



Hostelling International Golden Gate Council

GOLDEN GATE COUNCIL OF HOSTELLING INTERNATIONAL USA FACT SHEET 2006

ABOUT US

GOLDEN GATE COUNCIL OF AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS, INC. IS A 501(C)3 NONPROFIT MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION HEADQUARTERED IN SAN FRANCISCO.

- HI-USA, Golden Gate Council is our trading name; Golden Gate Council of American Youth Hostels, Inc. is our nationally registered name.
- We were founded in 1958 by a dedicated team of volunteers.
- We are one of 34 regional council affiliates providing affordable accommodations and educational programs across the United States; Hostelling International is the global brand for the International Youth Hostel Federation and its 60 member countries, including HI-USA.

OUR HOSTELS

WE SUPPORT A NETWORK OF 10 HOSTELS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA THAT INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITIES WHILE NURTURING A GLOBAL COMMUNITY OF TRAVELERS.

- Our five coastal hostels include two historic lighthouses as well as our northernmost location, HI-Redwood National Park in Klamath (est. 1987).
- Our three San Francisco hostels account for 70% of our total overnights: HI-SF Fisherman's Wharf (est. 1980) is in Fort Mason overlooking San Francisco Bay, HI-SF Downtown (est. 1992) is one block from Union Square, and HI-SF City Center (est. 2001) is near the Civic Center arts district.
- HI-Sacramento (est. 1995) is an 1885 Victorian mansion near the Capitol.
- HI-Hidden Villa in Los Altos was California's first hostel (est. 1937); the hostel is operated by the Trust for Hidden Villa.

STATISTICS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

- OPERATING BUDGET: \$5 million.
- OVERNIGHTS: 195,000 or about 21% of domestic HI overnights.
- STAFF: 100, including seven staff members who provide regional support.
- VOLUNTEERS: 50, plus 10 directors on our board.
- MEMBERS: 4,800 or about 10% of domestic HI cardholders; 36% are 18 to 54 years old, 19% are 55 or older, 24% are under 17, and 21% are Life members; members receive a discounted rate.
- PROGRAMS: 1,050 at our three San Francisco hostels reaching 7,300 guests, plus 1,400 youth served through the Hostel Adventure Program (est. 1986) at our coastal hostels.

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