

# Tahoe City tree lot benefits Boy Scouts

North Lake Tahoe Troop 266 Boy Scouts and Venture Crew is selling Christmas trees this holiday season at Lighthouse Shopping Center in Tahoe City. The naturally grown and hand-harvested Christmas trees are environmentally sound.

Purchasing your Christmas tree from Troop 266 is a “green” way to celebrate the holiday season while helping support local youth.

There will be a wide selection of trees harvested by scouts in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service as part of the forest fuel reduction and forest health thinning project in the Bowman Lake area. No trees from commercial Christmas tree farms are offered for sale. All trees are free of pesticides and other chemical additives.

When fully recycled after use, these naturally grown Christmas trees have the smallest carbon footprint compared to farmed Christmas trees and artificial trees.

Scouts hand select each tree for size, fullness, shape and color. Scouts then transport trees to Tahoe City for temporary storage at the Williamson Yard on River Road. Each tree is inspected for freshness and trimmed if necessary before display at the Troop 266 Christmas Tree Lot at Lighthouse Center.

Following the holiday season, trees can be recycled by local waste management companies for mulch ground cover used in landscaping and environmental restoration projects.

Trees are priced at a very economical \$5 per foot. Trees can be cut to order and range in height from five to 14 feet. Complimentary tree stands manufactured by Boy Scouts are

included with each tree.

The tree lot will be at the Lighthouse Shopping Center, 840 N Lake Blvd., Tahoe City, near Tootsie's and Chinese Cuisine Restaurant.

The lot is open 3-5pm weekdays and 10am-5pm weekends.

All profits from the sales of the trees fund Scout programs, including summer camps, educational outings and merit badge workshops.

For information about the lot and availability of trees, call (530) 314.9480.