

The Pemberton Post

News of the Pemberton Family World Wide

Vol. 2

June 23, 2012

Num. 2

Special Reunions Edition !

In this Post -

The First PFWW Reunions
Reunion Highlights
Meals & Lodging
Facilities, Attractions & Activities
Schedule
How to Register & Pay for Meals & Gear

Wonderful Facilities: Camp Liahona Redwoods is located in the redwood forests of North Central California. The best feature is the large commercial kitchen located against the spacious dining hall. This combination always makes reunions fun.
Online Registration: The \$5 registration fee and meals can be paid on the PFWW website.

The First PFWW Reunions

Reunions? Why plural?

This first PFWW gathering is a venue wherein the PFWW reunion and individual family reunions co-exist in a kind of synergy that make the best of both available. There are presently two reunions simultaneously on tap this August: the PFWW's first reunion and the reunion of the descendents of Addison and Emma Pemberton (born ca 1871, Iowa, USA), which expects a large number of attendees. The PFWW's schedule is mostly free time so the other reunion(s) have plenty of usable time. Other Pemberton reunions are invited to join in at the same time and place.

The Constitution of the PFWW states as its first object: "... to strengthen the ties of kinship and fellowship among living members of the family...". Over 100 Pembertons will attend these first reunions and guarantee a great start on this basic goal of the family association.

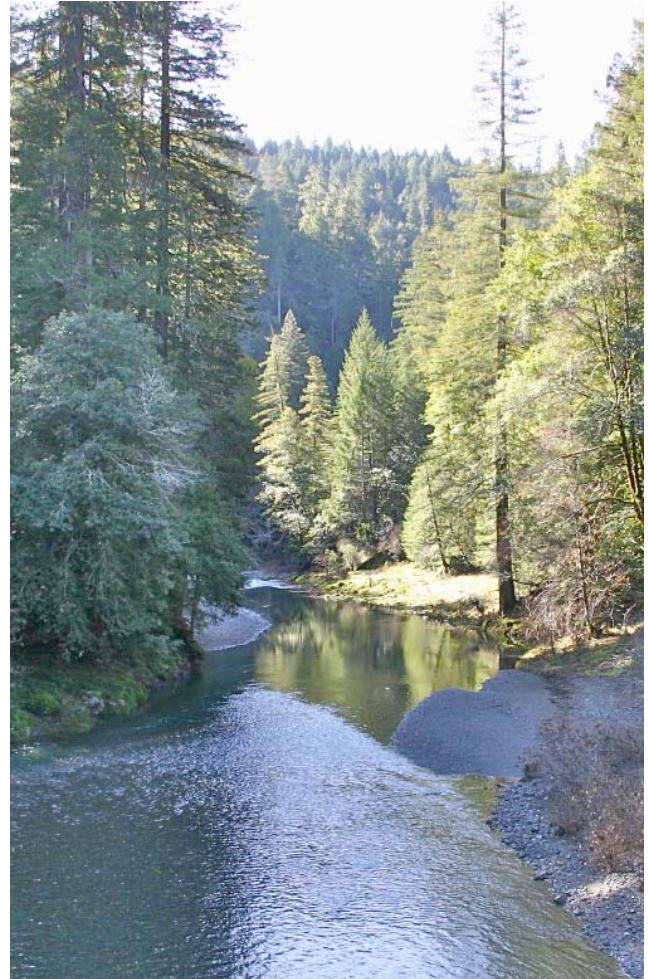
Reunion Highlights

Free Lodging: \$5 registration includes lodging for up to 5 days.

Low Priced Meals: \$3 for any meal.

Tiered Schedule: Groups of families can hold their own reunion programs during the PFWW's free time, and these reunions are encouraged to pass along free time so any family or individual is free to pursue their own interests.

Central Scheduling: Please note that persons and families wanting to use any of the group facilities need to schedule that with the Reservations Office of Camp Liahona Redwoods.



The Gualala River runs right through the camp. There are 8 cabins on the right and 6 over the left shoulder of the cameraman, and the swimming hole is over his right shoulder. The kitchen, dining hall and two large lodges are up the mountain to the left. The ball field is down the river on right.

mattress if you want more cushion. The cabins make ideal lodging for a family in each one.

There are also four other accommodations with real "beds" which we are reserving for older attendees, pregnant women, etc.

None of the beds and bunks have bedding or pillows. However, you can order sheets, towels and linens on the PFWW website when you pay your registration fee, or you can bring your own. Please note that neither the camp nor this linen service provides blankets. Nighttime temperatures can be in the 50's. Lodges and cabins have heaters on 90 minute timers.

Please call the Reservations Clerk, Charlet Pemberton, at (707) 886-1822 to reserve your spot. For pictures and more information, go to the camp's [website](#) and click on the "Accommodations" tab. (Click on the small dark circle at the top left of the pictures to scroll down. Hover your mouse over the picture to see its caption or click on it to enlarge it.)

Group meetings can be held in the lodges, dining room, or in the two amphitheatres, one of which sports a small stage for skits, talent shows, etc. The camp features a 2,400 year-old redwood tree.

Facilities, Attractions & Activities

The Camp: Camp Liahona Redwoods is in the beautiful, majestic redwoods of North Central California; a church camp that straddles the Gualala River in Sonoma County. The PFWW has reserved the entire camp for the five days.

The Pacific Ocean is 30 minutes to the West and Lake Sonoma an hour to the East. The ocean features wonderful vistas of waves crashing on rocky cliffs interspersed with sandy beaches. Lake Sonoma has a great marina. Large mouth bass, sunfish and catfish can be caught year-round.

For pictures and more information about the facilities, look at CampLiahonaRedwoods.org.

Attractions & Activities: The camp offers a wonderful array of things to see and do. There is a baseball field, horseshoe pitch, swimming hole, canoes, trails to hike, a craft shack with a pottery kick wheel and an archery range (You will need to bring your own archery equipment: bows must under 45 pounds).

A special feature of the PFWW reunion is the pottery class being offered by a local potter, Randy Jones. He will help those who wish, to make a mug with a griffin – a typical Pemberton symbol on

Meals & Lodging

If you are thinking about attending, you will want to know why lodging is free – especially when the entire camp has been booked. Camp Liahona Redwoods ordinarily costs several hundred dollars per day to rent but because the current PFWW President and his wife are full-time-for-two-years volunteers at the camp, the owner is offering the camp for the cost of utilities for the full 5 days. Thus the \$5 registration easily covers lodging.

The reason meals are only \$3 per person per meal is that they will be prepared by families that attend. There will be some wonderful food served, prepared from favorite recipes. If you have special dietary needs, tell Reservations about them when you call to book your room(s).



North Star Lodge Sleeps 20 with 4 bunk rooms.

There are 180 beds available in a variety of buildings. There are two lodges, Legacy (sleeps 40 in four 10 bunk rooms) and North Star (sleeps 20 in four 4 bunk rooms – one bunk in each of these rooms is a full size bed with a good mattress). Each lodge has a large stone fireplace and a big kitchen.

There are 14 cabins, each one with 8 bunks. All bunks in camp are furnished with a 3 inch foam mattress. You may want to bring an air

coats of arms. Be sure to sign up for the class when you register if you want to make a mug.

But the greatest attraction of all will be the Pemberton cousins. There is nothing quite so satisfying as a good laugh with a new friend you seem to have always known. That giant dining hall will be the center of life during the reunions!

Schedule

The reunions begin Thursday, August 9, 2012 at 27010 Skaggs Springs Road, Annapolis, CA, 95412 (707) 886-1822. Plan to arrive, pick up any bedding and linens, your Pemberton tee-shirts, and get settled in. Have dinner in the dining hall at 6:00. The entire camp is reserved until noon Tuesday, August 14th, so plan to stay as long as you can.

The PFWW will make a few presentations on the Pemberton family, its origins, heraldry, the DNA project, and related topics taking 3 to 5 hours total.

Also featured on the schedule is a lot of free time for individual family reunions, a pottery class where you can make your own Pemberton mug, and those wonderful, home cooked meals in the dining hall – a great part of any reunion.

How to Register & Pay for Meals, for Tee-shirts, Pottery Class, etc.

Registration: You can register for the reunions on the PFWW website at <http://PFWW.org>. You need to specify how many people will be in your group, the total number of individual meals your group will consume (number of people times the number of meals), order any bed linens you will need, specify whether you want to take the pottery class to make a Pemberton mug, and order your tee-shirts. You do not have to do all this at one time. However, you need to at least register so we can begin to solidify all the planning that goes into happy reunions.

Book Your Bed: Would you like to know where you will be sleeping? Call the Camp Reservations Office at (707) 886-1822 and talk to Charlet Pemberton. If you don't you will have to take whatever is left over when you arrive.

Meals Deadline: You must order and pay for your meals by Wednesday, July 25th so we can finalize meal planning, begin to order groceries, get the cooking families organized, etc. etc.

Tee- Shirt Deadline: You must order and pay for your tee-shirts by Wednesday, July 11th (a week after the 4th).

Pottery Class Restrictions: Because there is only one kick wheel at the camp, the number in this class has to be severely restricted: only 6 people will be allowed to work directly under the supervision of the potter. Others can watch and try their hand after class when the potters wheel is available. If you want clay to make a mug, you will need to pay the pottery class fee but please understand that only the first 6 people who register will be allowed to use the wheel under the supervision of the potter.

The potter, Randy Jones, is working on the mug design. He anticipates that it will feature a three dimensional griffin, perhaps integrated into the handle. You can see his work on his website at <http://www.abalonejones.com/>. Your author has been in Randy's home on several occasions and has marveled at his work. It will be a rare and wonderful privilege for anyone to throw his own Pemberton mug!

Directions

Camp Liahona Redwoods is at N 38° 40' 47.3" W 123° 17' 02.9" (38.67979, 123.28413). Google maps: [click here](#). Nearest airports are Santa Rosa and San Francisco. There is a small, private airport at Sea Ranch. 30 minutes west of the camp.

From highway 101 North bound from Santa Rosa, California, take exit 505 and go left (West) on Dry Creek Road. From the North, take exit 518, Dutcher Creek Road and turn right onto Dry Creek road. In either case, you are headed for Stewart's Point. Mark your mileage when you cross the spillway for Sonoma Lake Dam and in 2.3 miles be sure to turn sharp left onto Skaggs Springs Road to Stewart's Point. You then have about 45 minutes to make 337 curves in 25 miles to Camp Liahona Redwoods. When the center line disappears (only a few times) you have one lane to share with oncoming traffic so stay awake.

Other News

The Addison and Emma Pemberton Reunion which is running concurrently with the PFWW reunion, says it will feature a "Pemberton Wall" with every known descendent of Addison & Emma posted there. Their grandchildren who are attending are being asked to bring a comprehensive chart of all their descendents to be added to the Pemberton Wall. Reportedly, there will be over 200 names on that wall representing at least 6 generations in some cases.

The *Pemberton Post* is the official newsletter of the Pemberton Family World Wide organization. It is published at irregular intervals depending on the availability of appropriate material. To subscribe, go to PFWW.org and register a new account – all registrants automatically receive the *Pemberton Post* by email. Archived copies of previous issues are [here](#).

The Pemberton Family World Wide organization now has 31 members who have paid dues and are therefore voting members.