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◆ WE ARE ALL PEOPLE OF THIS EARTH

- ✿ The history of the Washoe Tribe extends an estimated 9,000 years in the Lake Tahoe Basin and adjacent east and west slopes and valleys of the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range.
- ✿ Lake Tahoe has been the center of Washoe culture for over 400 generations: “It’s crystal waters supported all living things in including the Washoe people (www.washoetribe.us/).” The Tribe also draws strength from the family unit.
- ✿ Their aboriginal area was located directly in the path of those bound for California during the gold rush and westward emigration. In just a few short years, the Washoe peoples’ land was completely occupied.
- ✿ Prior to the occupation, the Washoe people lived a seasonal and nomadic life of hunting and plant gathering.
- ✿ Summers were spent at Lake Tahoe hunting, fishing, and collecting medicinal plants, roots, and berries for the winter season.
- ✿ During the fall, they would go to the Pine Nut Mountains and gather and celebrate the pine nut harvest.
- ✿ Typically, the Tribe spent winter and spring in the Eastern Sierra valleys (including present day Carson, Eagle, and Washoe Valleys).
- ✿ The peak tribal population was about 5,000. In the late nineteenth century, the number dwindled to just 300. Today, the Washoe Tribe has approximately 1,500 members.

Information obtained from <http://www.washoetribe.us/>.



Washoe Indians

