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1988 Fall Ecology Party!!

This year's fall party to kick off the new academic year was a great success with over 100 people attending. Participants consumed 15 large pizzas and ten linear feet of Togos sandwiches along with an undetermined quantity of beer and soft drinks which is certainly an accomplishment!! This year we welcomed in 44 new Ecology Graduate students, bringing the total number of students to well over 150.

EGSA 2nd ANNUAL SIERRA RETREAT

EGSA is once again sponsoring a fall quarter Sierra Retreat to welcome in the new ecology students and to meet some of you that have yet to show your smiling faces at an EGSA social function (**WE'D LIKE TO MEET YOU!!!**). This year's Retreat will be held at the Sage Hen Field Station in the Sierra, north of Truckee/Lake Tahoe on the weekend of October 8 and 9. Meals and non-alcoholic beverages will be **provided and paid for by EGSA** and will include Saturday's dinner and Sunday's breakfast (brunch). (You will need a sack lunch for Saturday.) We will meet and carpool up to Sage Hen on Saturday morning and stay until Sunday afternoon. Last year's Retreat was a big success and we are anticipating an equally good time this year, so mark your calendars (Oct 8-9) and call one of the EGSA folks below to reserve you space! Significant others (spouses and/or friends) and children are most certainly welcome, just be sure to let us know how many will be coming in your party. Also let us know if you can drive or if you need a ride (driving time is about two and one half hours). To reserve you space call Dessie Underwood (3-3972) or Ray Sauvajot (2-7124; 6-2917) before October 5 at 5:00 pm.

EGSA MEETINGS - FALL QUARTER

This quarter's EGSA General Meetings will be held once a month (Oct 13, Nov 17, and Dec 8) on Thursday's after the Ecology Seminar Series (5:30 pm). An agenda for the up and coming meeting will be mailed out one week prior to the meeting to allow interested parties to come prepared, or to come only to the topics of personal import. They will be held in 2124 Wickson Hall. After the meeting we will all convene to the Last Resort for beer and nachos (nachos provided by EGSA). Hope to see you all on Oct 13 at 5:30 in 2124 Wickson!!

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