

Apricot Jam Camp Chair:

This project is a social gathering and a fundraiser for the Club. David Packard of Hewlett Packard fame has bequeathed to the Parents' Club an annual allotment of 8 lugs (50 lbs each) of fresh ripe apricots from the Packard Orchard in Los Altos Hills. The Parents' Club makes over 600 bottles jam from these apricots to sell to members. We also gift the jam to our monthly Distinguished Speakers and other administrators at the University as a thank-you.

The Jam Chair organizes and leads the effort to make jam in this fun social event that brings together volunteers who pit the apricots, cook, stir, and bottle the jam in the kitchen of a local host home. The Chair communicates with the orchard, picks up the apricots and all supplies, organizes and supervises the jam making, and helps sell the jars (they sell out quickly).

Dates: Flexibility in timing is required. The apricots usually ripen in late June. The jam needs to be made promptly over a two-day period.

Timeline for the Jam Camp Chair:

- April: Order jam jars and labels.
- May: Work with the President and VP of Social Events to spread the word about jam-making to local volunteers and gather contact information from those interested. Exact dates will be tbd; however, you can encourage members to express interest in participating.
- Beginning of June: Keep in close contact with the Packard Orchard Manager about timing as the apricots ripen. Decide on jam-making dates.
- Early June: Ask the President to send an email requesting local volunteers and donations of lemons.
- June:
 - Email the volunteers with the exact dates offering morning and afternoon sessions for the two days.
 - Prepare jars and labels. Assemble additional supplies for day of (disposable gloves, trash bags, mixing spoons, large bowls, protective plastic sheets, etc.) Volunteers bring their own aprons and knives.
 - Coordinate with the President about how to process payments for the jam.
 - Schedule with Orchard Manager to pick up apricots the day before making jam.
 - Ask the President to email local parents with jam ordering information (pickup only, no delivery).
 - After the event, thank the volunteers and host. Prepare/update an Event Report and submit it to the VP of Social Events.