



Join the Central Section AUGUST 25TH – 27TH

for the 2017 Sierra Retreat at
beautiful Lake Sequoia, just outside
the entrance to Kings Canyon
National Park in Fresno County.

**Weekend Rate: Adults \$100, Children \$70
Register on line with PayPal at:
<https://www.cencalapa.org/shop>**

Activities offered include boating, hiking, swimming, fishing and calm nights by the camp fire! An AICP-credit eligible professional development program is also included on Saturday. That program is described below.

Into the Wild(lands): A Wildland Firefighter's Perspective on Planned Growth

The Art of Planning touches many disciplines, land forms, and resources, which requires planners to reach out to other service providers and disciplines. One example is the “urban/wildland interface.” As residential neighborhoods build into the wildlands, Planners and wildland firefighters have cooperated on an unprecedented scale to define the nature of the urban/forest interface and develop a new paradigm that balances the aspirations of homeowners with the operational requirements of firefighters.



This Sierra Planners' Retreat Professional Development session presents a unique and hands-on examination of Cal Fire's Vegetation Management Program to be led by CAL FIRE Protection & Planning Division Chief Jim McDougald. Chief McDougald will present Fresno-Kings Unit's vegetation management plans and describe how they are influenced by planned development. He will also recount CAL FIRE's lessons from the 2015 Rough Fire, which burned 151,623 acres and nearly reached Sequoia Lake. The session will move into the field with a tour of the dead tree removal program conducted by the YMCA on the Sequoia Lake property.