

The Kaleva Ski Club is a social organization. The members utilize the club's Lodge near Echo Summit on Highway 50, altitude ~ 7303'.

In winter, cross-country ski, or snow-shoe directly from the cabin... or downhill ski at resorts like Sierra At Tahoe (5 mi.), or Heavenly, or Kirkwood (40 min.), etc. Non skiers can play in the snow outside the cabin, or relax by the fireplace and just enjoy the quiet. Sauna afterward.

In Summer, hike the Pacific Crest Trail into Desolation Wilderness, or mountain bike, or fish in near-by Echo Lake or Lake Audrain.

The kitchen, eating area, and living room area are communal. The sleeping facilities consists of a men's dorm, a women's dorm, and a loft area overlooking the massive fireplace on the opposite end of the living room.

The Kaleva Lodge is family friendly. Non-member guests of members are welcome (up to 4 guests per member)

## ***History***

The Kaleva Ski Club was established in 1946 by members of the Finnish Brotherhood Lodge #21 in Berkeley California. The KSC's goal was to build a rustic Ski Lodge on Forest Service land, under a Special Use Permit, for the use of members and their friends. They completed construction of the Lodge in 1951.



In Summer



and with Winter 2011 (extreme) snows,

## ***Joining the Kaleva Ski Club:***

The application for membership in the KSC is open to all. Prospective members are required to have two current club members as sponsors; their short bio is published to the membership; applicants must introduce themselves at two club meetings; applicants must visit the lodge to learn the opening/closing procedures before their application can be voted upon.

In addition to annual dues, Club members are required to contribute to the maintenance of the lodge facilities at one of the two yearly work parties, or to participate in club administration.

Sadly, the Lodge building is not friendly to the disabled; no ramps, no elevator.

New KSC members should live within 40 mile of Berkeley for their convenience attending meetings.

There is an initiation fee.

Meetings are conducted at 7:30pm the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month except July.

### ***KSC points-of-interest:***

The Pacific Crest Trail is a 15 min. walk from the KSC Lodge.

Echo Lake is a one mile walk from the Lodge. Lake Audrain is about a half-mile walk from the Lodge.

The south border of Desolation Wilderness is about 2-1/2 miles from the lodge at the far end of Echo Lake. Over a dozen lakes within half-a-day's walk.

The Lodge has a phone, but doesn't have internet, a TV, or a game console.

Stones for the fireplace and foundation were gathered from the stream bed west of the lodge back before anyone cared.

With good winter snow, the slope of the forest floor near the cabin is ideal for an improvised toboggan run, or for digging snow forts.

During winter a plowed parking area is maintained where the lodge's driveway meets Highway 50.

A temporary kitchen/sauna was built to support the construction crew for the lodge. Unfortunately it collapsed under a heavy load of snow shortly after the lodge was completed. The new sauna is operational after over 60 years without.



The Dormitories (left) wood shed (right)



The kitchen area with Wolf range

Yes, you can brew espresso!

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# The Kaleva Ski Club

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