Festival centers on all things fish

The Fall Fish Festival is Oct. 3-4 at the Taylor Creek Visitor Center on the South Shore.

Hosted by the U.S. Forest Service and the Tahoe Heritage Foundation, the festival is an opportunity to learn about the variety of fish species that live in Lake Tahoe and its streams including the federally threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout.

Festival events feature children's activities, food vendors and event T-shirt sales, educational booths, streamside information and Kokanee Trail Runs on Sunday sponsored by the Tahoe Mountain Milers. For information on the trail runs, go online.

The festival is from 10am-4pm each day. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's giant inflatable fish will serve as the gateway to fun activity stations for kids and festival mascots, Lulu the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout and Sandy and Rocky Salmon will make appearances. There will also be a special appearance by Smokey Bear.

The Fall Fish Festival and Oktoberfest at Historic Camp Richardson Resort occur the same weekend, so the parking lot at the visitor center fills quickly. The Forest Service encourages attendees to bike, walk or take public transportation to the event.