

# Tahoe Donner Green Club



## 2011 Summer Events Schedule

### **“Wonders of Nature” Family Film Nights - viewing the acclaimed PBS series, Planet Earth**

Wednesdays, June 1st, July 6th, August 3rd, September 7th, and October 5th. TDNorthwoodsClubhouse, 6:30 pm

Big-screen viewings will begin at 6:30 in the central, common area of the clubhouse on the first Wednesday of the month, June - October. You are welcome to come early and get dinner or snacks from Pizza on the Hill and eat as you watch. Film segments to be shown include Mountains, Deserts, Ice Worlds, Deep Ocean, Shallow Sea, Great Plains, Jungles, Fresh Water, Seasonal Forests, and Caves.

### **Hike: The Geology, Ecology, and History of Donner Lake - Prof. Derek Larson, Sierra College**

Saturday, June 25, 10:00 am - noon. Meet at Rainbow Bridge overlook, Old Highway 40, above Donner Lake

Learn about the geologic origin of the Sierras and the formation of Donner Lake and surrounding glacial/volcanic features. Start at the Donner Lake Vista Point parking lot by the Rainbow Bridge for a brief geology lecture. Then hike toward the summit of old highway 40 and examine some of the common trees and high altitude plant adaptations on this section of the Pacific Crest Trail.

### **Truckee River Basin and Wetlands Overview - Dr. Michael Josselyn**

Friday, July 22nd - meet at the TD Club House for refreshments at 6:30 with program beginning at 7:00

The Truckee Watershed historically has experienced timber harvests, clearing for agriculture, filling and alteration of wetlands, the introduction of invasive species and development in flood plains. On Friday evening Dr. Michael Josselyn will discuss specific Truckee watershed issues, relevant also to Tahoe Donner's wetlands, and the multiple restoration challenges for a system that encompasses alpine to desert biomes.

### **Tahoe Donner Wetlands Field Walk - Micki Kelley, Kelley Biological Consulting, Truckee**

Saturday, July 23 - meet at the Tahoe Donner Equestrian Center at 8:30 am for a two hour walk

Join Micki on Saturday morning for a walk through Tahoe Donner's wetlands and become acquainted with our unique wetland environment, its natural history and importance, and learn some of the flora. Micki has served as a consultant for Tahoe Donner in wetland analysis and restoration projects.

### **Climate and Weather in the Tahoe Basin: Past and Future - Mark McLaughlin, award-winning author, speaker, and photographer (see [www.thestormking.com](http://www.thestormking.com))**

Wednesday, August 17th - meet at the TD Lodge Banquet room for refreshments at 6:30, program beginning at 7:00

This will be a dynamic, informative talk on the Truckee area's weather history since the Donner Party, including the effects from El Nino and La Nina weather events, both in the past and projected over the next several years. Mark will also talk about the occurrence and stability of the Pacific pressure ridge that causes our stormy weather.

### **Power Surge: Are we finally on the brink of a clean energy revolution? (a NOVA film from PBS)**

Wednesday, September 14th - meet at the TD Club House for refreshments at 6:30, program beginning at 7:00

Can emerging technology defeat global warming? NOVA travels the globe to reveal the surprising technologies that just might turn back the clock on climate change, focusing on the latest and greatest innovations including everything from artificial trees to green reboots of familiar technologies like coal and nuclear energy. Plan to join in the discussion following the film.

### **How Truckee Is Going Green - 4th Annual Update**

Wednesday evening, October 12th - Town of Truckee Council Chambers (10183 Truckee Airport Road).

Meet at 6:30 for refreshments with program beginning at 7:00

The following speakers will present significant steps taken during the last year by the Town of Truckee, TDPUD, and the TD Homeowners Association toward long-range sustainability plans for Truckee and Tahoe Donner, including current energy and water conservation initiatives, facility upgrades, and energy/cost-saving strategies.

Tahoe Donner Association  
Town of Truckee  
TDPUD

Robb Etnyre, General Manager  
Tony Lashbrook, City Manager  
Steven Poncelet, Public Information and Conservation Manager

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