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# CAMPER WELCOME GUIDE

#### **HOST CONTACT INFO**

Call or text: 661-413-3005

Email: stay@blueskycenter.org WiFi password: Caliente2018!

Address: 1000 Perkins Rd, New Cuyama, CA 93254

#### **CAMPING CODE OF CONDUCT**

#### **BE RESPECTFUL**

Blue Sky Center is a great space. We have curated a unique campsite for visitors, artists-in-residence, collaborators, and the community. Please look after this space as if it were your own and clean up your trash and debris. Be kind and polite to your fellow campers and share the space. We encourage good conversations and connections to form.

Noise: We are located very near the local townsite and we ask that you please be respectful of our neighbors and keep the noise down after dark. Quiet hours begin at 10:30 PM; there should be no loud music after this time.

Please be mindful when walking around and always use a headlamp or lantern at night.

#### **GUESTBOOK**

Please sign our guestbook! We host happy travelers in our community from around the world and plan to do a project with the origins of all the visitors. Leave a kind note in the guestbook if you had a great time.

#### CHECK-OUT

In order to ensure that the space is cleaned and ready for the next guests we ask that you check out no later than 11:00 AM. Please kindly send us a message letting us know when you have departed at 661-413-3005

## MORE INFORMATION OR TO DONATE

Check out <a href="https://www.blueskycenter.com/explorecuyama">www.blueskycenter.com/explorecuyama</a>
for more information about the Cuyama Valley!
If you would like to find out more about Blue Sky
Center's mission to strengthen our communities in the Cuyama Valley, please visit:

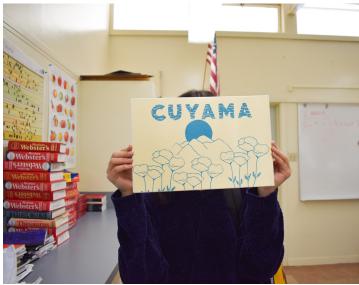
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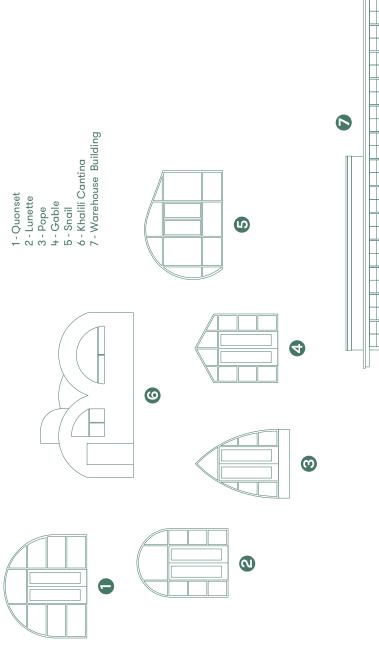
Did you love your stay? Did you know that by staying with Blue Sky Center you are investing in small business development in the Cuyama Valley? Would you like to expand your economic impact in our community?

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to Blue Sky Center. Your donation can be utilized to strengthen businesses, farms, and ranches in the Cuyama Valley through our Made in Cuyama initiative; support food access and culinary education through our Cuyama Kitchen; cultivate more vibrant multicultural experiences through our Desert Fellowship; or expand our overall community development efforts. You can make a one-time or monthly donation by visiting <a href="https://www.kindest.com/donate/blue-sky-center">www.kindest.com/donate/blue-sky-center</a>.

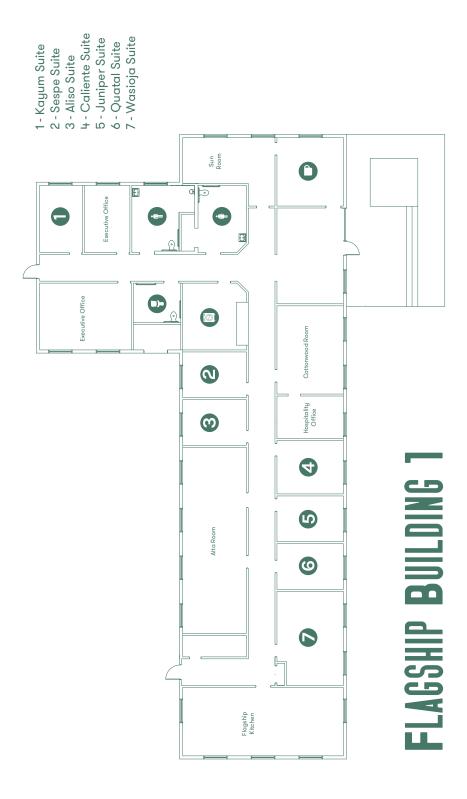
#### Community Programming







**CAMP AND WAREHOUSE** 



#### **ORIENTING TO SPACE**

#### **YOUR HUT / CAMPSITE + PARKING**

You may have parked by your hut/camping area to unload; we just ask that you re-park either by the Flagship or Warehouse buildings or in the designated dispersed camping area. (See the map.)

Dispersed Camping is located near the airstrip on the southern side of the property.

Please notify us of any issues with the bathrooms.

#### **BATHROOMS AND SHOWERS**

Three commercial bathrooms are located in our Flagship building to the west of the campsite (entry door through the black and white mural). This door will be unlocked and available 24 hours. Additional bathrooms are located in our Warehouse building to the east (entry door through the red mural).

The Outdoor Shower and Cowboy Pool are available in the warm months, typically from May-September located near the Khalili Cantina.

#### Cowboy Pool and Mural



Flagship Exterior Photo by Dani Meep



#### KHALILI CANTINA AND KITCHEN

Please make yourselves at home. The Khalili Cantina is a common kitchen utilized by everyone. You may store food next to the sink. Purified RO water is on the left tap. The right tap is for washing dishes and is connected to a gray-water system. Please conserve water and be careful not to put any food scraps or solids down the drain. Clean up after yourselves and wash all dishes after use. Leave clean dishes on the drying rack. Please be sure to utilize the recycling and compost bins.



FORGET SOMETHING? Visit our local grocery store (C&H Market) or take the 35-minute drive to our nearest neighboring town Taft and check out the variety of stores they have to offer.

#### FIRE AND FIREWOOD

When not prohibited by a local fire ban, you may start a fire in the fire ring. We sell bundles (armful of split wood) of firewood for \$5 (cash or send via Venmo @blueskycenter). The stack is located north of the campsite in the corrugated metal structure. Please leave cash in the donation box located inside the door of the woodshed. We use the honor system! The combo to the woodshed is available from your host. Please leave ashes in the pits provided, we clean the ash out regularly.

Make sure all fires are completely out before going to bed!

#### STRING LIGHTS

Lights can be turned on by plugging into the outlet under the Gable Hut. Lights should be unplugged when the last camper goes to bed or by 11:00 PM, whichever is earlier.

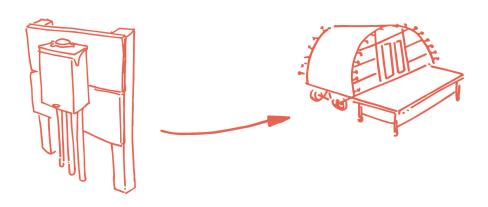


Photo by Madison Kotak



#### **BREAKER BOXES**

In the event that the power should go out in one or more of the Shelton Huts - this sometimes happens when all the heaters are turned on at once - there are 3 breaker boxes located around the camp. One is in front of the Quonset Hut to the left hand side of the front porch. The second one is through the door surrounded by the red mural on the wall directly inside the door (there is a label on the breaker switch that says "fence line"). The third is behind the Cantina all that way at the fence by the really tall trees (if this switch is tripped the one where the red mural is will usually be tripped as well).



#### **BLUE SKY SHOPS**

As you have probably already noticed we have lots of industrial buildings and spaces, which we commonly call the Blue Sky Shops. We use these spaces to encourage and foster local businesses, from commercial screen printing to bespoke renovation of antique woody cars. Let us know if you would like a quick tour of our campus and buildings; you might even catch a glimpse of our partners in action. Check out the High Desert Print Co. gear available for purchase in the Flagship building's front entry and grab a keepsake to remember your time here in the high desert while also supporting a local business!



#### **BLUE SKY AIRSTRIP**

To locals we are sometimes referred to as "the Airport" because we own and operate the private, public-use airstrip, L88. Our airstrip is open and free for pilots to fly in and enjoy all that Cuyama has to offer. Please avoid walking along the airstrip during the day time as pilots fly in without notice. If you would like more information about flying into Cuyama or would like to support this community gem, please reach out to s tay@blueskycenter.org.

#### **CUYAMA FIELD GUIDE**

While considering planning your special event at Blue Sky Center, keep in mind that our valley has a lot of unique local activities you can schedule during your visit to make your stay all that much more memorable! Below are a few of the experiences Cuyama has to offer! Please go to <u>visitcuyama.com</u> for additional information.

#### SHOPPING

#### 1952 Vintage Thrift and Find

Local thrift store 4845 Primero Street, New Cuyama

#### **HIKES AND TRAILS**

#### **Aliso Park Campground**

Hiking, picnicking, and camping 661-245-3731, Aliso Canyon Road off Highway 166 (20 minutes away)

#### **Ballinger Canyon**

Off-highway vehicle recreation area 805-968-6640, Ballinger Canyon Road off Highway 33 (30 minutes away)

#### WINE TASTING

(call or visit website to book your tasting)

#### **Condor's Hope Ranch**

Dry farmed, organic vineyard, olive orchard, wine tasting, and retreats

Cottonwood Canyon Road off Highway 166

condorshope.com

#### Sagebrush Annie's

Award-winning cabernet wine tasting room in the Ventucopa area, 661-766-2319

#### FOOD AND LODGING

#### **Cuyama Buckhorn**

Full-service restaurant, coffee shop, and bar 805-766-2761, 4859 Primero St., New Cuyama cuyamabuckhorn.com

#### **Burger Barn and Deli**

Full-service restaurant 661-766-2761, 4859 Primero St., New Cuyama

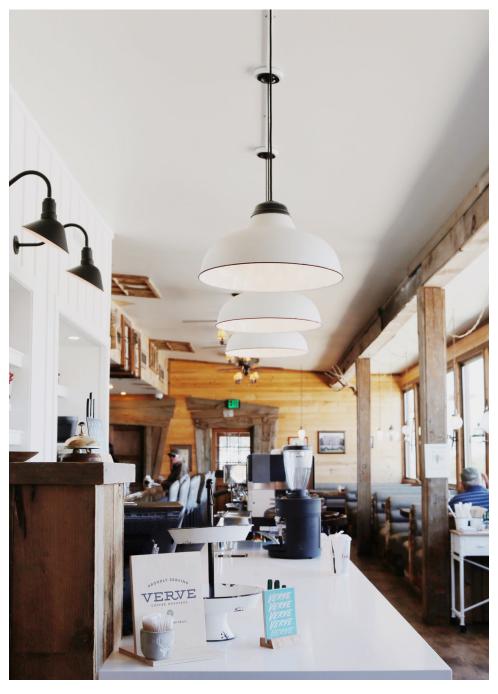
#### **The Place**

Full-service restaurant and pub 661-766-2660, 4014 Highway 33, Ventucopa fb.com/theplace1929

#### **Sleepy Creek Ranch**

Bed & breakfast in Cottonwood Canyon 805-680-7230, 2255 Cottonwood Canyon Rd, New Cuyama

### Cuyama Buckhorn Photo by Kiana Toossi



#### HORSEBACK RIDING

**Heather Lomax** at Hidden Creek Ranch offers a variety of different packages from horsemanship classes to trail rides and a picnic lunch. Contact Heather via email at <a href="mailto:heather@hcrgaitedhorses.com">heather@hcrgaitedhorses.com</a> or by phone 661-319-2644.

**Emery Johnston** is a beloved neighbor of Blue Sky Center and he offers trail rides right in our backyard. Visit his website at johnstonhorsecamp.com to find out more about what he has to offer! If you're able, contact Emery by phone a week in advance of your outing at 805-680-2817.

#### Photo by Eugene Vasilenko



#### THINGS TO DO OUT OF TOWN

#### **Carrizo Plain National Monument**

Hiking, camping, wildflower viewing, and bird watching 661-391-6000, Soda Lake Road off Highway 166 (25 minutes away)

#### **Wind Wolves Preserve**

(The Wildlands Conservancy)
Camping, hiking, weekend family programs,
and outdoor education
661-858-1115, 16019 Maricopa Highway 166, Bakersfield, CA 93311
wildlandsconservancy.org/preserve\_windwolves.html
(55 minutes away)

Carrizo Plain
Photo by Brett
Randall Jones



#### SPECIAL EVENTS AND WEDDINGS

Now that you are here, are you dreaming of sharing this experience with your family and friends? Have you been wondering where to host your next birthday party, anniversary, or even wedding celebration? Well, you are in luck because we offer group packages with personalized coordination! Whether you are looking for a small but special getaway or a large group gathering, we can create a package just for you!

We also offer special event add-ons such as staff-lead stargazing and hikes, yoga, s'mores, bar service, picnics, and more. Additional spaces such as the Flagship Pergola, seven additional bunk-style rooms in our main building, and a commercial-grade licensed catering trailer (Cuyama Kitchen) are available as well!

Take a look at our Special Events and Weddings Guide and feel free to contact your host via email at stay@blueskycenter.org for more information and to book your event! We look forward to meeting and hosting your family and friends soon! Photo by Eugene Vasilenko @gofrolist



Photo by Jesus Frayre



#### **CORPORATE RETREATS**

Are you a business owner or leader looking for a unique place to take your team to relax, unwind, learn, and bond? Look no further; we have the perfect place for your team's next retreat!

Our Flagship building houses indoor meeting spaces for presentations, conferences, and classrooms, and our outdoor spaces are great for team building exercises! We also can offer team activities such as hikes, yoga, stargazing, bar, crafts, wine tasting, horseback riding, and more. While you are planning the perfect getaway, don't forget to ask about some of our dining options from local restaurants, caterers, and private chefs. We can recommend our favorites or you are welcome to bring along your own! Whatever you plan, send us a message today and we can facilitate your needs! Check out our Corporate Retreat Guide and contact us at stay@blueskycenter.org

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#### MISSION-RELATED NONPROFITS

We are always excited to work with other nonprofits. If you are planning a retreat for your team, we would love to talk to you and plan a retreat tailored to your organization. We have a Mission-Related Retreat Guide for your reference as well.



Alta Room
Photo by Tate Larrick

## COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Our space is very photogenic and we know that many of our guests are very talented when it comes to photographing the space! We welcome and encourage personal photographs and would love it if you would tag us on your social media posts! Just tag us @blueskycenter.

If you are taking photos for any commercial purposes, we require permission and a fee to use the property. Please read our Commercial Photography and Social Media Guide and feel free to contact us today so that we can discuss terms and payment.

## OUTPOST STUDIOS GUEST ARTIST RESIDENCY

The Outpost Studio Program is a multi-week studio residency program hosted at Blue Sky Center. This particular program is a fee-based retreat-style residency for individual artists and creative professionals. We're opening our facilities to artists who have projects to work on. As part of this residency, we ask artists to host an open studio day, where community members can view their practice.

We accept applications to this program on a rolling basis, please email <a href="mailto:outpost@blueskycenter.org">outpost@blueskycenter.org</a> for information, pricing, and application requirements.



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