



ALUMNI REUNION

1956 - 2026

RETURN TO THE MEADOW

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GETTING HERE

We strongly recommend using Google or Apple maps directions to “Mountain Meadow Ranch Summer Camp”, the business listing.

Using the physical numerical address will take you to the wrong location.

STEP BACK INTO THE MEADOW

Whether your last summer at Mountain Meadow Ranch was five years ago or fifty, we're honored to invite you back to the place where friendships were forged, songs were sung under star-filled skies, and the meadow felt like its own world.

For 70 years, campers and staff have created stories that span generations. This reunion is our chance to come together — to reconnect, reminisce, celebrate the legacy of MMR, and step back into the rhythm of summer camp, even if just for a weekend.

The cabins are still here. The pines still sway. The meadow is waiting — and we can't wait to welcome you home.



RE-MEET THE FAMILY



Mountain Meadow Ranch has always been a family story, evolving with each generation.

Jack Jr. and Jody Ellena remain our owners and trusted advisors. Though officially retired, they continue to stay connected and involved, offering guidance and support from a well-earned new vantage point.

The third generation carries MMR forward in diverse and meaningful ways:

- **Sarah Joy and Isaac Colavecchio** have recently moved back to the Ranch and enjoy supporting camp/ranch operations while dreaming into future projects centered on restorative agriculture and hospitality. Their vision is unfolding — and we're excited for what's ahead.
- **Katherine and Brandon Whitestone**, after dedicating ten years to full-time leadership across camp and ranch operations, are preparing for a sabbatical season following 2026 — focusing on family, rest, and new pursuits beyond camp.
- **Anna and Sam Ellena-Rosenau** are currently at the heart of daily operations. As they raise their young family, they embrace the seasonal and communal rhythm of camp and ranch life and remain deeply committed to its care.

The Meadow continues to be stewarded by family across generations, each contributing according to their season, while staying rooted in shared values and a deep connection to this place.

RECONNECT BEFORE RECONNECTING

Find your era. Find your friends.

To help you find your old cabin-mates, swap photos, and coordinate your travel plans, we've created dedicated Alumni Facebook Groups organized by generation. These are private spaces for Mountain Meadow Ranch alumni to share memories and start the reunion early.

Click your era below to join:

[1950s & 1960s](#)

[1970s & 1980s](#)

[1990s & 2000s](#)

[2010s & 2020s](#)

Not on Facebook? Don't worry!
You can always see what we're up to on Instagram [@mountainmeadowranch](#) or reach out to us directly at fun@mountainmeadow.com if you're trying to get in touch with a specific old friend.

TRAVEL TO + FROM

Whether you're flying in from across the country or road-tripping with your camp besties, getting here is part of the adventure.

DRIVING YOURSELF

You're welcome to drive directly to camp. Parking is available on-site.

Note: MMR is not liable for damage to personal vehicles; please lock your car and store valuables securely.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE

Limited availability!

We will offer a shuttle from the Reno–Tahoe Airport for those traveling without vehicles. These will be booked on first come-first serve basis via the [travel form](#).

ARRIVAL: July 31st - 2pm departure from Reno airport
DEPARTURE: Aug 3rd - 10am departure from MMR

CARPOOLING

Highly recommended!

Reconnect before you even arrive. Coordinate a carpool with your camp friends — or meet new alumni traveling from your area. It's economical, eco-friendly, and sets the tone for a community-focused weekend.

Check-In + Check-Out Times

Friday, July 31 Check-in 4:00 PM

Monday, August 03 Check-out 12:00 PM

PACKING LIST







CLOTHING*

- 2-3 Pants
- 2 Shorts
- 4-5 T-Shirts 
- 1 Sweatshirt 
- 1 Long-Sleeve
- 1 Jacket
- Underwear + Socks
- Pajamas
- Swimsuit
- Walking Shoes
- Sandals/Flip-Flops
- Hat 


TOILETRIES

- Toothbrush/Paste
- Hair Brush
- Sunscreen
- Lotion
- Insect Repellant
- Chapstick
- Shampoo + Conditioner
- Body Wash/Soap
- Medications

EQUIPMENT

- Sleeping Bag 
- Extra Blanket 
- Pillow/Pillow Case 
- Disposable or Digital Camera
- Backpack (daypack like for school)
- Bath Towel
- Pool Towel 
- Sunglasses 
- Flashlight/Headlamp
- Water Bottle 

OPTIONAL

- Books
- Bedding (single bed) 
- Costumes/Silly Clothes
- Musical Instruments
- Photos and Memorabilia
- Camping Chair

DO NOT PACK

- Expensive/Valuable Items
- Personal Sports Equipment
- Food/Snacks/Candy/Gum
- Weapons
- Animals



Items available to borrow



Items available to purchase in Camp Store

of items are a guide, there will be no laundry during the weekend.

FORMS

All forms are Google Forms and will be emailed to you upon registration. Follow the instructions on each form; some require one per family and others are one per person.

Health Form

A short form to collect information about any current health issues that may affect your participation and any allergies/sensitivities our kitchen needs to know about. You can also let us know which meals you'll be joining us for if you're staying off site.

Travel Form

Let us know how you are getting to camp!

Camp Community Agreement

A user friendly reminder of our standards for the weekend.

REUNION AT-A-GLANCE

July 31 — August 3, 2026

Friday:

Welcome Barbecue + Opening Campfire

Saturday:

A Traditional Camp Day
Memorabilia Mixer

Sunday:

All-Camp Color Wars
Closing Dinner + Campfire talent show

Monday:

Farewell breakfast

A weekend of nostalgia, connection, adventure, and celebration.

It's a blend of classic camp traditions, relaxed time to explore, and opportunities to reconnect with old friends — all at your own pace.

ARRIVAL

Please do not arrive before 4pm.

Our final camp session of the summer ends the same day the reunion starts (what can we say, we like a full day!). Camp will not be ready to welcome any reunion attendees until 4pm.

PARKING

Upon arrival, park in the main parking lot. Staff will be there to direct you to check-in.

CHECK-IN

Stop here first to get your name checked off our list and receive your special Reunion Weekend gift bag.

TOUR

You may know camp like the back of your hand, but for many of our alumni it has been *decades* since they walked the meadows. We want to take you on a guided tour of camp so you can see all that has and hasn't changed.

ORIENTATION

Once everyone has arrived we will have a casual “do’s and don’t’s” of the reunion weekend under the canopy before dinner.

MEMORABILIA CORNER

One of the heartbeats of this reunion weekend will be our Memorabilia Corner, where stories, photos, and artifacts from generations of MMR summers come together.

WHAT MMR WILL PROVIDE:

- Photo album stations featuring decades of camp life
- A looping projection of historical videos and slideshows
- Select pieces from the MMR archives

YOUR INVITATION:

Bring your own memories to share — photos, crafts, yearbooks, journals, t-shirts, anything from your camp years that makes you smile.



A Few Friendly Notes:

- You are responsible for your own items so labels are recommended!
- MMR-owned memorabilia is the property of the Ellena Family; staff will be present to ensure gentle handling and respect of archival items.

LODGING, FOOD, HEALTH

LODGING OPTIONS:

- Attendance Only — \$75
 - Stay off-site (hotel, Airbnb, etc.) and enjoy full access to reunion events. Please let us know which meals you'll be joining us for on the Health Form.
- Tent Camping/RV Spot — \$85
 - Bring your own tent or RV and sleep under the stars, camp-style.
- Cabin Lodging — \$100
 - Shared cabin accommodations with fellow alumni.
 - Communal living, camp-style
 - Option to request bunkmates

If you wish to change your lodging preference after registering, please contact MMR directly.

FOOD + MEALS:

We'll be serving classic camp favorites! Get a snapshot of what we're offering below:

- MMR Classic Welcome Burger Barbecue
- Saturday grilled cheese bar
- Sunday "banquet" dinner
- Monday farewell breakfast

Dietary Restrictions:

We will do our best to accommodate your needs based on the information submitted on the Health Form.

HEALTH & ON-SITE CARE

We will have a healthcare provider on-site throughout the weekend for basic first aid and minor medical needs.

ACTIVITIES

PRE-REGISTERED ACTIVITIES:

Limited spots, sign up on your application:

- Archery — \$10
- Arts + Crafts — \$10
- High Ropes — \$25
- Horseback Trail Ride — \$25
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These activities are alumni-only experiences to ensure safety and maximize opportunities for adult participants.

Camp-age children of alumni are not able to register or attend above activities.

SELF-GUIDED ACTIVITIES:

Free + always open

- Fishing
- Hiking + lizard hunting
- Frolfing
- Basketball, tennis, field games
- Soaking in the scenery
- Exploring the memorabilia displays
- Coordinate your own “away from camp” adventure to iconic spots such as Thompson Peak, Antelope Lake, etc.

Whether you want adventure or relaxation, the meadow is yours to enjoy.

A Note: Orientation on arrival day will provide the boundaries and standards for camp wandering.

REUNION STANDARDS

To ensure a welcoming and joyful reunion for all, we ask everyone to honor the following guidelines. See *the Camp Community Form*.

Reconnect & Celebrate

This weekend is designed specifically for alumni. Make space for stories, reconnections, and shared memories.

Family Welcome... With Boundaries

- Immediate family members only
- Structured, staff-led activities are for alumni only
- No childcare provided
- Anyone under 18 must stay with their caregiver **at all times**
- This is not a family camp — the focus is alumni connection.

Celebratory Spirits

We'll provide limited beer and wine at select evening events.

You're welcome to bring your own drinks while:

- Respecting the property
- Staying aware of mixed-age presence
- Keeping the environment safe and positive

Respect the Space

Treat cabins and camp property with the same care you remember from your camper days.

Be Mindful & Inclusive

Honor personal space, assume goodwill, and keep the vibe warm and welcoming.

Stay Present + Unplug

Let yourself fall back into the rhythm of camp. The meadow is best experienced in real time. We will have intentional tech-free zones and times throughout the reunion to protect the experience for all.



SEE YOU AT THE MEADOW

We've been dreaming of this moment for years — a chance to gather the MMR family across generations, share stories, laugh until we cry, and celebrate seven decades of memories.

Your presence matters.
Your history here matters.

And we are incredibly excited to welcome you back to the meadow.

See you around the campfire.
— The Mountain Meadow Ranch Family