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What: Lake Tahoe Invasive Weed Field Tour
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Date: July 25th, 2008
Time: 10:00am-1:00pm
Where: Meet at 64 Acre Park
Located just south of the "Y" in Tahoe City behind the Bridgetender
Participants may either: 1) follow a self-guided tour map or 2) join other tour participants in a vanpool. Carpool also available from South Shore: meet at the Tahoe Resource Conservation District Office at 870 Emerald Bay Road at 9am

Join us for the 2008 Lake Tahoe Invasive Weeds Field Tour

In celebration of California Invasive Weeds Awareness Week, which will be held July 21-27, the Lake Tahoe Basin Weed Coordinating Group invite the public to join them for the 2008 Lake Tahoe Invasive Weeds Field Tour on July 25th. This year the event will be held in and around Tahoe City. Topics to be covered include:

Aquatic Invasive Species-Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers! Learn how to identify aquatic invasive species threatening Lake Tahoe and see firsthand how watercraft inspections are conducted.

Challenging look-a-likes Find out how to distinguish challenging invasive plant species like Sulfur cinquefoil and Klamathweed.

Know Your Thistles Ensure you aren't removing native thistles from your yard and gain hands-on removal techniques for bull-thistle!

Don't Plant a Pest Scotch broom, Oxeye daisy and toadflax are pretty, but invasive ornamental plants that can "jump the garden fence." Discover favorable garden alternatives.

Become a Tahoe Weed Spotter Receive information and training to become a valuable Tahoe invasive weed detection expert. Early detection and eradication of invasive weeds is the key to success!

California Invasive Weeds Awareness Week (CIWAW) is an annual event that brings attention to the problems caused by invasive plants in California, and to the work of local groups that work to protect our natural areas. In June 2003 Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) No. 114 "Invasive Weeds Awareness Week" was adopted by the California State Legislature. This bill, authored by

Assembly member Tim Leslie, “declares the week beginning with the 3rd Monday in July as the annual Invasive Weeds Awareness Week in California and urges all Californians, during that week, to participate in activities that raise awareness of both the scourge of harmful nonnative weeds and methods to prevent their pernicious spread.” To view the resolution in its entirety go to www.leginfo.ca.gov; click on Bill Information box, chose Session 2003-2004 (from the drop down list) and search for Bill Number ACR 114. For more information on weed identification, control efforts, the Lake Tahoe Basin Weed Coordinating Group, and Weeds Awareness Week, please visit the Tahoe Resource Conservation District’s website at <http://www.tahoercd.org>. **The event is free, but registration is required.** Please visit <http://ucanr.org/lake-tahoe-weed-tour-form> or call Cara Stafford, TRCD @ 530-543-1501 ext.105 and a confirmation will be sent to you, including directions to the tour stations.

