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Spring is here, and soon the Reservation will be buzzing with activity by animals, birds, fish, and employees. Employees will start regular work there as soon as conditions allow safe travel, and before long the Summit Lake Lahontan cutthroat trout will begin their spring spawn run. This means fishing for Tribal members! A few important announcements about fishing and other spring updates are included in this newsletter.

2012 FISHING LIMITS AND REGULATIONS

All Tribal members age 16 and older are issued a fishing permit, which is enclosed with this newsletter. If you or someone you know did not receive this announcement and fishing permit, please give us a call at 1-800-335-7978 or stop in to the office. Your fishing permit must be signed and in your possession while fishing to be valid. If you forget your permit, Tribal employees may issue you one on the Reservation with proof of Tribal membership and picture identification.

While fishing, please observe the following regulations:

-  In 2012 fishing limits remain unchanged from previous years at **2 fish allowed per minor Tribal member** (under 16) and **5 fish allowed per adult Tribal member** as established by the Council at the March 10, 2012 meeting. Tribal members must be present on the Reservation to take their limit of fish.
-  Except for spouses of Tribal members, fishing by non-tribal members is prohibited.
-  A non-tribal member married to a Tribal member may assist their spouse in fishing or fish in place of their spouse, as long as the Tribal member is present on the Reservation. Their take in fish per year is limited to the number to which the Tribal member is entitled.
-  Mahogany Creek is closed to all fishing in and above the fish trap and 100 yards below the fish trap (marked by the fence crossing the stream) from March 1 to June 15.
-  Tribal members may use dip nets and fishing poles to catch fish. The use of live bait, chumming, gaff hooks, spears, traps, wire fences, or other implements to take fish is prohibited.

Hunting and fishing regulations for the Summit Lake Reservation were initially adopted January 31, 1981 by Council Resolution SL-81-2. If you would like a copy of these regulations please contact the Natural Resources Department at 1-800-335-7978.

After fishing, please remember to report your catch of fish to Tribal employees. Knowing how many fish were caught by Tribal members helps us assess the total fish population and health. Also, Tribal employees will issue you a transportation permit required for you to take your catch off the Reservation. In agreement with the Nevada Fish and Game Commission, Tribal members transporting fish off the Reservation must have a transportation permit in their possession to do so. As a courtesy, please request to have your transportation permit issued between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm.

PLEASE- BE SAFE WHILE FISHING! WATER MAY BE COLDER AND DEEPER THAN IT APPEARS!

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SPRING 2012 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Openings

Several Employment Opportunities are advertised on the Tribe's website, including positions as a Maintenance Worker, Noxious Weed Crew Leader, and Noxious Weed Technician. The Tribal Member Preference Period has closed for all of these announcements, but the positions are currently open to the public. Interested applicants should visit the Tribal Office or website (www.summitlaketribe.org) to obtain a job announcement and application. Completed applications must be hand delivered or mailed to 1708 H Street, Sparks, NV 89431 and will be accepted until all positions are filled.



The Noxious Weed management effort will begin this spring when plants begin sprouting and are able to be identified.

Weather Update

This has been a mild winter, and the SNOTEL station installed on top of Summit Lake Mountain just outside the Reservation last fall has been tracking it. The station records daily minimum, maximum, and average temperatures, cumulative snow depth, and year-to-date precipitation. At the time this newsletter was written, the snow depth was only 21 inches, which is greatly below average. This indicates that the Reservation and surrounding region will experience drought-like conditions this summer. Monitor it by going to: <http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/nwcc/sntl-data0000.jsp?site=1194&days=7&state=nv>.



Although there has been below average snowfall for the year, roads and other areas may still be muddy. Use caution and carry food, water, and a shovel with you if you plan to visit the Reservation during the springtime in case your vehicle becomes stuck. Also, use extreme caution if operating vehicles near streams for fishing access. Even if the ground looks dry, it could be very muddy immediately below the surface and trap vehicles in mud.

Connecting With Nature Event



... Let's try this again! Last year's plans to hold the Connecting with Nature event were cancelled twice due to the flooding and wet conditions experienced on the Reservation. The event has been rescheduled for **June 30, 2012**. The focus will still be exploring the environment around the Reservation, and meals, space for camping, and transportation to the Reservation will be provided. More detailed information will be sent in the coming months, but mark your calendar now!

Upcoming Projects

Projects the Natural Resources Department has planned for the upcoming field season include: managing the fish run, continuing water quality monitoring of the lake and streams, construction of two solar powered livestock water facilities, continued maintenance of the Reservation boundary fences, the noxious weed management effort, working with a consultant to identify alternative road alignments of the Gerlach Road, and continuing the food web study and partnership with the University of Nevada Reno.



SUMMIT LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE STUDENT SERVICES PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN ENROLLED IN GRADES K-12



The Summit Lake Paiute Tribe (SLPT) is pleased to offer the Student Services Program for children of enrolled Tribal Members. These services are offered by SLPT without prejudice towards the student or families seeking educational assistance through the Student Services Program.

Parents/guardians of children enrolled in grades K-12, upon approval, may receive assistance for the following educational items:

- School Supplies
- Backpacks
- Athletic Activity Necessities/Sports
- Class Pictures
- Cheerleading Equipment:
- Band/Music Instruments
- Art/Shop Supplies
- Cap/Gown
- Graduation Announcements
- Senior Class Rings

The Program is designed to provide assistance to students who are maintaining a minimum C grade point average and are exhibiting an acceptable attendance record.

Each parent/guardian must complete an application for their student and send it along with:

- A letter from the parent/guardian describing the student's needs;
- A letter from the child's school affirming enrollment in the school;
- Legal documents showing custody/guardianship of student (if applicable); and,
- A copy of the student's most recent report card.

NOTE: An application must be submitted for prior approval each time educational supplies are requested.

The application is available at the SLPT Tribal office, 1708 H Street, Sparks, and on the SLPT website www.summitlaketribe.org. For more information please call Council Member/Educational Liaison Randi DeSoto at 775-622-7520. You may also call the Tribal office at 775-827-9670 or 800-335-7978.



2012 ELECTION



- **Candidates for Tribal Council**

Jerry L. Barr
Delgadina Gonzalez
Jerri Lynn Barlese

Randi DeSoto
Elizabeth DeLaLuz

- **Absentee Ballot Request Deadline - March 23, 2012 5:00 p.m.**
- **Election Day – Saturday, May 19, 2012, Summit Lake Reservation**

HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP



The Summit Lake Paiute Tribe is accepting applications for the Spring 2012 semester for all enrolled Summit Lake Paiute Tribal members.

- Are you 18 or older?
- Do you have a High School Diploma or GED?
- Are you planning on attending an accredited university or college and take a minimum of 6 credit hours of study?

If yes, you may be eligible for a scholarship. The following forms will need to be completed. Copies are available on the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe website www.summitlaketribe.org. For more information please call Council Member/Educational Liaison Randi DeSoto at 775-622-7520. You may also call the Tribal office at 775-827-9670 or 800-335-7978.

- **Higher Education Scholarship Application.** This form is to be completed by the applicant.
- **Needs Analysis Summary...** This form is completed by the applicant and the college/university financial aid office.
- **Education Repayment Agreement.** This form is to be completed by the applicant.

Each applicant must also provide:

- Copy of High School Diploma or GED Certificate.
- Personal letter outlining your educational goals.
- Letter of acceptance from the college or university.

Additionally, students who received scholarship funds in 2011 must provide copies of their transcripts/grades to be eligible for future scholarship funds.

Completed applications will be reviewed by the Higher Education Committee who will make funding recommendations to the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council.

