

# CAMP WAWONA GAZETTE

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## Ricchiuti Chapel

The new Ricchiuti Chapel and Activity Center has been designed for Camp Wawona. We are so excited about this new project and the many ways that we will be able to use this to expand the ministry and spiritual connections of our constituents.

Pat, who passed away on July 27, 2008, and Frances Ricchiuti have had a special place in their hearts for Camp Wawona and have spent many weekends up there. Any opportunity they could, they would always go to Camp Wawona to enjoy the beauty and peace they found there. Teri Ann Ricchiuti has been a teacher in our conference for 36 years and has been a teacher for over 40 years. Teri Ann has been a strong participant educator with our outdoor education program at Camp Wawona for many many years.

When Pat and Frances found out that we were rebuilding Camp Wawona, they wanted to be a major part of our campaign. We are thankful for their generous pledge which

makes it possible for us to be able to build this Chapel/Activity Center in their name.

For many years, Camp Wawona has used the outdoor Church bowl site when the weather permits and then during the winter months, our groups have had to use the lodge meeting area which many times isn't large enough for our groups.

The new Ricchiuti Chapel and Activity Center will allow us to seat

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Pat and Frances Ricchiuti



# New Road Progress

By Jackie Phillips

Originally, we had not planned to rebuild the water tank. We were just going to hook in to the new water tank at the top of the hill that was already in the new road plans. However, because we are not quite ready with our road plans, we had to draw up new plans to replace the water tower by the boys' cabins.

The original road plan was to take out the first boy's cabin, To-tah-kan, to allow for the wider road. We ended up taking out Miwok Cabin as well because the new water tank is lower and wider. It was tough to see those two cabins be demolished and I am sure many of you reading this article might have stayed in either one of those cabins. But we are excited about the future of Camp Wawona and how we can expand and improve our hospitality to our people.

The new water tank permit has been approved and the new equipment is being fabricated and will be completed the middle of May. It has been a real challenge getting everything ready for this new structure but God has blessed. Even though the original plans did not have this lower water tank, we needed to put it back so we could have water to upper camp until the other tank is built.

This new tank will help us with the new road as it will be able to help lower the gravity gradually of the water from the top to the bottom of the hill and with this new tank.

Another challenge that we had at camp and with the new road was all the trees that have died because of the drought. Besides the dead trees, we also had to cut down an additional one hundred and thirty one trees to be able to widen the roadway to the top.

The new road will be able to accommodate two car widths. Because of all the trees that have died in the Yosemite National Forest, there is a lot of trees in this area that no one wants. So, if you were at the Camp Wawona in the last year and a half and saw all the trees along the road and all over camp, they are now all gone and cleaned up. It looks amazing and we are excited about how great camp is looking.



Base for new water tank

We had some challenges with the engineering of the new road permit but we hope to apply for the road permit shortly. Once we get that, we will keep you updated with pictures. The price of the new road is about \$1,600,000, although the price can go up depending on what we find out with our permit. The new water tank is part of that expense. The new water tank cost about \$70,000. In December

of 2017, we did an appeal to our Camp Wawona donors and alumni and to all our churches in the Central California Conference. I am happy to report that we received over \$70k in that offering - enough to cover the replacement of the new water tank. We are so thankful to serve a God who provides!

We currently have about \$600,000 toward the new road. NOW the challenge ahead of us is to raise the additional \$1 Million. The road is truly the "artery of camp." We can't run the ministry without it. Would you consider making a monthly gift (no matter how big or small) to the Camp Wawona Road? It is going to take all of us working together on a regular basis to make this a reality. Thank you for considering this request.

You can send your gifts in the enclosed envelope and you will receive a new one every time you get a receipt. You can also donate online to [cccsda.org](http://cccsda.org), and give to the Capital Campaign, Camp Wawona. You can also donate through your local church, just write "Camp Wawona Road" under the Capital Campaign.

# New Kiln at Camp!

By Kylee Robinson

Come one, come all - all of the family that is - to Camp Wawona this summer and head to an Art Class. You'll be able to paint a ceramic or two and fire your masterpieces in Camp Wawona's new kiln. Thanks



New Kiln

to a generous donation from a doctor and his wife in Southern California, the camp was able to replace the old kiln; a long-overdue need.

The kiln is important to Camp Wawona, offering campers young and old the opportunity

to try his or her hand at painting ceramics and sealing their color in the kiln. This artistic activity is available during the whole summer and open to all campers: Juniors, Tweens, Teens, and Family. Over the last several years, ceramic painting has become especially important for Wawona's Family Camp. While some families are able to paint pottery at places like Clay Café or Color-Me-Mine, other families have created a tradition around painting ceramics at Camp Wawona, collecting a new mug or plate each year to highlight their summer experiences.

The old kiln always needed fixing. In previous summers, some weeks didn't allow campers to paint because the kiln needed repairs. This would disappoint many interested in the class and some families had to instead create a different souvenir to remember their summer. With the new kiln campers can be assured participation in the art class and families can keep the tradition alive.

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about 350 people in chairs and can also fit round tables for group activities. It will be built where the current archery area is. It will have:

- Reception area where churches or groups can register
- Restrooms
- Baptistry
- Platform/stage area
- AV booth
- Changing rooms in back with lockers for either programming groups like skits or for baptistry changing
- Storage for chairs and tables
- Large windows so everyone can enjoy the beauty of the mountains and trees
- Disabled parking



Ricchiuti Chapel



Inside View

We are so thankful for faithful friends of Wawona that continue to keep Wawona in their prayers and wills and trusts. Please consider adding Wawona in your giving plan today. You too could make a real difference for our ministries at Camp Wawona.



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