

Camp Casey Conference Center Holds Open House

Coupeville, WA- Seattle Pacific University's Camp Casey Conference Center on Whidbey Island is hosting an open house on Friday, June 14, 12- 4 p.m. Visitors will get a rare chance to tour the Colonel's House, reserved exclusively for the SPU president and vice presidents. Tours will also be available in various barracks and the newly renovated mess hall, where free snacks will be served. Guests will be able to visit the "Sea Lab," a marine biology teaching facility, and play games in the center's gymnasium. Admission to the outdoor pool will also be free.

Camp Casey, originally known as "Fort Casey," opened in 1890 by the U.S. military. Fort Casey , along with Fort Worden in Port Townsend and Fort Flagler in Nordland, became part of the "triangle of fire" to protect the entrance to Puget Sound. Within 20 years, Fort Casey was the fourth largest military post in Washington, housing ten officers and 428 enlisted men.

Fort Casey was decommissioned after World War II, and SPU purchased the property in 1956. The buildings have been updated and renovated to house school groups, churches, nonprofit organizations, and outdoor education classes. For more information, visit spu.edu/casey or call 866-661-6604 or 360-678-5050.

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