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## DISTRICT SIX FAMILY LODGE OF THE YEAR 2025!

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### FROM PRESIDENT TOVE-LISE:

Happy summer everyone. Convention is over. Time to relax for a while. I think it was very successful, especially the trip to Camp Norge. More than a hundred people boarded two busses bound for the camp where they enjoyed a very nice lunch and multiple activities. Many members had never been there, and I think they found it to be a beautiful place. Thank you to everyone from our lodge that put in a lot of effort to make the convention a success.

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**SAVE THE DATE:****SEPTEMBER 13th LODGE BBQ:****CAMPERS' SHOW AND TELL  
DAY.****3:00 PM TENTATIVE START:****CATERED BBQ LUNCHEON****UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS 2026****SEPTEMBER**

Sept 5-7, Kretsstevne, at Camp Norge

Sunday, Sept. 13, Camper Recognition  
BBQ

Sept. 19-22, Camp Oldfjell at Camp Norge

**OCTOBER**

Tuesday, Oct. 13, Business meeting

**NOVEMBER**

Tuesday, Nov. 10, Business meeting

Saturday, Nov 7, Viking Festival

**DECEMBER**

Saturday, Dec 5, Julebord with 2027 of-  
ficer installation.

**All meetings and events at the San Juan  
Masonic Center, Citrus Heights, unless  
otherwise indicated. Call 916.364.8704  
for more information. Also [sonsofnor-  
waysacramento.com](http://sonsofnor-<br/>waysacramento.com).**

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Kids camp is now fully active. I am looking forward to spending one week with them at Folkehogskule, trying to teach a little Norwegian. I really enjoy being there with this great group of young energetic individuals.

We decided not to have our summer picnic this year as we have been so busy preparing for the convention and we are all very tired. The next get together for our lodge will be our BBQ , Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon to celebrate the students of Camp Trollfjell and Trollfjell Folkehogskule. More details in our next newsletter.

Don't forget Kretsstevne, September 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>, Labor day weekend at Camp Norge and Camp Oldfjell September 19<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup> again at Camp Norge.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Camp Norge and in the fall and at our regularly scheduled events.

Hilsen Tove-Lise



***President Tove-Lise receiving Family Lodge of the Year Award on behalf of the lodge from District Six President Lis Baca.***



**SONS of  
NORWAY**

# **FAMILY LODGE OF THE YEAR**



This award is proudly presented to

## **Roald Amundsen Lodge 6-048**

**2025**

DATE

*Luella M Grangaard*

**Luella Grangaard  
International Chair**

**Large Lodge**

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA KRETSSTEVNE!

Northern California Kretsstevene 2026, will be at Camp Norge on September 5th through 7th. Meal registration opens August 1st, but you can [reserve your room now!](#)

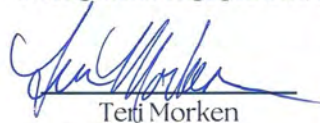


# Lodge Communications Award

is proudly presented to

## Roald Amundsen 6-48

In recognition of excellence in lodge communications. Your commitment to sharing lodge, district, and Sons of Norway news, events, products, and cultural programs, while celebrating the accomplishments and contributions of your members, strengthens engagement, fellowship, and community throughout your lodge.



Teri Morken  
Public Relations Officer



District Six 2026 Convention  
Sacramento, California



Lis Barca  
President



## NEAR RIOT ENSUES OVER CONTROVERSAL COMMUNICATIONS AWARD PRESENTED AT CONVENTION...

When it was announced at the June district convention that **Roald Amundsen Lodge** had received a **District Communications Award**, immediate low crowd grumbling was detected that very soon became louder and louder, with occasional shouts of “No, No!” puncturing the rumble. People with paddles immediately lined up at the audience mikes to vent their disagreement with the selection on the grounds that much of the material carried in the lodge newsletter was, at best, speculative, and often downright false. Had there been any fruit available on the desks, we are sure some would have been thrown towards the podium.

Some of the complainers asserted that much of the material in the lodge’s newsletters was concocted by AI gone wild, and formulated from misleading AI directions.

The lodge editor, fearing the worst, slinked out the hall to avoid possible bodily harm, and the District PRO agreed to review the selection process in order to assuage the crowd. The award was later presented to the lodge editor in the privacy of his own hotel room. In an effort to quell the ill feeling that threatened to spoil the convention, the editor vowed that in the future he would fact-check every alleged news item as thoroughly as administration officials in Washington are known to do.

**CAMP OLDFJELL....****A LETTER FROM THE DISTRICT CULTURAL DIRECTOR**

District Six Members:

The **Camp Oldfjell 2026 Course Catalog** has arrived, and we're excited to invite you to another memorable session of learning, fellowship, and Norwegian culture at Camp Norge!

To view the catalog, use this link: [sofn6.org/camp-oldfjell/](https://sofn6.org/camp-oldfjell/)

Camp Oldfjell's full session runs from Saturday, September 19 through Tuesday, September 22 for \$250.00. The weekend only session is also available for \$150.00..

Returning this year are many of our most popular classes, along with exciting new opportunities, including Beginning Norwegian Folk Dancing, Scandinavian Advent Crafts, and two days of hands-on herbal workshops. Whether you're returning to Camp Oldfjell or joining us for the first time, there's something for everyone.

**Registration opens July 1, 2026, and continues through September 7 . Everyone attending Camp Oldfjell must complete a registration form, even if you are staying off-site or attending for only part of the event. Registration allows us to assign housing, plan meals, and ensure we are prepared for everyone attending. Simply visit the Camp Oldfjell web page above to view the catalog and complete your registration.**

Last year, our indoor cabins and rooms sold out in just four days, so don't wait too long to register. If on-site accommodations are full, don't worry—there are still plenty of ways to stay at Camp Oldfjell! Tent and RV sites at Camp Norge are available at no additional cost. Bring your own camping gear, have an RV delivered to camp, or join our Viking Village. We'll have tents set up and ready for you, along with a cot. If you'd like a few extra comforts, feel free to bring an air mattress, sleeping pad, or other camping gear to make your stay your own. If you prefer off-site accommodations, the catalog also includes information on nearby hotels, motels, and RV rental options, which may be reserved independently.

**What to Bring:** To make your stay comfortable, please remember to bring your own linens or sleeping bag, pillow, towels, toiletries, and a flashlight. Camp Norge can be quite dark after sunset, so a flashlight will come in handy for evening activities and walking between buildings.

Camp Oldfjell includes four days of classes, delicious meals (beginning with dinner on Friday, September 18, and continuing through breakfast on Wednesday, September 23), evening activities, and plenty of opportunities to connect with fellow members in the beautiful Sierra Nevada.

We hope you'll join us this September for another unforgettable Camp Oldfjell!

Craig Dill, District Six Cultural Director, [culturaldirector@sofn6.org](mailto:culturaldirector@sofn6.org)

# Camp Oldfjell

## 2026 Course Catalog

### September 19 – 22

Saturday-Tuesday \$250  
Saturday-Sunday \$150



GO TO [sofn6.org](https://sofn6.org) FOR ALL  
NECESSARY COURSE AND  
LODGING INFORMATION  
AND REGISTRATION!

## Registration opens on July 1, 2026

Click [HERE](#) to register or visit <https://sofn6.org/camp-oldfjell/> for the latest details!

**HERE ARE:**  
**2026 Camp Oldfjell Classes**

CLASS	Schedule	Page #	CLASS	Schedule	Page #
ROSEMALING	Sat-Tue 8:15-10:00	<u>3</u>	NORWEGIAN FOLK DANCING LEVEL 1	Sat-Tue 10:15-12:00	<u>7</u>
NORWEGIAN BAKING	Sat-Mon 3:30 - 5:15	<u>3</u>	NORWEGIAN FOLK DANCING LEVEL 2 & 3	Sat-Tue 10:15-12:00	<u>7</u>
NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE	Sat-Tue 10:15-12:00	<u>4</u>	DYE LIKE A VIKING	Sat-Tue 10:15-12:00	<u>8</u>
KNITTING THE NORWEGIAN WAY	Sat-Tue 1:30 -3:15	<u>4</u>	WOOL APPLIQUÉ	Sat-Tue 8:15-10:00	<u>8</u>
HARDANGER EMBROIDERY	Sat-Tue 1:30 -3:15	<u>5</u>	VIKING TURNSHOE	Sat-Tue 8:15-10:00	<u>8</u>
SCANDINAVIAN ADVENT CRAFTS	Sat-Tue 10:15-12:00	<u>5</u>	VIKING COSTUME WORKSHOP	Sat-Tue 10:15-12:00	<u>9</u>
NORWEGIAN FIGURE CARVING	Sat-Tue 8:15-10:00	<u>6</u>	WINE AND PAINTING	Sun   Mon 7:00-9:00	<u>10</u>
NORWEGIAN SPOON CARVING	Sat-Tue 1:30 -3:15	<u>6</u>	NORDIC HERBAL TRADITIONS	Sat-Tue 1:30 -3:15	<u>11</u>

**GO TO CATALOG ONLINE FOR COMPLETE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS.**

**OUR LODGE PRESIDENT TOVE-LISE WILL BE TEACHING**

**NORWEGIAN AND KNITTING!**



The 37th biennial District Six Convention was recently successfully concluded here in Sacramento. On the Friday of the convention two busloads plus additional private vehicles descent on Camp Norge so delegates could visit the camp and enjoy lunch and festivities. Summer campers helped serve lunch to the visitors (below left: Torbyn, Anika, Ben and Henrey). The second photo is Roald Amundsen Lodge delegates staying out of the sun. Congratulations to Lynn Skruckrud of Gulldalen Lodge for managing the camp day, which was well received by the delegates.



The convention was held at the DoubleTree by Hilton. Here are photos of lodge delegates Kathy Bennett, Christina Newport, and Peggy Hyde (far right). Arlene Kozub was a helper and alternate delegate. Kathy made all the centerpieces—one visible in front of Peggy. Delegate Norm Hales with alternate-wife Judy, an alternate delegate. Lastly, lodge President Tove-Lise holding up an old man so a photo could be taken while making it look like he could still stand up and even dance.



## AN AMERICAN STORY FOR AN AMERICAN BIRTHDAY- 2026!

**Editor's Note:** Much has been written about the hardships and tribulations that Norwegian citizens suffered during WWII. We thought that a story about American suffering during WWII would be apropos for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of America. The subject, Mr. Davis, worked for a company partially owned by the editor and he was interviewed by the Editor in order to record his experiences...

### DERWIN DAVIS, Senior Right-of-Way Agent, and – WWII POW

**“The War” was “personal” to him.**

**(1931 – 2014)**



The late Derwin Davis worked for many years as a Project Acquisition Manager with a private firm after a long career in the right-of-way field, including 41 years with CalTrans, from where he retired as the second in charge of the Right-of-Way Division.

Of especial interest here, however, is the fact that Derwin was also a WWII civilian internee, having been imprisoned by the Japanese in the Philippines.

In 1941 Derwin was ten years old and living with his parents in Manila, two blocks from the harbor. His dad was with the Army / Navy YMCA, and life in the upper class area of the city where they lived was good. The Davises were personal acquaintances of General MacArthur and his family. There was a lot for a young boy to do, including visiting many of the islands and native tribes.

However, the emerging Pacific hostilities and the attack on Pearl Harbor changed all that. All US military personnel left Manila and the Japanese occupied the city on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1942. The Japanese announced that all the foreign civilian population remaining in the city would be confined within the walls of the Catholic University of Santo Tomás; families were instructed to wait at the curb ready for pickup by military vehicle, with only one suitcase per person allowed.



**Santo Tomás**

Santo Tomás was a walled campus. The grounds covered 54 acres and within the campus there were two main buildings, a four-story classroom building and a three-story science building. The Japanese occupied a smaller administration building and patrolled the grounds, including surveillance from watchtowers on top of the walls. The internees occupied the classroom building, with women housed in the classrooms – on one side and the

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men on the other. Later, individual family shanties were permitted on the grounds; these were living quarters only and did not have electricity or plumbing and had to be “see through” from all sides.

At first, living conditions at the camp were quite tolerable; a camp governmental structure was set up, a central kitchen established, garbage was regularly collected, schools were created for the children, and recreational and entertainment activities were organized. Food was readily available from various sources, including supplies thrown over the wall by native Filipino friends. Derwin remembers the Japanese general as saying, “While we are victorious, we can afford to be generous.”

Later, as the war began to turn against the Japanese, conditions at the camp worsened. In April 1944, the Japanese Military Police took charge of the camp and it became, officially, Manila Prison Camp No. 1. Allied bombing of areas around Manila increased the uneasiness of the prisoners’ captors, and their treatment of the prisoners became harsh.

The Japanese military began confiscating prisoner food to feed their own troops. Prisoners began to experience starvation. Adults began to short their own rations in order to preserve more food for children. By December 1944, Derwin’s dad was so weak he could not sit up in bed.

The Allies began to bomb Manila. Some shells fell within the prison compound. On the night of February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1945, heavy detonations were heard. The Japanese captors started burning their records and taking all of the prisoners’ food. On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the sky was filled with smoke, and conflagrations were seen south and east of the camp. A number of American planes flew low over the camp, and one pilot dropped his goggles with the message: “Roll out the barrel.”

At 9 P.M., the US First Calvary, in an action reminiscent of a Hollywood movie, smashed down the camp gates and shot their way in. The prisoners were freed! The Davis family was released after more than three years of internment to return to the US and resume a “normal” life. **At the time, Derwin was 13 years old and weighed only 54 pounds.** We who worked with Derwin admired him for his long-demonstrated professionalism, and we were fortunate that he was blessed to personally survive this POW incarceration, now well documented in the history books.

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