

First Annual RTAG Campout - Columbia, CA



RTAG Campout Airport

Where To: Columbia, CA O22

CTAF: 122.975

AWOS: 124.65

Runway 17/35: Asphalt – Good Condition

Runway 11/29: Grass – Good Condition

Friday June 28th through Sunday June 30th

Agenda

Friday June 28th

- Arrivals starting around 11:00 – Fly in at your own pace – Setup camp
- 5.30 walk into town for dinner – Location to be determined
- Nighttime social after Dinner – At the pavilion with family and friends – Yard games – Fire

Saturday June 29th

- Saturday Late Arrivals
- Pancake Breakfast at the Pavilion – 8:00 until everyone is fed
- Morning and early afternoon – On your own to tour the historic town of Columbia
- 3:00 – Campout program at the Pavilion – Speaker to be determined
- 5:30 Dinner – Burgers, fixings, and potluck salads, snacks, and deserts
- Social Night – Yard games and maybe a movie

Sunday June 30th

- Breakfast in Town or at Mandy's
- Pavilion Cleanup
- Break camp
- Depart home

Campout Information Sheet

The following information has been put together by RTAG. For additional information go to: [Tuolumne County Airports - Come Fly with Us! | Tuolumne County, CA - Official Website](http://www.tuolumnecountyairports.com)



Costs

Costs to camp is \$10/airplane. There are 20 established campsites with tables and fire rings, and people can also camp next to their plane as well. RTAG is renting the Pavilion which has tables, chairs, and cooking facilities. The cost to RTAG is \$350 for the weekend, and there will be additional costs for food and firewood. The intent is to share this cost with the participants, so the more people, the lower the cost. If we can get 20 people to participate, then that would amount to about \$20/person plus camping fees.

Public Access

The campground is a public use facility. Even though RTAG has exclusive use of the Pavilion, there may be additional campers there. Also, there will be some search and rescue training by local S&R personnel taking place at the campground. Their schedule is from morning to 3:00 in the afternoon.

Airplane Parking

The campground and airplane parking for campers is on the north side of the grass strip. When you arrive, taxi on the west side of the main paved runway to the taxiway south of the grass strip. Taxi about mid field next to the grass strip and then cross (carefully watching for other aircraft) to the north. There will not be any tiedown anchors. Please bring your own portable tiedowns or chocks.

Note that there is a road to the north of the grass strip, however it does not look suitable for taxiing your aircraft. Use of that road is at your own risk.

Non-Flying/Camping Participants

For those that would rather not campout we hope you will still join in on the hangar flying at the campground. If you drive into Columbia, you can park outside of the airport. If you are flying in and want to rent a hotel, there are courtesy cars and rentals advertised through [Bald Eagle Aviation \(baldeaglecolumbia.com\)](http://BaldEagleAviation.com). If you are driving and want to camp: The campground is intended for fly-in airplane camping only, however we will have a key to the gate. But, if arriving by car and camping, we will want to minimize how often the gate is opened. There are deer in the area, and deer and a runway are not a good combination, so we need to make sure the gate is secure.

Camp Facilities

The campground facility includes flush toilets and showers with hot water. There is a 5-minute limit for showers to avoid backing up the septic system. The pathways to the campground are gravel and well kept. There are fire rings at the 20 different camp sites, and firewood is available through the airport.

There is a volleyball net on a sand court as well as a couple of horseshoe pits. There are also picnic tables around the various campsites. Be sure to bring your own chairs.

Pavilion

RTAG has reserved the Pavilion in the center of the campground for our exclusive use. We have this for the full weekend with check-in on Friday at 3:00 and check-out on Sunday at 11:00. The Pavilion has chairs and tables that can be used for dining. We may see about bringing in a projector for a movie night.

Outdoor Games

Besides volleyball and horseshoes we will have other games that people bring like lawn darts, bottle bash, and KUB (known as Norwegian Chess).



Make plans today. Please RSVP with Tom Dyer (Tom.Dyer@RESPEC.com). Please provide your name, number in your party, phone number, and tail number. We look forward to seeing you there.