

TRHS TRUCKEE TRACKER

AUGUST 25, 2026

*"We are a box of crayons, each one of us unique.
But when we get together, the picture is complete!"
~ Shane DeRolf*

**NOTE: Learning Period #1 ends FRIDAY, September 11.
Please complete your student's on-line Learning Log and
sign/submit on the SAME DAY! Thank you!**

*EXTRA NOTE: Please log in to the Parent Portal **DAILY** and complete the checkboxes of subjects on your student's Attendance. Parent signature is only needed once the Learning Period is complete. Thank you!!*

FIRST DAY of SCHOOL ~ Monday, August 17

Welcome Everyone! You may or may not have had your First Meeting with your teacher, during which you will be signing many forms, and choosing your student's curriculum.

*K-2 assessments and 3rd-8th Renaissance to gauge reading and math skills will also be discussed. How to best utilize your child's Educational Allowance is on the agenda, too.
SO much to do! We are ready to answer your questions...*

Back-To-School Picnic & Ice Cream Social!! – August 27 ~ Noon-2:00pm

Join us at the Truckee Regional Park (off Old Brockway Rd) in the Picnic Area near the playground and skatepark for a fun time and to meet our homeschool families.

Bring a picnic dish and drinks to share!

GROUP NOTIFICATIONS – Periodically, you will receive notifications from TRHS related to ALL sites, as well as texts and emails that are specific to **Truckee Families ONLY**.

To help us facilitate the communication, please note:

Telephone – Voice calls & Texting - Please add ALL our mobile #'s to your contacts:

Paige AhToong (708) 205-3720 // **Lindsay Hildebrandt** (530) 448-4519

Liz Grayson (530) 615-7961 // **Erica McDonnell** (530) 953-8494

Email – Group emails from our site will have "TRHS Truckee" in the Subject bar to differentiate it from all other announcements that come from the main office. Please add ALL our Truckee emails to your contacts:

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Weekly Newsletter – Our **Truckee Tracker** arrives about every other week usually on a **TUESDAY** to your email **INbox**, except during School Breaks and Holidays. This bulletin carries updates on all TRHS Truckee business, such as workshops, field trips, holiday events, school work due dates, parent news, school pictures, school resources, state testing, end-of-year picnic/graduations, and the occasional bit of news regarding the Truckee community. Be sure to take a look so you don't miss out on any news or fun stuff!

Snow Days – As a “home school program”, TRHS does ***not*** take days off from school in the event of heavy snow (unlike a traditional classroom school). In some instances, we may send out a notification that a workshop or Field Trip ***will*** take place as usual, in spite of snow, as long as it is safe to do so. However, it is possible that we may cancel an event if snow prevents safe travel in these mountains. When this happens, you will receive a text announcement from your teacher, as well as an email notification. Please note that, even if the Truckee School Districts may cancel their day, **it is still a school day for TRHS** where learning continues at home.

Household Data Collection – Please log in to the Pathways Portal (under the Parents tab) this month via our website: <https://twinridgeshomestudy.org/> , and complete the “Household Data” questionnaire for your family. The household data income survey helps us find out how many students are eligible for free and reduced lunches, and especially helps our funding. Contact Remy Juliette, if questions: rjuliette@trhs.us

2025-2026 CAASPP Scores – For students who participated in state testing last school year, parents should log into the Pathways Portal from our website, <https://twinridgeshomestudy.org/> , to view their child's test results. Please contact your teacher with questions...

Field Trips!! Please remind your students and guests that we are all representing Twin Ridges and expect respectful behavior throughout any trip. The places we visit may be indoors or out, large or small, ruled or relaxed. Leaving a good impression on the host is always helpful for ensuring future opportunities to come back. Thank you!

- **Please ONLY sign up if you are really serious about attending.**
- **Text or Email your Teacher if you want to sign up!**
- **Review Field Trip Guidelines that are in the Parent Handbook .**
- **BE ON TIME!**

Sierra Valley Preserve & Nature Center

When: Wednesday, September 16th ~ 10:00am-1:00pm

Where: 495 Beckwourth-Calpine Rd (County Rd A23), Beckwourth, CA 96129

Grades: Tk-8th **Max:** TBA

Cost: FREE!

Deadline to sign up: 9-11-26

What: The Sierra Valley Preserve is located at the headwaters of the wild and scenic middle fork of the Feather River. A paradise for birders and nature enthusiasts, Sierra Valley supports the greatest diversity and abundance of birds in the entire Sierra Nevada. Families will watch a presentation on Raptors and enjoy the many hiking trails. Wear comfortable walking shoes, bring a lunch and water. **NO dogs allowed.**

Guided Nature Hike w/ TINS (Tahoe Institute of Natural Science)

When: Monday, September 28th ~ 10:00-11:30am

Where: Meet in the parking lot just east of Donner Ski Ranch: 39°19'00.1"N 120°19'33.3"W

Grades: Tk-8th Max: None

Cost: Group cost covered by school. No additional charge for parents who attend.

Deadline to sign up: 9-23-26

What: Guided Nature Hike in the Sierra Nevada Mountains with expert Sarah Hockensmith.

Animal Ark

When: Friday, October 23rd ~ 10:00-Noon

Where: 1265 Deerlodge Rd, Reno NV 89508

Grades: Tk-8th Max: None

Cost: Student cost covered by school. Parents/non-TRHS \$6.00. Pay at door. Bring CASH!!

Deadline to sign up: 10-19-26

What: Animal Ark is a 38-acre wildlife sanctuary located in the Red Rock region of the Northern Nevada foothills with a history as intriguing and exciting as its domestic and exotic animal residents. Bring a water bottle, a lunch, and wear comfortable walking shoes that are mud-friendly. Sun protection recommended. After the tour, we will have lunch and playtime at the playground!

Mark Your Calendars...

August 17 – FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!!

August 27 – Back-To-School Picnic!! ~ Noon-2:00pm ~ Details above...

September 7 – Holiday ~ Labor Day ~ All TRHS sites will be CLOSED.

September 11 – END of LP #1 and...

SCHOOL PHOTOS by Tim Erskine, our favorite local professional! Truckee site.

*Individual student and/or Sibling portraits available. Drop in anytime between 10:00am-12:00pm. We will do a **GROUP** photo of all TRHS Truckee students at 12:00 noon. Pricing sheets for photo packages will be sent out closer to the date. Even if you are not planning to purchase school photos, please join us at noon so that we have a wonderFULL group!*

September 16 – Field Trip – Sierra Valley Preserve & Nature Center

September 28 – Field Trip – Guided Nature Hike w/TINS

October 23 – Field Trip – Animal Ark