



March 2010

Parks & Trails Committee Seeking Playground Sites

In addition to working to keep local trails open and accessible, the DSAA Parks and Trails Committee is seeking sites for a potential playground/picnic area on Donner Summit. Funds obtained by Placer

County through development mitigation funds are available to provide parks and recreation facilities to the community. DSAA intends to secure a location and work with Placer County and other

regional agencies and community members to build a seasonal playground. Anyone with comments or site ideas, please email info@DonnerSummitAreaAssociation.org.

National Geographic to Promote Local Attractions

Donner Summit residents concerned with preserving the ecology and the economy of the region are thrilled to learn that the National Geographic Society has partnered with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and Sierra Business Council to promote Geotourism sites in the Sierra Nevada area. Like its ecotourism cousin, **Geotourism** principles state that tourism revenue should promote

conservation of nature as well as culture and history. National Geographic and its partners will choose amongst the nominations and promote the sites via an interactive website and a printed MapGuide. The Web site will target growing travel niches—adventure and nature tourism, cultural heritage travel, while allowing residents to select the one-of-a-kind places integral to the

distinctive character of the Sierra Nevada area.

Anyone can nominate a site. A local Geotourism task force has formed to nominate sites like the Castle Peak area and the Pacific Crest Trail, among others. Join the next task force meeting **April 11, at 2:00pm** in the Coldstream Room at Judah Lodge, Sugar Bowl.

Support the Twenty-Mile Museum

From ancient petroglyphs to stories of Hollywood royalty arriving by train, Donner Summit has a rich and vibrant history.



Considering that much of the local history is centered on Old Highway 40, the Donner Summit Historical Society

DonnerSummitHistoricalSociety.org

thought a Twenty-Mile Museum that meanders across the summit the perfect way to pass on the stories

and to improve the local economy. The Museum will consist of a series of signs along Old 40 displaying a map of the route, the history of each spot, a historical story, nearby activities and more. Each sign will be sponsored by a local business, individual or family.

Donner Summit Area Association proudly supports the Donner Summit Historical Society and the Twenty-Mile Museum by sponsoring a sign. For more information, check out DonnerSummitHistoricalSociety.org or stop by the new DSHS museum on Donner Pass Road and Soda Springs Road.

Geotourism

Visit NatGeo's [Center for Sustainable Destinations](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/travel/sustainable) (www.nationalgeographic.com/travel/sustainable) to discover other local communities coming together to encourage responsible tourism.

Go to SierraNevadaGeotourism.org to find out more about the Sierra Nevada Project.

Join the Donner Summit Geotourism task force to help write nominations for local sites like Castle Peak and the Pacific Crest Trail. The group's next discussion is scheduled for Sunday, 4/11 2:00 – 3:30 in the Coldstream Room of Judah Lodge.

Looking Ahead



DSAA's, along with over 1,000 individuals and organizations, has signed on to the **Speak Your Peace** civility campaign. Those who have joined the campaign

commit to improving communication by reminding ourselves of the basic principles of respect. To learn more, visit www.ttcf.net and watch for an upcoming Speak Your Peace event on the Summit.



DSAA's Community Picnic committee is now forming. Anyone interested in helping out contact Carrie Hoyt at 530-906-3021 or email info@DonnerSummitAreaAssociation.org. The picnic will be held on July 3.

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DSAA Plans 2010 Projects

Buoyed by the year-end giving of many generous members, DSAA is beginning 2010 with several projects planned:

- Build a new playground on Donner Summit
- Support Donner Summit Historical Society's Twenty Mile Museum
- Lead the community in developing an Economic Vision statement
- Design and install a marker on I-80
- Continue coordination with regional non-profits.
- Engage the community to create a summer event.
- Sponsor Red Cross, "Speak Your Peace", and Natural Capitalism seminars.

DSAA always welcomes your ideas and comments.

info@DonnerSummitAreaAssociation.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, March 12 6:00pm, SLCWD Board Meeting. Short Street, Serene Lakes

Tuesday, March 16 6:00pm, DSPUD Board Meeting. Sherritt Lane, Soda Springs

Tuesday, April 6 6:30pm DSAA Board Meeting, Summit Restaurant, Soda Springs

Friday, April 9 6:00pm, SLCWD Board Meeting. Short Street, Serene Lakes

Sunday, April 11 2:00pm, Geotourism Task Force meeting. Judah Lodge, Sugar Bowl

Tuesday, April 20 6:00pm, DSPUD Board Meeting. Sherritt Lane, Soda Springs

Tuesday, May 4 6:00pm, DSAA Board Meeting. Open to the public. Summit Restaurant, Soda Springs

Saturday, July 3, DSAA Community Picnic. Donner Summit Lodge, Soda Springs.

Job Opportunity

Administrative Assistant

DSAA is seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant. Four year degree desired but not required. Experienced (Non-Manager). Send resume to Tamara Lieberman, PO Box 674, Soda Springs CA 95728 or email to info@DonnerSummitAreaAssociation.org. A job description is available at www.DonnerSummitAreaAssociation.org.



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