

TAHOE BENEATH THE SURFACE

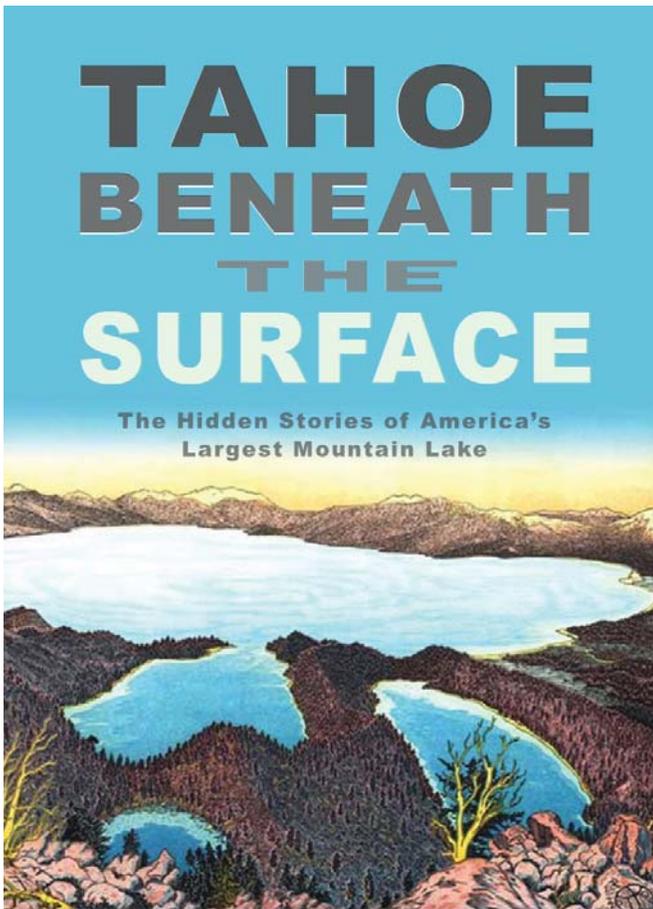
With Scott Lankford, Author

Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Time: 5:30 No-Host Bar. Program begins promptly at 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10 donation requested.

Location: Room 139, Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences, 291 Country Club Drive, Incline Village, Nevada (on the campus of Sierra Nevada College)



Lake Tahoe transformed America, and not just once but many times over from the earliest Ice Age civilizations, to the mysterious death of Marilyn Monroe. It helped in the American conquest of California, the launch of the Republican Party, and the ignition of the western Indian wars. And along the way, Lake Tahoe even found the time to invent the ski industry, spark the sexual revolution, and win countless Academy Awards.

Tahoe Beneath the Surface brings this hidden history of America's largest mountain lake to life through the stories of its most celebrated residents and visitors over the last ten thousand years. It mixes local Washoe Indian legends with tales of murderous Mafia dons, and Rat Pack tunes with Steinbeck novels. It establishes Tahoe as one of America's literary hot spots by tracing the steps of more than a dozen authors including Bertrand Russell, Maxine Hong Kingston, and Michael Ondaatje.

Tahoe Beneath the Surface reveals how the lake transformed the lives of conservationists like John

Muir, humorists like Mark Twain, and Hollywood icons like Frank Sinatra. It even touches upon some of the darker aspects of American history, including anti-Chinese racism and the Kennedy assassination.

Despite the impact Lake Tahoe has had on America, environmental threats loom large, and Tahoe Blue a term that Lankford uses to encompass the whole range of life, beauty, and meaning the lake represents grows increasingly vulnerable. In *Tahoe beneath the Surface*, human history and natural history combine in a most engaging way, one that will both inform and inspire all who would keep Tahoe blue.