

LTCC fire academy orientation

Lake Tahoe Community College's mandatory orientation for the 2011-12 Lake Tahoe Basin Fire Academy is Aug. 1.

No reservations required. Simply show up with a pen at 6pm at the Student Center at LTCC. Attendance at this meeting

is required to be eligible for the lottery to select students for the 2011-12 academy.

For information, call (530) 541.4660, ext. 583 or 554.

IHOP Scare Face Pancake Giveaway

IHOP's Scary Face Pancake Giveaway returns to participating IHOP restaurants nationwide Oct. 28.

Kids 12 and under may design and dine on their own Free Scary Face Pancake creations from 7am to 10pm.

The pre-Halloween giveaway launched last year as a playful take on IHOP's popular Funny Face Pancake. The Scary Face Pancake is an oversized signature buttermilk pancake with a whipped topping mouth and strawberry nose, and two mini Oreo cookies and candy corn on the side to allow kids to create their Halloween hotcake.

The Scary Face Pancake will also be available for purchase throughout October.

Music on the beach

Tahoe Arts Project is having an evening of music on the beach on Aug. 4 from 7-9pm.

Lakeshore Lodge and Spa in South Lake Tahoe is hosting this benefit for Tahoe Arts Project that will feature the music of Niall McGuinness, Trey Stone and Rocky Sleight. Bring blankets and low back chairs, but no pets.

Hot dogs, sodas and baked goods will be available for sale. A suggested donation of \$10 per person will support Tahoe Arts Project's mission of bringing professional performing arts into the schools and community of South Lake Tahoe.

Call (530) 542.3632 for more information.

Chamber mixer in Incline

The North Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce's Business Mixer is in Incline Village Aug. 4, 5-7pm, at 250 Village Blvd.

The mixer is hosted by businesses that occupy the 250 Village Blvd. building, including Simonian Flooring, Bradley Electrical Plumbing & Heating, James Costalupes Construction and Incline Tahoe Class.

Attendees can dance to live music of Under the Radar, enjoy a barbecue and free wine tasting with Incline Spirits, as well as take part in a raffle.

This event is open to chamber members and nonmembers. No RSVP is required.

For more information about the mixer, call Kym Fabel at (530) 581.8764 or kym@puretahoenorth.com.

DURGA drum production at LTCC

DURGA, featuring Liz Broscoe, will be presented at the Duke Theatre on the Lake Tahoe Community College Campus on Aug. 18 at 7:30 pm.

Tickets are \$15. Doors open at 6:30pm. Tickets are available by phone or in person at GaiaLicious, 987 Tallac Ave., South Lake Tahoe, (530) 542.4244.

Tickets will be available at the door the night of performance.

“DURGA and the Story of the Drum” is a multi-media “drumaganza.” The show teaches the rich history of universal connection that no other instrument conveys more powerfully than the drum. Showcasing film, narration and performance, DURGA celebrates community, unity and life because life is rhythm.

Broscoe created this original production.

South Shore Relay for Life

South Shore Relay for Life is Aug. 13 from 11am-11pm at Kahle Community Park.

The schedule:

11am – Opening Ceremony

11:30 – Survivor/Caregivers Celebration Lap

noon – Music, games and fund-raising begins, silent auction, water balloon toss and wet T-shirt pass

1pm – Kickball tournament

2pm – Island lap/Hula Hoop contest

3pm – Survivor Lunch/BBQ, \$10 donation from non-survivors

4pm – TBA

5pm – TBA

6pm – TBA

7pm – Dog Walk Lap (only time pets can be at park), \$10 donation

8pm – S'mores at the Pavilion, closing of silent auction

9pm – Super Hero Lap

10pm – Luminaria Ceremony, Silent lap with main lights out

11pm – Closing Ceremony.

Feel free to set up tents and stay the night. Clean up at 8-9am with coffee and pastries.

For more information, contact Michelle Hale with the American Cancer Society at (775) 828.2203.

Tahoe Art League studio tour

The 4th annual Tahoe Art League's Artist Studio Tour is July 29, 30 and 31 and Aug. 5, 6 and 7 from 10am-5pm each day.

Maps are available at tour headquarters at 3062 Lake Tahoe Blvd. in South Lake Tahoe or by download.

For more information, call (530) 544.2313.

This year's tour features 26 artists at 14 studios.

Admission is free and art work is for sale.

Conservation Landscape Tour

The 4th annual Conservation Landscape Tour is Aug. 21 from 1-5pm.

Pick up a map at the Sierra House Elementary School on Pioneer Trail in South Lake Tahoe between 1-3pm for this free tour.

See examples of BMPs, native plants, water conservation and defensible space.

Call (530) 543.1501, ext. 118 for more information.

Great Gatsby Gala

Put on your Glad Rags for the Great Gatsby Gala on Aug. 13 at MontBleu in Stateline.

Attire is 1920s. Free Charleston lessons will be given.

Cocktails are at 6:30pm, dinner 7pm, dancing at 8pm. Dinner and dancing is \$60; just dancing is \$20.

Tickets are available at both Tahoe Youth & Family Services offices, 1021 Fremont Ave., South Lake Tahoe (530) 541.2445 or in Gardnerville at 1422 Mission St. (775) 782.4202. Tickets may also be purchased online. All proceeds go to Tahoe Youth & Family Services.

Camp during meteor shower

The Perseids meteor shower comes every year beginning in late July and stretching into August. On Aug. 12, camp under the stars and watch the night sky light up at Squaw Valley High Camp.

On this night, sky watchers can witness colorful fireballs, occasional outbursts and long hours of gracefully streaking meteors.

Perseid Meteor Shower campers can upload the Cable Car between 5-6:30pm. Upon arriving at High Camp, guests have the option of starting off the evening with a self-led sunset hike around Squaw Valley's upper mountain peaks or eating dinner at the resort's mountaintop café (not included in price). Following, there will be an informational briefing on telescopes as well as campfire activities, with meteor shower viewing beginning

at 10pm. In the morning is a continental breakfast from 7:30-8:30am before downloading the Cable Car.

Reservations for the Perseid Meteor Shower Campout are required and this event does sell out. Those interested in more information or in making reservations may call (530) 583.6985.

Cost is \$75 for adults, \$50 for children 15 and younger.