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### The TIME is NOW!

Building materials are down. Construction labor is down. Interest rates are down. And... the economy is down.

"Maybe we should wait until things turn around. "We can sell our house for more money." "We can save more money for a down payment." "We'll have more, better..." You get the idea. The part that's missing? When the economy starts to improve... We'll have inflation, higher material costs, higher construction costs and higher interest rates. "Let's just wait until..."

"The time to buy is now!" Imagine living the rest of your life in your dream log home. Sounds great. "We the people" stimulate the US economy, not the government. America is the greatest place on this planet! We are the catalyst for free enterprise. Anything less and we may as well all sit on our duffs and wait for "change".

### How we sold our CA house - By Tim Wydick

"You know the economy is getting tough, right? Well let me tell you about how tough it really is... Now really is the time to sell your house and build that log home you've always wanted, and that is just what my wife and I are going to do - NOW.

Here is our story, the short version:

My wife and I have been waiting for the right time to sell our house - we missed the "great" sales and prices of the 2006 and 2007 period. But with the economy being what it is today, we thought it would take about 6-12 months for the economy to start to rebound and then we would be able to sell our house. Then we would miss another year to start our log home. But we thought we would try anyways and at least get our house on the market and go through the showings and see what would happen. Well, on Thursday Jan 8 we signed a contract with a realtor and had it listed in the MLS. We had showings that first weekend, Saturday and Sunday, then a couple more on Tuesday and Wednesday. We had 2 offers in hand on Wednesday and another on its way. We went through some counters and finally signed papers to go to escrow all in about 10 days, and we got more than the asking price. Amazing. My wife and I are still shell-shocked at the speed of things as we are making our plans to relocate and start our log home in the next couple of months. Our dream is coming true and it's hard to believe its happening this fast, we've been waiting a long time, waiting for the right time. Well, now is really the right time." Tim W.

*Editors Note: The above story was written by two of our California clients. Their log home is already designed and ready to build. Now Tim & Gaby will be able to start their dream log home as soon as they can pack and move to Colorado. It's time to put your log home design on paper! Time waits for no Log.*



Two story log on basement (NC)



Two story log stack (GA)



Now & Later in (a lot of) Snow (ID)

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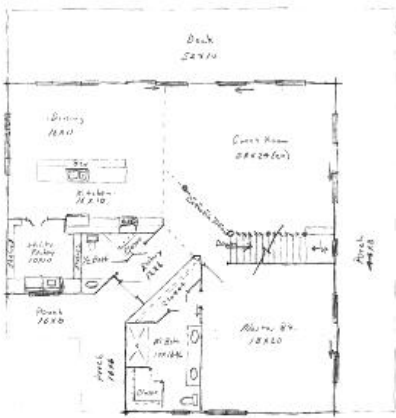
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We get many requests for plan ideas. Here's a starting place for all those who have asked. We can (and do) start from napkin sketches, hand drawn plans and full designs. Where do you need to start? Here are a "few" ideas. Let us work on yours next!

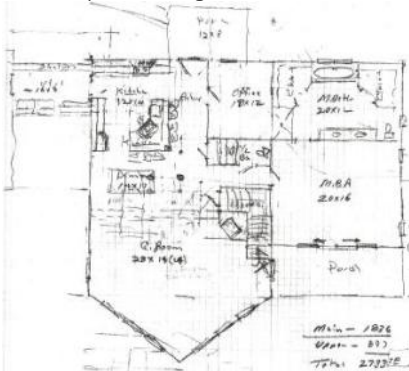
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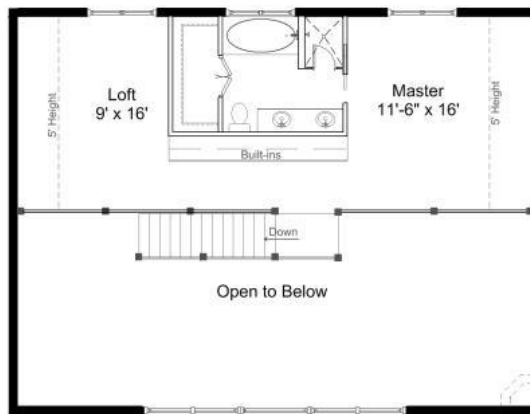
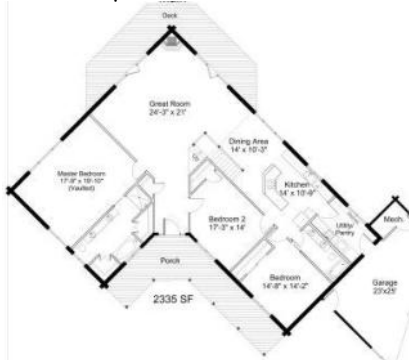
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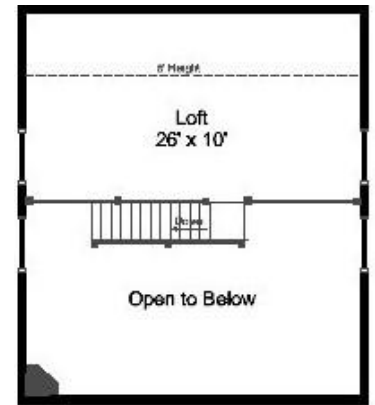
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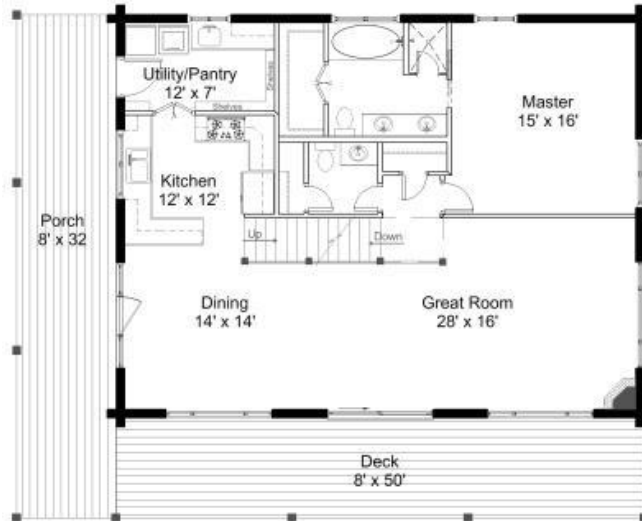
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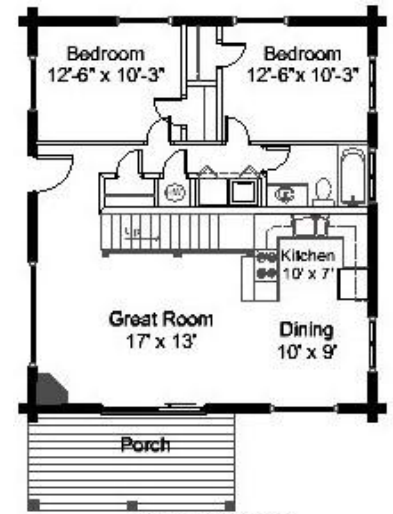
Upper (Option 1) 512 SF



Upper 280 SF



Main 1344 SF



Main 896 SF

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Upper Floor 732 SF

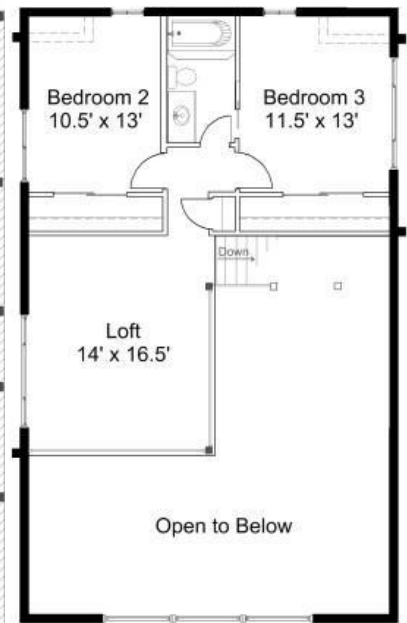
Porch 12' x 8'

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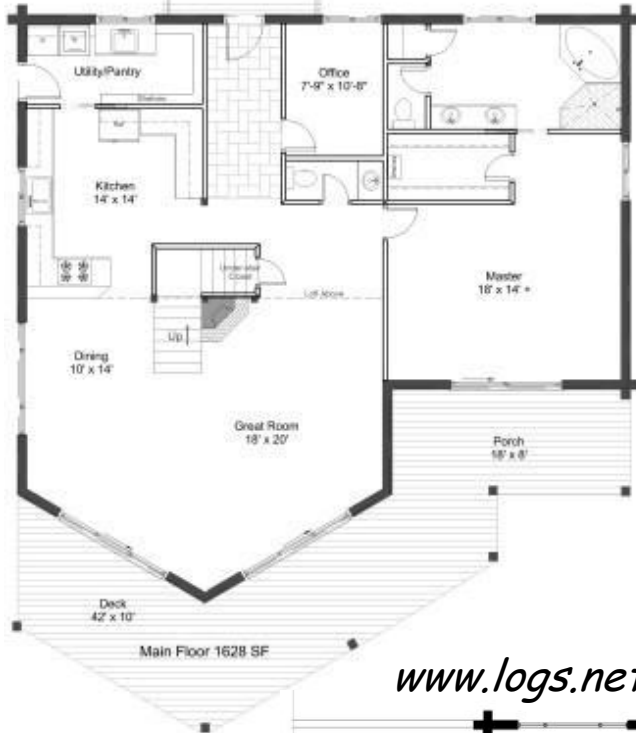


Main 1288 SF

Deck 36' x 8'



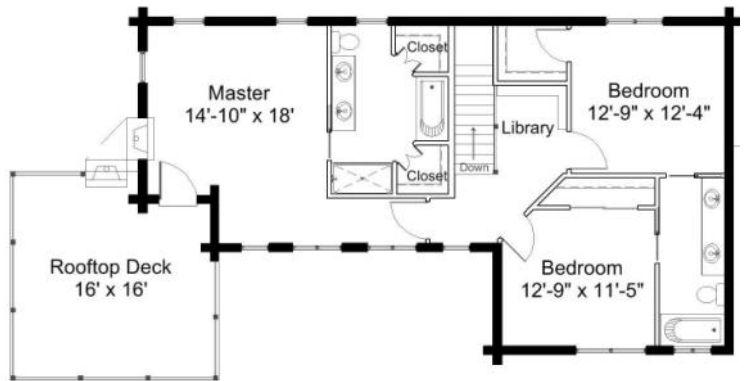
Upper 652 SF



Main Floor 1628 SF

Whatever your dreams, if you can give us your ideas, we can put them on paper. Why not call today to set an appointment with your future?

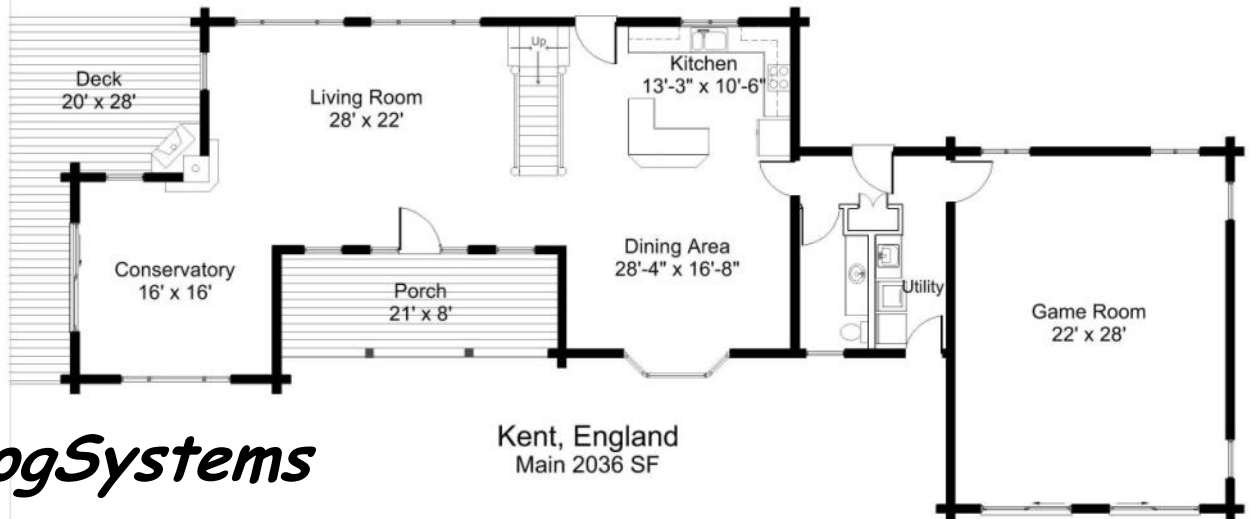
Imagine the possibilities. Bring your photos, your sketches and your ideas. Let's get started on your log home plan today. We'll meet you on your site. Call 800.600.5647 x98 now for your design appointment.



Kent, England  
Upper 930 SF

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We can modify the size and arrangement of these or any other plan you like. Our designers will work out the details for "your plan, your way". Call us at 800.600.5647 x98.



Kent, England  
Main 2036 SF

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**Food for Thought!**

Direct comments to 719.235.8242

If Mr. Dylan was in the Log Home business he'd certainly be singing "the times they are a- changin' ". Several of the larger log home suppliers are either re-organizing or are no longer in production.

Cedar LogSystems is healthy and producing log homes in Colorado (please visit anytime). If you know of anyone that lost deposit money with one of the larger log suppliers, please have them call us. We can help.

If you are thinking about building your dream log home but aren't sure if this is the right time, may I suggest: If you wait the economy will either get better or worse. If things get better, interest rates, material and building costs will all increase. If things get worse, wouldn't you really be better off on your own land protected in your own Cedar Log Home?

**Cedar Log Homes - Custom Design - Custom Build - Nationwide**



Willow Creek (CO) interior  
 Great Room w/arch to Dining

Lake Fork (CO) in the mountains

**This IS important enough to Repeat (again & again!)  
 The \$7,000 Advantage!**

After hearing stories of Cedar costing 25-40% more, let's set things straight!

A Cedar log home is obviously better! Why else would the other log companies charge a premium for Cedar? The issue is how much more. The answer will surprise you.

An average sized log home (a 1932 sf Enchanted Forest) would need 14,070 BF of 8" logs (board footage is the wood volume measurement) for the package.

At \$500/MBF more for Cedar (actual mill cost difference), Cedar is \$7,035 more, or about 2-2.5% of your total log home cost. Money well spent!

**CEDAR is the \$7000 Advantage!**



**Military, Police, Firefighters...**

If you've visited with Cedar LogSystems at a log home show, you've seen our displays featuring special offers for military, police, firefighters & life NRA members. It's our way of saying "thank you" to the men and women that keep America safe.

Maybe you'd like Aspen in your great room or Cedar decking for your porch and deck. We may add that Aspen or Cedar decking free of charge. Your bonus will depend on your log home design and style.

We salute you and all you and your family do to protect this great country of ours. It is our way of saying "job well done".

**Heating Cost Comparisons**

When our clients ask about heating systems for their new log home, we recommend electric. It's less expensive than propane and is easier to plan for and work with.

Check these stats:

Est. Change in Home Heating Costs (FY 05 -09)

Fiscal Year	Heating Oil	Natural Gas	Propane	Electricity
2005	\$1,198	\$743	\$1,102	\$717
2006	\$1,430	\$945	\$1,281	\$782
2007	\$1,468	\$813	\$1,349	\$823
2008	\$1,962	\$858	\$1,670	\$842
2009	\$2,593	\$978	\$1,967	\$875

Source: state reports, US Energy Information Administration.