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Climbing films at Pyramid Brewery; Tahoe's annual Charity Fishing Derby; Medicinal Plant Walk; more

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Sociable climbing

The Pyramid Brewery in Berkeley hosts a 90-minute collection of six short climbing films, "Return2Sender," at 8:30 p.m. tonight (May 12). Produced and directed by Peter Mortimer and distributed by Lenticular Pictures, the films feature speed climber and comic Timmy O'Neill and 10 year-old bouldering champ Cicada Jenerik of San Francisco.

Admission: \$10 (advance), or \$12 (at the door). Advance tickets can be obtained at Ironworks in Berkeley or Touchstone in Concord. The Brewery is at 901 Gilman St. in Berkeley. (510) 528-9880, or www.return2sendermovie.com

Tackle Tahoe's top trout

By dawn's early light on June 5, anglers will spread out across the gleaming expanse of Lake Tahoe, in pursuit of the legendary Mackinaw trout. These tasty, deep-dwelling fish can achieve weights of 20 pounds or more. Participants can register for the 12 annual Jake's On The Lake Annual Charity Fishing Derby the previous day, June 4, until 5 p.m., at either Jake's or Pete'n'Peter's in Tahoe City. Headquarters for the derby itself will be docks at Tahoe City Marina. Entry: \$45, includes t-shirt, raffle entry and brunch. The event benefits youth education scholarships. (530) 583-0188, or www.jakestahoe.com

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The debut Reno-Tahoe Odyssey Relay Run Adventure will launch a 30-hour circuit of a new relay course on July 8, from Wingfield Park on the Truckee River in Downtown Reno. The 178-mile loop will link Genoa, Carson City and Genoa. Runners are invited to form their own 12-person teams; each runner on a team must complete three of the 36 course segments. Or, entrants can choose to be assigned to a team by the organizers. Teams can be male, female or coed. Entry is \$75 (person) or \$900 (team), and closes on June 1. Event benefits the Angel Kiss Foundation and the Tahoe Pyramid Bikeway. (775) 336-8528, or www.renotahoeodyssey.com.

Get the kids charged up

The Randall Museum presents an expo on renewable energy options, Endless Energy -- Power for a Small Planet, June 4 through October 22. Designed for parents and kids ages 5-12, the exhibit will present hands-on demos and displays. The facility, at 199 Museum Way in San Francisco, is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tues.-Sats. Admission: free, but children must be accompanied by an adult. (415) 554-9600, or www.randallmuseum.org.

Go green in Occidental

The Occidental Arts and Ecology Center will present a three-hour Medicinal Plant Walk, starting at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday (May 15). Led by midwife and gardener Kalanete Baruch, the tour reveals keys to plant identification, medicinal use and integration with other gardening values. Cost: \$25, with advance registration. Also, May 20-22, the Center holds an Intentional Communities Course, led by Dave Henson and Adam Wolpert, which focuses on the fundamental legal, fiscal and organizational issues, as well as tours of functioning local communities. Cost: \$425 (includes lodging and meals). At 10 a.m. on May 22, the Center will offer an Introduction to Birding, with Brock Dolman, during a tour of the Center's ecological preserve. This comprehensive look at our avian friends includes information on behavior, life history and possible habitat enhancements. Bring binocular, bird book, notebook and beginner's mind. Cost: \$25. (707) 874-1557, ext. 201, or www.oaec.org

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