



Mendocino Area Parks Association

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MAPA Mission Statement: MAPA believes that interpreting the language of nature to humans and enlightening people on our cultural history, raises awareness of our vital interconnection with nature, encouraging the protection of our valuable resources.

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ABALONE COOK-OFF 2006 IN MEMORY OF KEN TALLMAN

KEN TALLMAN's passions for diving and living life to the fullest are exemplified in the Abalone Cook-Off he began more than a decade ago. Tallman's generosity aided MAPA in providing thousands of children and adults with nature programs in the State Parks of Mendocino County, resulting in better appreciation and protection of the parklands and ocean he loved so much.



KEN TALLMAN
1946–2006

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH
CASPAR COMMUNITY CENTER
10 AM TO 4 PM

CHEFS are the most important ingredient! Chefs dive for the abalone, furnish their own means of cooking outdoors, recruit helpers, find places to stay during the event, and then strive to prepare 200 samples of what they hope is the winning recipe. MAPA and State Parks are grateful for their valuable contributions and couldn't hold this event without them.

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JUDGES are the fortunate few who taste the delicious abalone recipes prepared by talented chefs.

Judges are requested to begin registering at 11 am where they will receive a color-coded judging packet with instructions. Judging time is from Noon to 3 pm. Judges will vote for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place choices for the chefs assigned within their color group.

VOLUNTEERS are vital to the Abalone Cook-off: Volunteering is also a fun way to participate in the festivities for free AND receive 3 abalone tastings, however, volunteers do not judge for the top three winning recipes.

Volunteers are needed in several areas, both in the pre-event stages and the day of the event., but we're limited to the first 40 who apply. Contact MAPA to see how YOU can help.

GUESTS are welcome and can participate for free. Although no abalone tasting is included for guests, other foods, beverages and wine will be available for purchase. Guests can also partake in the festival by enjoying the live entertainment, selecting nature-related items in the Craft Faire section, and participating in the raffle and silent auction

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EVENTS

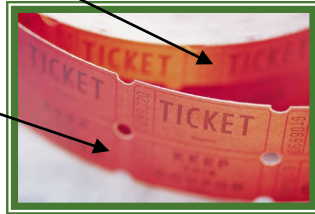
RAFFLE

For your convenience, 12 Raffle tickets are included with this newsletter and available for advance purchase. For the opportunity to win one of the many, exciting prizes donated by the generous merchants in Mendocino County, please fill in your name and address on each of the return tickets you choose to purchase and then mail the filled-out stub to MAPA along with your check or Money Order. Bring the matching stub with you to the festival. The fee is \$1 each or \$10 for 12 tickets.

You may request additional tickets in advance, or purchase more at the event.

SILENT AUCTION

A new event this year is the Silent Auction being held indoors at the Caspar Community Center. Free nights at luxurious Mendocino Area Inns, Dinners for Two, and Artwork by talented artists and photographers are but a few of the exciting selections going to the highest bidder.



ENTERTAINMENT

Live music creates a festive mood while judges and guests eat, select purchases from vendors, or bid at the silent auction.

Ken Tallman's favorite music will be played during the day.



FOOD & WINE

Special wineglasses will be available for purchase entitling the buyer to 2 free glasses of popular Mendocino County wine.

MAPA is also serving hotdogs, chips, beverages and dessert.

KEN TALLMAN PHOTO HISTORY at CASPAR COMMUNITY CENTER.

You are invited to bring photos of Ken in past Cook-Offs to share with the Tallman Family.

CRAFT FAIRE

CRAFT FAIRE will be held inside the Community Center.

All items are Nature-Related, presenting a wide variety of beautiful selections, including jewelry, stone & wood carvings, candles, seafood marinades, photography and more. Attendees will find specialty selections they won't easily locate anywhere else, so be sure to shop at the indoor retail booths.

VENDOR INSTRUCTIONS:

Thank you for participating! MAPA is delighted to offer a venue for bringing together your artistry and the appreciative public.

Please bring your own tables and any other equipment you need to display your merchandise. Unloading and Parking information are mentioned on page 3.

You are welcome to contact MAPA to discuss your set up.

PARKING

Public Parking is self-park street-side parking in the town of Caspar.

Drivers may allow passengers to disembark at the drive entrance before parking street-side.

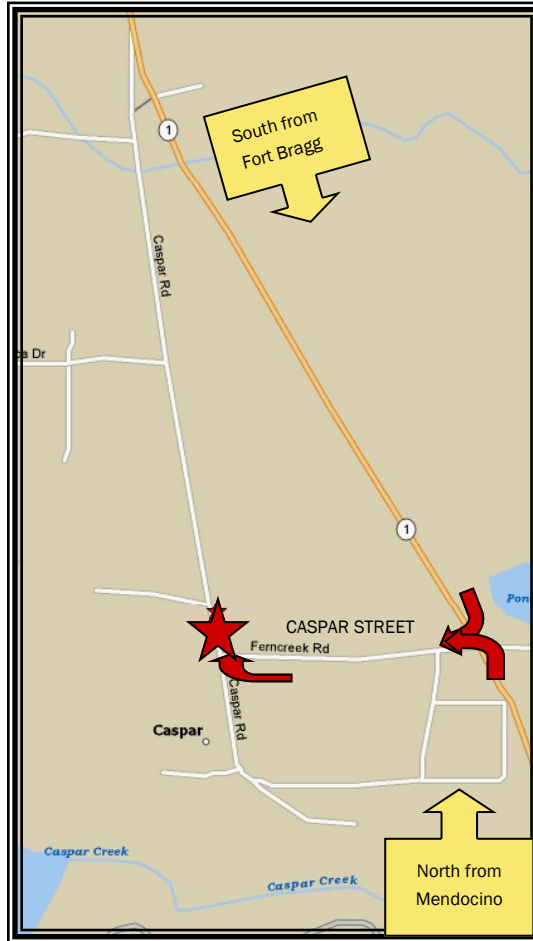
Handicapped parking spaces are available. Check at entry.

Chefs may bring one vehicle onto the grounds to use for cooking and serving.

A volunteer will help Cooks find the correct space and guide them to their site. Additional vehicles will be self-parking street-side only.

Vendors may bring one vehicle onto the grounds to unload merchandise and tables before parking street-side.

A volunteer will guide you to the correct loading and unloading area.



DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From Fort Bragg

Drive south on Highway One from Fort Bragg about 5 miles. Pass Jughandle State Reserve and continue up the hill. At the top of the hill, turn right (west) on Caspar Street.

From Mendocino

Drive north from Mendocino on Highway One. At the bottom of a long hill you will cross Caspar Creek bridge. At the next left turn, turn west on Caspar Street.

At the bottom of Caspar Street,

turn right on Caspar Road and drive about 100 feet. Caspar Community Center is the white schoolhouse in the field on your right (east).

CHEFS (Continued from page 1)

Chefs have approximately a 1-in-10 chance of winning 1st Prize: **8 days & 7 nights vacation for two at a private villa in the Yucatan.** Others who choose to accompany the winners will receive a discounted fee for their stay at the villa, and will pay their own airfare.

Two free aprons designed with a Tallman dedication will be awarded each booth. Remember, there is also a prize for best-decorated booth.

Chefs will be allowed ONE vehicle per site. All other vehicles must be self-parked street side. Chefs will park their chosen vehicle with either the hood or back end next to the fence-line within a predetermined slot, then will place the 10' x 10' cooking/serving booth on the end away from the fence toward the center of the Caspar Community Center grounds.

Rules are included with this newsletter for chefs only about meeting Health and

Fish & Game codes. Plan on having one helper for each three abalone in your booth. Also, please try to make sure you have everything you need so that you don't have to send an assistant to purchase critical ingredients, which steals valuable time and causes stress.

Please bring or email the recipes you want to donate for the new cookbook, and how you want to be recognized in the cookbook.

CHEFS, KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH MAPA TO NOTIFY US OF THE SIZE AND TYPE OF YOUR CHOSEN VEHICLE., AND TO BEST UNDERSTAND THE SETUP AND SITE.

The better you know what to expect, the more confident you will feel.

GOOD LUCK!



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PROJECTS YOU HELP MAPA TO FUND

- Park Interpreters (Experts who interpret the language of nature to humans)
- Nature Programs, Campfire programs and Jr. Rangers
- School Nature programs and Field Trips
- Greenwood/Elk Visitor Center
- Ford House State Park Visitor Center, Mendocino Headlands State Park
- Hendy Woods State Park Visitor Center
- MacKerricher State Park Visitor Center
- Van Damme State Park Visitor Center
- Whale Skeleton Exhibit, MacKerricher State Park
- Volunteer Docent Councils at various District State Parks
- Sponsor of Bo-Cah Ama, the Docent Council planning a Pomo Demonstration Village and museum/visitor center.
- Permanent and seasonal exhibits at District State Parks
- Educational publications, materials and equipment.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- * Advance notice & purchase of special events tickets like the Abalone Cook-Off
- * 5 free day-use passes in the State Parks within Mendocino District
- * 10% Discount at Visitor Centers in the State Parks in the Mendocino District
- * Quarterly newsletter

CONTACT MAPA ABOUT A MEMBERSHIP

HOW YOU CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- ⇒ **DONATIONS** support programs and visitor facilities within the Mendocino District State Parks.
- ⇒ **ENDOWMENTS** allow MAPA to plan for the future.
- ⇒ **VOLUNTEERS** are the heart of the organization. Many and various talents and skills are needed to help us make our park programs the best possible. Contact MAPA to see how you can join the team.

NEW MEMBERS

SENIOR MEMBERSHIPS:

- HARRY & JOANN KING
- MICHAEL & BETSY NEWINGTON
- GREGORY POLVERINO
- RAY & CHARLENE SEHORN
- LINDA STANDRIDGE

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- KIRK BENGTON
- SHIZUKO TAKAYASU
- KAREN WEHRMAN
- RICK WINSTEAD

FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS:

- ELEN & RICHARD CASTLEBERRY
- RICK & MELISSA DEWELL
- SHARON HANSEN & TOM WODETZKI
- CHRIS & KELLI JENSEN
- FLORENCE MOORE & FAMILY
- DONN & LISA THANE
- BILL & AUDREY WILLIAMS

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS:

- ROBERT S LAMBRIX

MAPA FACTS:

- MAPA's Interpretive programs reach more than 5000 school children and adults each year
- MAPA's visitor center and museums impact over 1/2 million people each year. Stop by a visitor center next time you're in one of our State Parks.

See you in October!
Carolyne Cathey
Executive Director