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NEWS RELEASE

EVERGREEN LODGE AT YOSEMITE COMPLETES ITS MOUNTAIN RESORT EXPERIENCE WITH DISTINCTIVE NEW \$1M POOL AREA AND EVENT SPACE A Perfect Destination to Dive Into Summer

YOSEMITE, Calif., May 31, 2012 – [Evergreen Lodge](#), a classic mountain resort located on the western border of Yosemite National Park, announces the completion of its newest guest amenities: a stylish, environmentally designed [pool & hot tub area](#), a pool bar and a [group event space](#). These facilities round out the resort’s guest experience, providing a new social hub to unwind after a day’s adventure in Yosemite’s majestic natural surroundings. The new area was designed with the Evergreen’s trademark combination of sustainability, historical touches and classic style.



Evergreen Lodge at Yosemite has opened a new, sustainably designed pool area for guests to gather and refresh. Photo by Jae Feinberg.

Families, friends and fellow adventurers can now gather to relax and refresh at the pool area, designed for adults and kids alike. The 2,000-square-foot pool is perfect for summertime play, while the spacious 140-square-foot hot tub offers a soothing soak during cooler seasons. Guests lounging on the deck can order food and drinks from the pool bar as they enjoy picturesque forest and sunset views. The upper-level Cedar Room & Terrace is a welcoming indoor-outdoor space for meetings and private events, including small company retreats, family reunions and bridal parties.

“Our guests enjoy the great variety of fun-filled activities we offer on site, as well as convenient access to our vast

‘backyard’ of Yosemite National Park,” said Lee Zimmerman, one of the lodge’s owners. “We are excited to add the new pool area this spring, as it will allow our guests to have an even richer experience.”

Eco-sensitive Approach

In keeping with the Evergreen’s green philosophy, the pool area was designed with environmental sensitivity. Both the swimming pool and hot tub use salt water, which minimizes chemical use and provides a gentle swimming environment with soft, odor-free and irritation-free water. Both the pool and hot tub are solar-heated, and the pool has an automatic cover to minimize energy consumption. Showers drain to a new graywater landscaping system made up of native plant species. Exterior redwood tables around the pool deck are made from old wine casks, while interior tables are reclaimed Douglas fir, and Adirondack chairs are made from recycled plastic.

Stylish Retro Design

The pool area features the lodge’s understated, slightly retro style, blending contemporary rustic with the lodge’s original historical buildings. Period pieces accent the serene forested setting, including historic photos, a 1925 Old Town Canoe, vintage water skis, a classic cast-iron stove and a bar façade

made from reclaimed barn-wood. The open deck surrounding the pool and hot tub is dotted with airy lounge chairs, bright red Adirondack chairs, tables and umbrellas for relaxing between dips.

Pool Bar

The walk-up pool bar, situated to one side of the pool deck, offers an assortment of beverages, including beer, wine, spirits, blended drinks and 'mocktails' for kids. It also serves lunch, snacks and happy hour fare for dining poolside.

Cedar Room & Terrace Meeting and Event Space

Above the pool bar, with views of the towering trees, is the Cedar Room & Terrace. This new event room is 600 square feet, with a balcony on one side and a covered 300-square-foot terrace overlooking the pool area on the other. The Cedar Room is suitable for private parties and meetings, such as retreats, executive team-building, cocktail receptions, dinners and reunions, and is also ideal as a hospitality suite. It can accommodate groups of 30-80 people. Catering options are available as well. When it isn't reserved, the Cedar Room will host daily activities such as yoga and Pilates.



Evergreen Lodge at Yosemite's new pool area includes a pool bar and upstairs event space in classic mountain style. Photo by Jae Feinberg.

Lodge Facilities

Evergreen Lodge accommodates couples and families in 90 [cabins](#), 15 seasonal [custom campsites](#) and the private [vacation rental](#) John Muir House. All cabins are warmly furnished and heated, with private bathrooms, spacious decks and tasteful amenities, and all campsites are kitted out with tents, mattresses, sleeping bags, camp chairs and lanterns. The Muir House has three bedrooms and a fully equipped kitchen. Public areas include the restaurant with indoor/outdoor dining, historic tavern, general store, recreation hall with board games, lounging areas and indoor/outdoor fireplace, massage cabana, game room and theater, kids play areas, sun deck and central plaza. The recreation desk provides an 'outdoor concierge' service for hiking and exploring, from arranging day trips led by the lodge's experienced guides to giving advice about the best options for individual adventures.

For more information and reservations, call (800) 93-LODGE, email info@evergreenlodge.com or visit the [Evergreen Lodge Facebook page](#).

About Evergreen Lodge

Located near the Hetch Hetchy Valley on the western border of Yosemite off Highway 120, Evergreen Lodge celebrated its 90th anniversary in 2011. The lodge is a serene Yosemite destination that blends the modern comforts of a resort, the relaxed approach and activities of a dude ranch and the timeless warmth of a historic 1920s lodge. Evergreen features 90 fully furnished cabins, 15 custom campsites and the John Muir House, an exclusive vacation rental. The lodge is popular with couples, families, groups, weddings and corporate retreats.

First Light Destinations, based in San Francisco and founded by Brian Anderluh, Dan Braun and Lee Zimmerman, purchased the property in 2002 and began to restore, upgrade and expand this historic lodge. The Lodge is a socially minded business that finances and operates an innovative, behind-the-scenes on-site Youth Employment Program in which a group of high-potential young adults from urban backgrounds work as paid interns, gaining work experience while receiving career and life counseling.

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Editor's note: Additional photos available upon request.