

From the North Forty  
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Labor Day is only a few days away. With all the events, be sure to rest up before action starts on Saturday. Only a few days remain to donate to the TCVFD yard sale, so contact Robin Reilly or Linda Baird if you have donations.

Starting the weekend off on Saturday is the TCVFD benefit yard sale next to the post office. The sale is open from 8am to 4pm. Please... no early birds. One special item is from the estate of Jim Swett.

With your purchased goodies tucked away in your trunk, stroll over to the TCVFD fire hall Open House for a free hot dog, drink, and dessert from 11am to 2pm. You can examine the VFD apparatus, see our special medical training manikins, talk with volunteer personnel, and have your vital signs checked using the Heartstart Monitor. The afternoon highlight is a presentation at 2pm to recent retirees from the CCFVD and TCVFD. Retirees are Bob and Linda Cunningham, Jim and Linda Abercrombie, Sue Chatterton, Dr. Glenn Koby, Jimbo Dahm, and Jerry Van Gieson. These wonderful people represent more than 40 years of VFD service. Come show our retirees just how much the North Lake community appreciates their service.

At 8pm, try your luck at the Trinity Lake KOA weekend Bingo. The games are a fundraiser for the Trinity Lake Lions Club. The cost is \$4 per card and children are welcome with an adult.

On Sunday the activity continues. Have lunch, dinner, or both at the Trinity Lake Lions Club Open Pit Barbecue. This year's menu includes turkey and beef served from noon to 6pm. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under the age of 12. Desserts are available from the Coffee Creek Fireflies. The BBQ is held across the street from the Scott Museum on Airport Road in Trinity Center.

Around meals you can shop the arts and crafts fair staged adjacent to the BBQ from 10am to 5pm, view historic and other aircraft parked on display at the Trinity Center Airport, and learn about the history of the Trinity Center area at the Scott Museum from 10am to 5pm.

Top off Sunday by attending a free dance at Trinity Lake KOA from 7pm until 10pm. This dance features an "all generations" band, so there is music for everyone. A raffle will be held for 3days/2 nights in the KOA lodge. This is a wonderful prize for you or visiting family and friends. For more information, contact Jodie Lloyd at 266-3337.

As you recover from the weekend, mark Tuesday September 15 for the NTLIA annual meeting and potluck dinner at the IOOF Hall. Dinner starts at 6pm and ends with an announcement from the Election Board. Please bring a favorite dish to share and your dinnerware and utensils.

We hope that you enjoy the Labor Day activities and we thank all the locals and visitors to the North Lake area for a wonderful 2009 summer. And, please be extra careful as summer tails off, the fire season is at a critical stage.