



September 2008 Newsletter Upper Truckee River Watershed Stewardship Group



Summer 2008 Highlights

Tours of the Lake Tahoe Golf Course and Washoe Meadow State Park, Sunset Stables, and the Upper Truckee River Marsh brought the Stewardship Group out in June, July, and August. Coordinated by the Stewardship Group, participants took advantage of Lake Tahoe's sublime summer weather and visited these areas along the Upper Truckee River where restoration projects are being proposed.

During each tour, the Stewardship Group learned about how development and the straightening of the Upper Truckee River channel have impacted river, riparian, and upland environments within the watershed. State and federal agency representatives were on hand to discuss proposed restoration at each site and the benefits and challenges of each project.



Courses at Lake Tahoe Community College

Nightfall might be coming a little sooner these days but don't let that stop you from getting out at night! Especially since Lake Tahoe Community College's Fall 2008 quarter of classes looks so exciting. If you're interested in learning about environmental issues within Lake Tahoe and the agencies and organizations that shape our community, **Lake Tahoe Issues and Agencies** (course number EVS 151) is the class for you. Introductory courses in green, sustainable education are also being offered and will cover topics in **Solar Energy** (course number GSE 131C) and **Green Business** (course number GSE 131D.) Classes begin on Monday, September 22nd. For course descriptions and registration information, visit www.ltcc.edu.



An Evening with Your Watershed - Fall 2008 Forum

Collect more than just pinecones before the snow begins to fall! On Wednesday, October 1st, gather information about the Upper Truckee River Watershed and the Lake Tahoe Basin. Representatives from local agencies and organizations will be at Lake Tahoe Community College sharing information about potential restoration projects, aquatic invasive species, bike trail development, clean street sweepers, volunteer water quality monitoring, and more! Visit project exhibits and hear representatives speak. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Raina at 530-541-5388 or raina@keptahoeblue.org. Nights like this don't come along very often, so don't miss out!



Our Local Celebrity, Sammy Salmon at Taylor Creek

Don't forget your cameras! On Saturday and Sunday, October 4th and 5th, the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit will be celebrating the annual Kokanee Salmon Festival at Taylor Creek. Exciting and educational events are planned for adults and tots, alike. For more information, please visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/ltbmu/recreation/visitor-center/events/kokanee.shtml>.



Take a Trip with the Stewardship Group

No need to pack a suitcase! The Stewardship Group will be visiting the site of a river restoration project taking place at the Airport Reach of the Upper Truckee River. On Monday, October 6th the project's staff will explain construction activities, the purpose of, and the need for the project. The time of the tour has yet to be determined. For more information and to book your spot on the walking tour, please contact Raina at 530-541-5388 or raina@keptahoeblue.org.



Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 20, 2008 9:00 AM-12:00 PM – **Coastal Cleanup Day**, Kings Beach and Incline Village

Wednesday, October 1, 2008 5:30 PM-8:00 PM – Upper Truckee River Watershed **Fall 2008 Forum**

Saturday and Sunday, October 4th and 5th 10:00 AM-4:00 PM – **Kokanee Salmon Festival**

Monday, October 6, 2008 Time TBD – Upper Truckee River **Airport Reach Restoration Tour**

November 2008 – The Jedi have returned and so will the Stewardship Group's **Film Nights** (date, location, and time TBD)