Track camp looking for participants

Sports Fitness Track & Field Camp has been running for more than 10 years as part of Lake Tahoe Community College Kid's College Program.

Coach Anthony Davis and South Tahoe High Coach Melissa Berry are offering the class on their own as a part of sports development for the community.

Cost $150 or $125 for one week session

Ages: 8-13

Dates/Time: July 6–16,9am-noon

Where: Community Youth Sports Complex at South Tahoe Middle School Track

For more information and registration form, click here.

DUI checkpoint in Incline Village

By Reno Gazette-Journal

The Nevada Highway Patrol will conduct a drunk driving checkpoint Sunday near Incline Village.

A similar checkpoint last year led to 1,508 vehicles being screened, the NHP said in a statement. Twenty-six vehicles were directed to a secondary screening area where two people

were arrested for drunken driving, one at the checkpoint and another who tried to avoid the checkpoint.

Also, a 17-year-old was cited for being a minor consuming alcohol.

Personnel from the Sparks Police Department, the Washoe County School District Police Department, the sheriff’s offices for Carson City and Washoe County and the Nevada Highway Patrol will screen the traffic.

Read the whole story

Placer County bans alcohol from Truckee River

Placer County reminds Tahoe residents and visitors that alcohol is banned on the Truckee River July 3-5.

Possession of open or closed containers of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on the Truckee River from its outfall at Lake Tahoe to the Alpine Meadows Bridge. State law bans the possession of alcoholic beverages on the river and any of its islands. Placer County ordinance bans possession of alcoholic beverage containers 3 feet up from the river’s high water mark on each bank, including all islands and bridges. The Fanny Bridge in Tahoe City is the only bridge excluded from the ban.

For decades, the Truckee River has provided fun and refreshing summer recreation for North Lake Tahoe families and visitors, especially during the Fourth of July holiday when thousands of rafters float the river. However, excessive consumption of alcohol along this portion of the river during peak holiday

periods created a public safety hazard and degraded the tourism experience. Additionally, the tremendous amount of trash and debris left behind in the river and along its banks became a safety and environmental hazard and was expensive to remove.

Before the alcohol ban on the Truckee River, there was an alcohol-related death, numerous arrests for driving under the influence, being drunk in public, indecent exposure and minors in possession of alcohol. Additionally, there were multiple automobile collisions that resulted in arrest for DUI. The alcohol ban is responsible for a significant reduction in alcohol-related incidents the past three years.

Violations of the ban are punishable by a fine not to exceed $150 for the first violation, $500 for the second violation and $1,000 for the third violation occurring in any calendar year.

Answers to mobile home mystery

A *Lake Tahoe News* reader from South Lake Tahoe wrote in saying:

“The trailer park at 2333 Eloise is being torn down. I live in Sky Meadows just behind the trailer park, and have been watching men work on removing items from the park over the past few weeks. Then they brought out a large tractor and have begun tearing through the old trailers and making large piles of rubble. If anyone has any information on what is going to be done with the property once the trailers are all removed … let me know.”

Here is the response from Gene Palazzo, director of Redevelopment/Housing for South Lake Tahoe:

“The park has been for sale for some time. About a year or so ago the owner was talking with a potential affordable housing developer, who was also working with the city to see if the city would be interested/willing in supporting a 2010-11 application to HCD for HOME funds. They were unable to put the financing package together so the deal fell apart after about a year of time invested by them.

“More recently, a potential buyer came into our offices stating they were looking to buy the property. He discussed improving the park and installing new mobile/type homes that would be more ‘Tahoe’ looking. That was months ago, and he was going to do it without requesting housing funds because he didn’t want to restrict renting to low-income.

“The real estate agent working with the previous owner stated the property has been sold and the new owner is in the process of fixing it up. Mobil home parks are regulated by the state Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).”

Heavy law enforcement presence this weekend

Law enforcement agencies throughout the Lake Tahoe Basin will be beefing up patrol during the holiday weekend.

There will be a sobriety checkpoint from 8pm-1am today by the South Lake Tahoe Police Department.

Saturation patrols will be out Saturday-Monday. Extra DUI

roving patrols will be assigned by police in South Lake Tahoe and Placerville. El Dorado County sheriff’s deputies will staff extra DUI units in the South Lake Tahoe to support that police department.

California Highway Patrol maximum enforcement period is from 6 tonight through midnight Monday.

Wine tasting, music in Placerville

Synapse Wines is proud to support the free, live Music in the Courtyard, just steps from the tasting room on Main Street in Historic Downtown Placerville. Kiva Rhythm will be featured from 3-6pm on July 10.

Endurance swim canceled

Karen Rogers of Tahoe City had to abort her early morning attempt today to swim from the Farallon Islands to San Francisco because of rough seas. It is possible she will attempt the 30-mile feat in the Pacific Ocean again. She and her team say the window of opportunity is until July 7.



Karen Rogers

Sample the Sierra

Get on The Run to experience a market to table event that celebrates the Sierra Nevada region.

Sample the Sierra is Aug. 21 on Ski Run Boulevard in South Lake Tahoe. The event is from noon-5pm, with tastings from 1-4pm.

Admission is free.

Restaurants, growers and artists will be part of the fun.

Fireworks illegal in El Dorado County

To the community,

The South Lake Tahoe Fire Department would like to remind you the sale, possession or discharge of all fireworks, including safe and sane, are prohibited in all portions of El Dorado

County.

Even though the Tahoe basin experienced significant precipitation over the winter, the chances of a damaging wildland fire from illegal fireworks is extreme. Remember that you can be cited for using fireworks in El Dorado County and you can also be held liable for the cost of fighting any fires that you or your children start.

There will be a public fire works display at 9:45pm July 4 for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Please be careful, be responsible and enjoy your Independence Day.

South Lake Tahoe Fire Department

Eriksson Ed Center to open with science day

Celebrate the grand opening of the Eriksson Education Center at the UC Davis Tahoe City Field Station on July 10.

Activities are from 1-4pm with Children's Environmental Science Day. More than 40 interactive science activities hosted by organizations around the region will be available for children ages 6 and up.

There will be information provided by Lake Tahoe research scientists, a live animal presentation with Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care and a living green seminar. Free ice cream from Susie Scoops will be provided throughout the day.

From 4-6pm is the North Lake Tahoe Chamber mixer and open

house. Complimentary food will be provided by Sawtooth Ridge Café. There will be a cash bar hosted by Incline Spirits and also live music with Dan Copeland.

The historical hatchery was built in the 1920s. The building has recently been restored and is opening to the public for the first time since fish hatchery operations closed in 1956.

The center will be open on Saturdays from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Volunteer docents will provide free tours of the historic fish hatchery and demonstration gardens. Kids of all ages can participate in new scientific exhibits and interactive games. Guests will learn about the historic hatchery and current research. Learn the answers to all your Lake Tahoe environmental and scientific questions.

The Eriksson Education Center is located a half-mile from downtown Tahoe City at Highway 28 (North Tahoe Boulevard) and Lake Forest Road. Due to limited parking, guests are encouraged to walk or ride bikes down the paved bike path and follow the “fish” to the event. Free public transportation provided by the TART bus will also be available.

For more information, visit the Tahoe Environmental Research Center online at terc.ucdavis.edu.