

# ***Fall Colors, Bears & Sunrise/Sunsets***

## **Lake Tahoe Area**

**October 16, 17 & 18, 2018 – all or part**

Recommend a two-night stay for best experience

For example, Check-in Tuesday afternoon and get three days  
of on-site photography

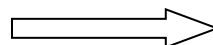
**What:** Photography Club Field Trip – Fall Colors, Salmon & Bears, Sunsets, Sunrise and Landscape photography in the Lake Tahoe area. For the past five years our fall colors field trips have been to the Eastern Sierras/Highway 395 and Lake Tahoe areas. Many people want to return again for the spectacular colors and wildlife. The core trip this year will focus on three days in the Lake Tahoe areas with the option to travel down Highway 395 depending on the snow and related fall color conditions.

**Why:** The aspens, cottonwoods, willows and mountain maples provide fantastic displays of gold, yellow and smatterings of red against spectacular mountain and lake backgrounds. We also will be visiting the creeks to see the Kokanee salmon spawn and hopefully getting photos of the bears feeding on the salmon as they prepare to hibernate. There will be plenty of mergansers, gulls and other birds feeding on the salmon. The air can be crystal clear this time of year. Galaxy photography will not be featured this year as the moon will be too bright; however, this provides moonlight photography opportunities with the lakes and mountains in the foreground.

Need more reasons? You need to take action and plan on going on these types of adventures or it's always a "tomorrow" event which of course even most 5-year old's figure out never really comes. This is only a short drive from Lincoln but is a whole different world. Get motivated and sign up for this trip.

**Who:** Everyone from beginners to pros. You are also welcome to bring guests.

**When:** **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, October 16, 17 & 18 (all or part).** Plan to check in to your hotel on Tuesday after lunch; we plan to meet for lunch and updates on Tuesday at 12:45 pm in South Lake Tahoe. We will be offering an 8 am trip to Taylor Creek for bears on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. People generally stay two or even three nights to be able to fully savor the life experience. **We will be operating out of the South Lake Tahoe area.**



### **Lodging:**

We recommend the Fireside Lodge B&B in South Lake Tahoe, 515 Emerald Bay Road. Many of our club members have stayed there before and it is delightful with in-room fireplaces, kitchen facilities, etc. Review their website for details. Rates start at \$120, about ½ of comparable hotels in the area. They only have 10 rooms and they are “sold out” nearly all year. I believe they don’t give cancellation refunds, just let you “roll it over” for a year so keep that in mind.

Sorensen’s Resort in nearby Hope Valley is famous for its fall color location and is a relaxing resort with cabins in a stunning mountain area. We are planning on meeting up for lunch at Sorensen’s during our trip. Somewhat pricey but ideal for a relaxing break from more crowded areas. Staying here is a special treat.

Motel 6. Good location in South Lake Tahoe. Prices are ~ \$68 with a senior discount. Very bare bones. Many of our members stay here on various field trips and report their experience with mixed reviews from happy to not happy. A frugal option if you are just looking for a place to sleep.

There are many, many other hotels in the area from the casinos to B&B’s to motels of all ratings and prices.

Camping is not a good option for this time of year as many of the campgrounds will be closed for the winter. RV campgrounds are open and can be excellent.

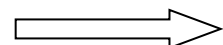
**Book your lodging early**. Many “high demand” places will be sold out because of the many visitors coming for fall colors, so book a good place early.

Money saving tip! Book your lodging reservations directly with the hotel. Ask for a senior discount. Mid-week rates are usually cheaper than week ends. Lodges and hotels without a middleman are usually more flexible if you need to cancel or make changes. The websites like Hotels.com etc. are usually more restrictive.

**Daytrips:** A daytrip is feasible for those who just want to drive up and back. It’s about 100 miles one way (2+ hours) to South Lake Tahoe via Highway 50. You need to leave Lincoln by 5 am and **this option has not worked out very well in the past**. Some folks last year driving in for the day were late in meeting up at Taylor Creek and missed out on the guided walk and the bears.

**Cost:** Overnight lodging, fuel and meals.

See following page for more information



**Sign Up: Send me an email** if you plan on going or have questions. I will be preparing a detail plan and map for each participant and need to know how many to make. Sign up early, see below.

**Pre-Trip Briefing Meeting: Sunday, September 30, 2018 from 4:30 pm to about 5:45 pm.** Details will be sent to you on place, etc. after you “Reply” via email that you would like to go on this trip.

If you can't make this date, don't worry, you will still get all the handouts.

Details available after you sign up for this trip. See below for “Reply” required.

“Reply” via email to sign up for this trip or send me an email: [7thomas33@gmail.com](mailto:7thomas33@gmail.com).

If you want to sign up for this trip or want to be kept informed, you need to reply by email.

This is the only way we can keep you informed of the details, the Pre-Trip Briefing Meeting, prepare a “Trip Pack” for you and your guests and let you know of any changes. “If your reply is not in writing, it didn't happen” as sometimes I can't even remember why I went into the garage to get something. If you are not on the “I'm going” list, you will be dropped as fast as a New Year's Resolution.

Cheers,

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Can't make a decision on going on a fun field trip?

**Ask yourself: “If not now, when?”**

Tomorrow never comes, it's just an excuse