

## Bradley Hut Anniversary Headlines Work Party Season

The Sierra Club's Bradley Hut was constructed in Five Lakes Basin, a bench which rises above and separates Alpine Meadows from Squaw Valley near Lake Tahoe. Named for Josephine Crane Bradley, the hut was built by Club members, family, and friends in 1957. With passage of the California Wilderness Act of 1984, Five Lakes became part of Granite Chief Wilderness. The U.S. Forest Service ruled in 1996 that Bradley Hut should be removed.

The hut was dismantled a year later and by 1999 even the remains of its concrete foundation had been dynamited and buried. In the meantime, USFS worked with the Club to find another location. A new Bradley Hut, built with some of the major timbers salvaged from the old, opened in 1998 in upper Pole Creek, about four miles north of the original site.

The relocation was financed by contributions from the Club's Board of Directors, local chapters and groups, and individual donors and by a major grant from Recreational Equipment, Inc. Labor was contributed by over 150 volunteers. In the rush to completion, there was never a proper opening ceremony.

To celebrate its tenth anniversary the Hut Subcommittee, with support from the Club's Clair Tappaan Lodge in Norden, is sponsoring a birthday party for the new Bradley Hut on September 28. Join us for light refreshments and reminiscences at the hut from noon to 3 PM. From I-80 in Truckee take Hwy 89 six miles south, then turn west onto FR8 and follow the (unpaved) road 4.5 miles to parking. Walk the remaining half mile to the hut. If planning to attend, please contact the party coordinator Joan Marshall (see below for phone and e-mail) so we can estimate quantities of food.

The 150 volunteers who made the relocation of Bradley Hut possible are only part of a long tradition, which continues to keep the huts available for members and the general public. Normally the chores are more mundane than completely moving a hut; but firewood needs to be stocked, windows repaired, and dust swept out every fall in preparation for the coming winter season.

Hut users are the most common volunteers for the weekend work parties; but others simply like to lend a hand. The crisp mountain air and the opportunity to take a short hike or enjoy fall colors reflected in a nearby lake at the end of the work day also have some appeal. No experience is necessary; the only requirement is a healthy attitude toward manual labor. The Club provides food and tools; you need only bring gear as for a simple overnight backpack trip.

The work party schedule is below. If you can help, please contact one of the coordinators listed. The huts exist only because of the generous contributions from their users and friends.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Hut</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>
06-07 Sept	Benson	Jim Gannon
20-21 Sept	Grubb	Harvey Ceaser
27-28 Sept	Bradley	Hal Tompkins, Joan Marshall
04-05 Oct	Ludlow	Dick Simpson

11-12 Oct	Grubb	Joel Brody
18-19 Oct	TBD*	Tanya Dragan
25-27 Oct	TBD*	Tanya Dragan

\*contingency weekend (weather back up or special projects, if needed)

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Photo caption: The new Bradley Hut in upper Pole Creek celebrates its 10th anniversary in 2008. Like the others it is operated on a reservation basis during winter. For more information, contact Clair Tappaan Lodge at 800-679-6775 or visit [ctl.sierraclub.org](http://ctl.sierraclub.org) and select "Donner/Tahoe Huts" from the left menu bar.