



Granlibakken Conference Center & Lodge

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Take a Child Outside Week

September 24-30 is [Take a Child Outside Week](#).

Studies show that free time outside can help children academically, as well as with their physical and mental health.

Need inspiration?

[Here's a list of activities you can do with your child outside.](#)

Closing Quote:

"The highlight for me of a Summit is meeting these people who 'glow' - who have found a purpose, a passion! What a great experience!" --
Testimonial from a 2009 class evaluation

September 30 Reminder

If you are planning on attending the Family Nature Summit in Lake Tahoe next July, consider sending in your registration and \$200 deposit by September 30.

If you send it by September 30, it saves you \$25 per participant.

[Download the registration form from the Family Nature Summit website.](#) Once your registration has been received, you'll get a code that lets you book your accommodations at Granlibakken Resort.



Photo of a Granlibakken

Granlibakken

Thanks from our Volunteer Coordinator

Rosanne Mistretta volunteered at the 2009 Summit in a big way. In her role as Volunteer Coordinator, she made sure that many people could contribute to make the event a success - and they had fun doing it.

[Read Rosanne's heartfelt thank you](#) to all who volunteered for the 2009 Summit.



Introducing 3 New Volunteer Board Members



Three special people have stepped forward to volunteer on the Summit board of directors - welcome to [Dave Egan](#), [Rosanne Mistretta](#) (pictured above) and [Dawn Schroeder](#).



Dave has been a long time faculty member, teaching classes in geology.

Rosanne was the 2009 Volunteer Coordinator.

Dawn is our new Young Adult representative. Thanks so much for bringing your leadership and creativity to our organization!

Green Lifestyles Content Now On Website

Many 2009 attendees asked if we could post info about our first green lifestyles event - including instructions on how to do the activities back home. Now available:

- [Rain barrel](#)
- ["Cap-erpillars" from recycled bottle tops](#)
- [Catnip mice](#)
- [Invasive species](#)
- [Laundry game](#)
- [The full schedule - so you can plan your own events](#)



More content will come as we have time to transcribe the posters.

Are you interested in volunteering at the 2010 Green Lifestyles evening? Would you like to be in charge of a station? Ideally each station offers an activity that is interesting for both adults and children. Contact [Carla Brown](#) at volunteer@familysummits.org if you are interested.

Also, if you are familiar with the Lake Tahoe area, and know about green lifestyles locations that would be fun on a bus tour, please let Carla know as well.

Congratulations Steve Houser

Steve Houser is a Summit board member and co-director of the [Junior Naturalist program](#).

He is also an amazing teacher back in North Carolina. And [he is about to win a national teaching award](#).

Congratulations Steve and thank you for continuing to share your passion and talents with Summit!



We Are Now On Wikipedia

We'd love it if you would [add more info about the history of our event at the new Wikipedia entry!](#)

Annual Meeting Minutes Now Available

In July at the Silver Bay Family Nature Summit, we held an annual meeting attended by many members. If you would like to see the minutes from that meeting, please email info@familysummits.org.