

## Return Service Requested

Fall 2003

### Jason shares...

Our 2003 fall season is almost over and snowfalls are not far away. I would like to thank all the groups for booking Galilee this fall. During a particularly busy weekend the end of September, we accommodated a total of over 250 people. On Friday, the South Lake Tahoe Rotary Club had a luncheon meeting catered by Chef Sam. That evening, UNR came in for the night staying until Saturday afternoon. Part of our coordination, but not in our count, were the people at an afternoon wedding at St. John's. Following the wedding, 24 foreign exchange students with the American Field Service spent the night. On Sunday, after a St. John's reception in Hunting Lodge, host families joined the students for lunch that totaled 90 people. This was excellent exposure to the larger community and we hope that many of the guests will return again and again. We are pleased that the Great Basin Outdoor School has again reserved eight weeks in the spring of 2004.

We continue to upgrade Galilee so our visitors can have a safe and positive experience. Our volunteers are dedicated to the preservation and improvement of Galilee. This is evidenced by a new information board near the dining hall where we can display future events and brochures, a lifeguard stand, a rolling bulletin board, a rock support for the bell, a corral for the barbecue grills and a planter near Hunting Lodge. With the help of volunteers, we are planning to winterize the Bishop's House including an exterior paint job.

We have had the best financial year to date and we continue to grow. Thank you for your generosity in fulfilling items on our wish list: a fleet of six kayaks, 60 comfortable folding chairs, two folding tables, lumber for picnic tables and funds for the Memorial stairs. Thank you to all of you who are helping to preserve one of nature's treasures - Galilee!

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