

North Forty – 05/19/10 edition  
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I have a teepee on my property and it's that time of year to raise it up. When the teepee is set up, I try to sleep in it at least once before it comes down and gets stored for the winter months. I'd like to have more campouts in the teepee, but I have a difficult time trying to get my family to enjoy it. Don't get me wrong... sleeping out by myself is just fine, even peaceful; but I would like to enjoy it with my family. It's a teepee and it's fun.

The teepee is in the back of the property, but not at the edge where our property meets the forest. Apparently, it is far enough away from the house that it is out of the girls' comfort zone. No matter how hard I try to convince them that nothing will come out of the woods and eat us, they just aren't prepared to put that theory to the test.

The issue is a bit different with my wife. For the last couple of years we have had what I call "the loo debate." My wife needs to use the potty at least once every night, and, unfortunately, the teepee is a bit too far to make that midnight rush to the bathroom. So, I looked into those little portable potties. I showed my wife a few from a camping catalog, and she thought that was a great idea. I had a nice spot picked out near the teepee to put it when we do a campout. However, my wife would rather have the potty *inside* the teepee. I can't bring myself to the idea of a potty inside the teepee and my wife doesn't like the idea of stumbling around outside to go potty. This summer I'm going to try for at least two peaceful and quiet nights in the teepee.

This Sunday, May 23 at noon, is Chess Day on the Green at Coffee Creek Elementary School. A free BBQ lunch will be provided to all participants. A game will be played with people as the pieces (I can't get that scene from *History of the World Part 1* out of my head). Call 266-3344 to RSVP.

Trinity Center Elementary will have a Kindergarten Round Up Thursday, May 27 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. All parents of children entering kindergarten are encouraged to bring their new students. Don't forget to bring your child's birth certificate and immunization card.

The Trinity Lake Lions Club will be hosting Bernie Aguilar from the Dept. of Fish and Game on May 27 at 7 p.m. Aguilar will be discussing fish stocking in the northern Trinity area including the wilderness lakes, streams, creeks and Dredger's Pond. This informative meeting will include the curtailment of fish planting in our area which is causing great concern to the residents and tourists. This situation is a result of a law suit against the Fish and Game regarding native species in our waters. For information and reservations, call Barry Bowen at 266-3623 or Cheryl Mogensen at 266-3216.

Don't forget the Trinity Center School Booster Club's Lap-A-Thon, BBQ, and rummage sale over Memorial Day weekend. The Lap-A-Thon is Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The rummage sale is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Monday is the famous \$1 Bag Sale. Saturday's BBQ is for everyone who comes to the Lap-A-Thon or sale. The school still needs unused and unwanted items (no clothes, please).

Bring items to the TC school during school hours (8:30 am to 3:30 pm). And please, no drop-offs.

The Trinity Lake Revitalization Alliance is holding its second community meeting May 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Trinity Center IOOF. The first community meeting was about where Trinity Lake water goes and what might be done for better management of our watershed and water. The May meeting will give an update about the water releases and the latest water politics. There will also be a mini workshop to solicit input from community members about what can be done to revitalize our North Lake area. Beside restaurants, lodging and tourism, what other issues are roadblocks to recovering our economy and improving our community's quality of life?

The Trinity Center Volunteer Fire Department is hosting the Flag Day BBQ on June 12. A few of the fun activities include relays for “kids” of all ages and a tug of war between members of the Fire Department and everybody else. If you would like to be on the Tug O’ War team, call Linda Baird at 266-3754.