

Wild Tahoe Weekend all about native species

U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit will host the fourth Wild Tahoe Weekend on June 7-8 at Taylor Creek Visitor Center.

The weekend event consists of the Lake Tahoe Bird Festival on that Saturday and the Native Species Festival on Sunday.

Lake Tahoe Bird Festival, a family event, is free from 10am-3:30pm. The event includes guided bird walks along the Rainbow Trail every hour until 1:30pm, a bird art contest for all ages, information on migratory birds and spotting scope use, and a presentation by master falconer Marie Gaspari Crawford that includes live birds of prey.

Art submissions (photography, sculptures, drawing, paintings, etc.) for the bird art contest may be submitted to Rena Escobedo at rescobedo@fs.fed.us before June 4.

For a schedule of activities, go online.

Native Species Festival on that Sunday is from 10am-4pm.

Walks led by field professionals and local students will teach people about native Tahoe yellow cress, quaking aspen trees, and local wildlife. The event will also feature a nature walk for dog owners. Students will present a program called, "What is a Swale?" at the amphitheater in the afternoon.

For more information, contact Jean Norman at 530.543.2694.