TAHOE GETAWAY

Monday, October 1 through October 4, 2012

COORDINATORS

Sue Geisler --- Hiking

Dennis Ratay --- Lodging

Lodging is now filled.

Waiting List: Anyone else interested in participating in the getaway should contact Dennis Ratay (543-9935 or <u>Denratay@sbcglobal.net</u>) **to be placed on a waiting list.**

OVERVIEW

This getaway offers hikers four wonderful day of exploring high elevation trails, some of which will be along certain sections of the Tahoe Rim Trail (TRT). This trail has been called a "trail like no other", one of the world's premier trails! It is a 165 mile trail that circumvents the Lake Tahoe Basin. The sections we will hike are on the northeastern side of Lake Tahoe, all in the state of Nevada.

A note of caution: Before you make your decision to attend this getaway, be aware that all the hikes are at high elevations. Acclimatization to high elevations is necessary to safely enjoy these hikes, hence it is very important that hikers do some high elevation hiking during the summer to prepare for this getaway.

One high elevation hike will be offered on September 20 ---- hiking at Squaw Valley with climbs to Emigrant Peak (8700 feet) and Squaw Peak (8900 feet). Check the hiking schedule for other summer high elevation hikes to prepare adequately for this getaway.

We will be staying at the Lake Tahoe Vacation Resort in South Lake Tahoe in their two bedroom condos.

MEALS

Breakfasts --- at lodging or a restaurant

Lunches --- bring your own

Dinners --- after each day's hike --- at a restaurant in Incline Village or South Lake Tahoe --- all to be determined later.

TENTATIVE HIKE SCHEDULE

This hike list gives prospective hikers a general look at some of the hikes, but is subject to change based on prehikes and other issues.

DAY ONE --- Monday, October 1

Leave Lincoln Hills at 7:30 am and drive to first hike.

a) Easy hike --- Tahoe Meadows Trailhead (off Mt. Rose Hwy. or Hwy. 431)

1.2 miles round trip, flat loop trail in open meadow & forest environment with additional easy hiking along the Tahoe Rim Trail --- 2 to 4 miles (in & out).

Elevation --- 8740 at start & finish.

b) Moderate to strenuous hike ---- Same location as above plus longer hike along the TRT --- 6 miles (in & out).

Meadow & forest environment to vistas of Lake Tahoe

Elevation --- 8740 to 9500 feet.

DAY TWO --- Tuesday, October 2

a) Strenuous hike --- Tahoe Rim Trail (Spooner Summit Trailhead south) to South Camp Peak

"Incredible vistas from an open one mile long summit plateau of South Camp Peak" --- 10 miles round trip (in & out).

Elevation --- 7150 to 8866 feet.

b) Moderate hike --- Starting from the same trailhead --- approx. 5 miles (in & out) to great views.

Elevation --- 7150 to 8000 feet.

c) Easy hike --- Spooner Lake --- Easy stroll around a scenic lake --- 2 mile loop.

Elevation --- 6950 to 7050 feet.

DAY THREE --- Wednesday, October 3

Free day! Suggestions ----

a) Heavenly Valley Tram Ride ---- a 2.4 mile tram ride to 9123 feet --- with numerous easy to strenuous hiking trails.

Cost of tram ride --- Seniors: Age 65+ -- \$28, Under 65 -- \$32.

Hiking at Heavenly Valley will be unguided, meaning no leader, hikers make their own choices of trails and length of hiking.

b) Visit to Virginia City --- "The nation's largest National Historic Landmark" ---"the quintessential mining boomtown" of gold and silver!

- c) Nevada Casinos
- d) South Lake Tahoe Shopping
- e) Unguided hiking ---hiking list will be provided.

DAY FOUR --- Thursday, October 4

Easy & moderate hikes to be determined.

Return to Lincoln Hills.

Please call Sue Geisler (408-1010) if you have any questions on the hiking plan.

LODGING

We have reserved 10 two bedroom condos at the Lake Tahoe Vacation Resort at 901 Ski Run Blvd in South Lake Tahoe. This is a Diamond Resorts Timeshare that used to be the Embassy Suites. Most of you will recognize it as the large green facility on the water side of Rt 50 about a mile from the Nevada border and the casinos.

See their website at this address:

https://www.diamondresorts.com/Lake-Tahoe-Vacation-Resort

ACCOMMODATIONS

The two bedroom suite consists of a studio lock off on one side and a full one bedroom apartment on the other. Please see the floor plan below and make sure you understand the differences. You will need to decide if you want to be in the studio or the one bedroom.

In an ideal world, the unit should be considered a two bedroom unit with doors remaining open and everyone sharing the living room and kitchen evenly.

Our goal is that members arrange whom they would like to share this condo with. Then the responsible member should make the reservation. See Making Your Reservation below. Payment is not required until check in, but a credit card is required to hold the rooms. Note that our reservations are for the 2 bedroom suite – not the studio or one bedroom individually.

This 2 bedroom condo would go for \$220 (\$250 with tax and fees) in peak season. Since we are in a non-peak season and booked a block of rooms, our cost is \$119.50 (\$138.34 with tax and fees, or basically \$140 per night). Members can work out how they want to split the \$140 per night total cost. It could be, for example, \$70 each shared evenly, or \$80 for the one bedroom and \$60 for the studio -- you can decide that yourself with your "roommates"

2 BEDROOM FLOOR PLAN

NOTE: The Studio portion is to the left with 2 beds and a kitchenette. The kitchenette includes a small refrigerator, microwave and coffee maker as well as service for four. It does NOT include a cook top or dishwasher. The one bedroom (right side) includes a king size bed. Note that a full size sofa bed is included in the living room, if someone would like to take advantage of that. The living room / kitchen contains a full kitchen, complete with stove, oven, full refrigerator and dishwasher.

