

July 2011

Invasive Weeds Awareness Week (IWAW) Activities

Mark your calendar! The Lake County Weed Management Area is hosting its 6<sup>th</sup> annual “Invasive Weeds Tour” on Thursday, July 21, 2011. The tour is FREE and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

The third week of July is California’s annual “Invasive Weed Awareness Week.” This statewide program is designed to educate citizens about the undesirable effects and impacts of non-native invasive weeds.

The self-driving tour is a fun and informative event that gives participants the chance to view and learn about several species of invasive weeds. The tour will begin in Lakeport, proceed to Nice, Kelseyville and end at Lakeside Park with a discussion and samples of aquatic weeds followed by lunch. This year’s tour includes revisiting some of the same sites as last year to observe the progress in controlling the invasive weeds and, in some cases, to see how rapidly the unattended invasive weeds have spread.

We will see a demonstration area where goats have been used to control Spanish broom. The tour will also highlight weeds such as Arundo donax, Tamarisk, Tree of Heaven, Water primrose and various other aquatic weeds.

Passenger vans with limited seating will be available on a first come first serve basis. All other participants will need to provide their own transportation and carpooling is encouraged. Registration begins at 8:15 AM at the Lake County Department of Agriculture located at 883 Lakeport Blvd. The tour will depart from the parking lot at 8:45a.m. Please RSVP with Kristi @ (707) 263-0217 by July 19, 2011 if you plan on attending and indicate if you would like a seat on one of the vans.

The tour is sponsored by Lake County Department of Agriculture, the Lake County Department of Water Resources, and the East Lake & West Lake Resource Conservation Districts. The end-of-tour lunch is free but donations to offset the costs of lunch and refreshments will be greatly appreciated and cheerfully accepted.