra Club celebration in Yosemite. His works are created with clay and glazes, fired in the largest and oldest wood-fired climbing kiln in the United States, right here in Nevada County.

As a special addition to the weekend, I will be holding a two-hour watercolor workshop in the CTL meadow showing folks the techniques used by artists to reflect the area's beauty. I will supply all the tools and materials, but artists are encouraged to bring their tools and supplies as well.

Below are some pictures from our week of painting.



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## WHAT'S NEW



Check out our new Adirondack chairs and benches! They were built by the Sierra Club service outing at CTL in July. Family Fun and Service at Clair Tappaan Lodge. Thank you, Tom Hurst and all the participants.

Our volleyball and tetherball courts are all spruced up and ready for you.



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## ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION - USE OF FUNDRAISER MONIES

The Sierra Club's Clair Tappaan Lodge Advisory Council provides grants to cover room and board for underserved youth to stay at Clair Tappaan or Hutchinson Lodges near beautiful Donner Lake in the High Sierra. One can apply for these grant funds by submitting a [funding request form](#) at least two weeks in advance of the event.

Historic Clair Tappaan Lodge boasts a large living room with a huge fireplace, a cheerful dining room, a cozy library with a wood-burning stove, a recreation room, a hot tub, bunk beds, and shared bathrooms. It accommodates up to 145 guests. Professional chefs cook hearty breakfasts and dinners, served family-style, while guests prepare their own brown-bag lunches.

Nearby Hutchinson Lodge is a rustic, unstaffed cabin with a fully equipped kitchen, two sleeping lofts with bunk beds, sauna, showers, toilets, and wood burning stoves. It has a maximum capacity of 25.



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## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

**Transportation** to and from the lodges (school or charter buses, private vehicles, rented vans).

**Equipment** - Appropriate clothing for the time of year. Bay Area Wilderness Training offers “free outdoor gear loans for BAWT-trained leaders at schools and organizations serving either 80% youth of color or 40% low-income youth. Extremely low-cost gear rentals are available for all other BAWT trained leaders.”

**Chaperones** - to provide practical and emotional support and encouragement. Chaperones are parent substitutes on the outing, ensuring proper behavior. We recommend one chaperone for every seven children.

**Environmental education content providers** - To help you educate and oversee the students, Sierra Club Inspiring Connections Outdoors, along with two non-profit groups - Gateway Mountain Center and Headwaters Science Institute - can base their educational programs at Clair Tappaan and Hutchinson Lodges.



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## IMPORTANT WEB PAGES

- Environmental Education Resource Guide - <https://clairtappaanlodge.com/environmental-education-programs-and-partners>
- Funding Request Form - <http://clairtappaanlodge.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Funding-Request-Form.pdf>
- Clair Tappaan Lodge - [clairtappaanlodge.com/programs](http://clairtappaanlodge.com/programs)
- Sierra Club Inspiring Connections Outdoors (ICO) - [sierraclub.org/ico](http://sierraclub.org/ico)
- Gateway Mountain Center - [sierraexperience.org/](http://sierraexperience.org/)
- Headwaters Science Institute - [headwatersscienceinstitute.org](http://headwatersscienceinstitute.org)
- Bay Area Wilderness Training - [BAWT.org](http://BAWT.org)

## STAFF

As always, a BIG thank-you to the hard-working folks who make Clair Tappaan such a great place to visit.

Claire McLean (left), Marketing & Outreach

John Jackson (center), Operations

Art Birch (right)- Maintenance/ Housekeeping  
Coordinator

Kassandra (Katt) Maas - Group Coordinator

David Dierberger - Chef

And of course Lodge Manager Peter Lehmkuhl who works tirelessly to make sure everything is going smoothly, needs are being met, and everyone is welcome and having a great time.



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