

SKI RESORT NEWS!

Squaw Valley OPEN 6-8", 4 lifts
Alpine Meadows OPENS DEC 10
Sugar Bowl – REOPENS DEC 10
Diamond Peak OPENS DEC 15
Mt. Rose OPENS SOON (Conditions permitting)
Northstar is OPEN! 18-24" top to bottom snowmaking!
Tahoe Donner OPENS DEC 9
Boreal OPEN 18-24", 3 lifts
Royal Gorge OPENS Dec 10 (Conditions permitting)
Tahoe Cross Country OPENS SOON (Conditions permitting)
Homewood OPENS SOON (Conditions permitting)

Learn to Ski and Board Weekend

Saturday, December 10, 2011 - 8:30am - Sunday, December 11, 2011 - 4:00pm
Calling all beginner skiers and boarders! Join us and other North Lake Tahoe ski resorts for a weekend of deeply discounted lessons, rentals and lift tickets. This weekend is tailor made for beginners (ages 3+) who want to see if skiing or riding is for them. \$30 gets you the whole package - gear rental, beginner group lesson and a beginner lift ticket.
Lesson times are at 10am and 1pm. Head to the rental shop at 8:30am to have enough time to get rentals.
Join us for a fun and affordable way to try out a new sport or just brush up on your snow sliding skills.



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\$30 Million in Capital Improvements Ready in Time for Holiday Season at Northstar California™ Resort

- *Zephyr Lodge Expands On-Mountain Seating by 50 Percent, Offers New Fast Casual Dining Experience, Spectacular Views*
- *Promised Land Express Lift Provides Access to an All New Area of Terrain, Doubles Lift Capacity in Popular Terrain Area*
- *New Terrain Changes Skier Patterns on the Mountain, Provides Expanded Sidecountry Access*

Northstar Offers Most Open Terrain, Best Early Season Snow Conditions in Tahoe

With the ski and snowboard season underway, Northstar is currently offering the best snow conditions in Lake Tahoe thanks to continuous upgrades to its snowmaking system and consistently cold temperatures. The resort is already open top-to-bottom featuring 15 trails and 10 lifts and carpets, and plans to open the Backside Express lift with two additional trails this weekend. Snow depths range from 18-24 inches on open trails, and snow coverage is wall-to-wall on every open trail. For conditions updates, visit www.NorthstarCalifornia.com.

Noel Nights Return to the Village at Northstar – Dec 8 & 15

A holiday favorite, Northstar's Noel Nights have returned to the Village at Northstar! Thursday, December 8 and December 15 from 5pm-8pm, guests of all ages are invited to enjoy one horse sleigh rides, free ice skating (with a canned food donation for Community Christmas), holiday carolers, s'mores, hot cocoa, pictures with Santa, face painting and more. December 8 will feature ice skating performances and the North Tahoe High Jazz Band. December 15 will feature a holiday wine walk throughout the Village at Northstar for guests ages 21+. For more information, visit www.NorthstarCalifornia.com.



TAHOE X-C

Pick up the Pace Interval/Technique Series.

Improve your fitness, improve your skiing with Tahoe Peak Endurance and Tahoe XC. Thursday mornings at 8am. [Click here for information.](#)

Ski Guide Wanted at Tahoe XC

Walter, a season passholder at Tahoe XC, is looking for someone to ski with during the period of January 14 to March 18, 2012. He is visually impaired and cannot ski by himself. He is a classic skier, but knows how to get the skis moving fairly well. He did the Great Ski Race last March. If you are interested please contact Tahoe XC.



RESORT AT SQUAW CREEK
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Full-Season Pass Sale!
Resort at Squaw Creek
Nordic Center

\$99* (Reg. \$150)

18 km of groomed trails in scenic Squaw
Valley.

Visit Resort at Squaw Creek
or call 530.583.6300 X6613

*Must purchase by Dec. 21, 2011. Pass valid for entire 2011/2012 season. No blackout dates.



Squaw Valley Ski Team

Tuesday/Thursday Program

NOW AT REDUCED RATE!



Calling all kids 4-10 years old! Come ski mid week with the Squaw Valley Ski Team and improve your skiing skills and form lasting friendships in a fun team environment. Ski all over Squaw Valley's amazing terrain and become strong, safe skiers. Kids of same abilities are grouped together for maximum learning and development. The goal is to instill the love of skiing at a young age to become a lifelong skier.

Option 1

Add on to Mighty Mites

\$499

Program Dates: Runs from Jan 3- March 29

Time: 1:30pm to 4pm

Age: 5 to 10 years olds

Details: This program is suited for the energetic Mighty Mite that wants a few more days of skiing mid week during the season.

Option 2

Afternoon Session (age 5-10)

\$599

Program Dates: Runs from Jan 3- March 29

Time: 1:30pm to 4pm

Age: 5 to 10 years olds

Details: This program is suited for kids looking to ski in a fun learning environment. Includes Season Pass.

Option 3

Morning Session (age 4)

\$499

Program Dates: Runs from Jan 3- March 29

Time: 9:30am to 12pm

Age: 4 years olds

Details: Get a head start on the slopes with your friends while learning from our well-trained coaches. Includes Season Pass.

To purchase the Tuesday/Thursday Program, please visit squaw.com or call 530-452-4000.





Squaw and Alpine Meadows Announce a Pilot Study to Determine Possibility of Backcountry Access Gates

Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows are announcing a new pilot study to determine the possibility of creating backcountry access gates permitting on-snow travel between [Squaw Valley](#) and Alpine Meadows. During the 2011-12 winter operating season Squaw and Alpine Meadows management, ski patrols from both resorts, and the US Forest Service will begin a pilot study to investigate the possibility of creating several backcountry access gates permitting travel between Squaw and [Alpine Meadows](#). If successful, the pilot study would result in a policy which could permit skiers and riders with specialized backcountry training and equipment to access the wilderness land connecting Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows.

The boundary management policies of Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows will remain much the same as they have in previous years. With the exception of the conditions dependent pilot study, Squaw Valley's boundary will remain closed as it has in prior years. The Alpine Meadows Ski Area boundary will be managed as it has been in the past. The project will include route selection, potential issues relating to backcountry access during in-bounds closures, search and rescue issues, and interface with private land and wilderness areas

The goal of the pilot study will be to determine whether or not feasible locations for backcountry access gates exist – and if so, where the best locations would be in terms of topography and exposure. The pilot study will be launched when adequate snow conditions have been reached.