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## **Tahoe Donner Downhill Ski Area Opens for the Season, Joining Tahoe Donner Snowplay, Tahoe Donner Cross Country Ski Area, and Winter Golf Academy**

**Truckee, Calif.** (Dec. 10, 2015) – Tahoe Donner Downhill Ski Area will open its doors tomorrow, Dec. 11 for the 2015-2016 season, joining Tahoe Donner’s three additional winter venues already open, including Tahoe Donner Snowplay, Tahoe Donner Cross Country Ski Area and the Winter Golf Academy.

### **Tahoe Donner Downhill Ski Area Now Open as of Dec. 11**

Tomorrow, Dec. 11, marks opening day at Tahoe Donner Downhill Ski Area, a ski resort committed to being “the best place to begin,” catering to beginner skiers and snowboarders, families and small children. Downhill offers a unique family experience and is known for its successful learn to ski program—one of the only in the area that starts teaching kids as young as 3 years old. In addition, the resort’s size allows it to deliver that personal touch that larger ski areas can’t always provide.

**PHOTOS:** [Click here](#) for a link to Dropbox.

“We are excited to open tomorrow on schedule,” said Robert McClendon, Tahoe Donner Downhill Ski Area manager. “Mother Nature has been great to us these last few weeks, and our new Silent Polecat snowmaking system with help ensure this season is one of our best yet.”

Tahoe Donner Downhill Ski Area is the first resort in the United States to use the silent polecat snowmaking system, known for its superior technology, energy efficient design and dampened sound levels. The machines arrived earlier this week—[watch the video](#).

For initial operations, the Snowbird Chair and the Learning Center Conveyor will be open. More terrain will be added as soon as possible. Operating status is conditions permitting; preview the conditions report online for the daily update or call ahead for the latest report. As part of opening weekend, guests will be treated to Customer Appreciation Day on Sunday, Dec. 13, which means lift tickets are just \$5 for all.

To learn more about Tahoe Donner Downhill Ski Area, including learn to ski programs and upcoming events, such as Pancake Breakfast with Santa and the New Year's Eve Torch Light Parade, visit [www.tahoedonner.com/downhill](http://www.tahoedonner.com/downhill) or call 530-587-9444.

### **Tahoe Donner Snowplay Open Daily as of Nov. 27**

Tahoe Donner Snowplay was originally scheduled to open for the season on Dec. 11; however, heavy snow allowed Snowplay to open two weeks ahead of schedule, offering sledding and snowshoeing every Friday – Sunday. Snowplay is one of the most affordable sledding venues in the area, offering all-day sledding access with equipment. New to Snowplay this year is a food truck, known as the Snowplay Café, which offers hot meals and hot beverages on Saturdays and Sundays. During the holidays, Snowplay and the Snowplay Café will be open daily from Dec. 21 – Jan. 3.

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Snowplay offers a variety of events throughout the season, including Friday Night Tubing on Dec. 18 and a New Year's Eve sunset shoeshoe tour on Dec. 31. Learn more about Tahoe Donner Snowplay by visiting [www.tahoedonner.com/snowplay](http://www.tahoedonner.com/snowplay) or call 530-587-9437.

### **Tahoe Donner Cross Country Ski Area Open Daily as of Nov. 26**

Tahoe Donner Cross Country Ski Area opened for the season on Nov. 26, ahead of schedule. In addition to offering cross country skiing and snowshoeing over its vast 100 kilometers of terrain, new to cross country this year are fat bike rentals. A fat bike is a bicycle with oversized tires designed for riding on snow and on soft surfaces.

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Beyond the trails, visitors have been enjoying the grand Alder Creek Adventure Center, a new state-of-the-art facility offering streamlined services with an eco-friendly design. Ski enthusiasts are also treated to luxury with new rental racking systems, expanded wax rooms, ski tuning services and upgraded locker rooms. Visitors likewise enjoy spacious seating, large windows overlooking Hawks Peak, a grand fireplace and the Alder Creek Cafe, complete with a bar and televisions. The new retail shop even has one of the largest selections of Nordic attire and accessories available in the Truckee/Lake Tahoe region.

Tahoe Donner Cross Country Ski Area is open daily for cross country skiing, snowshoeing, fat bike rentals, shopping and dining. To learn more about Tahoe Donner Cross Country Ski Area, including season passes, ski programs and special events, such as Ladies' Shopping and Free Wine Tasting tomorrow night, Dec. 11, visit [www.tahoedonner.com/cross-country](http://www.tahoedonner.com/cross-country) or call 530-587-9484.

### **Winter Golf Academy Open Thursday – Sunday as of Nov. 27**

This year the Tahoe Donner Golf Course debuted a winter amenity, known as the Winter Golf Academy, offering the ultimate virtual golf experience to guests, complete with TruGolf HD Simulator with launch monitor and 27 world class golf courses. It also includes a V1 winter video coaching system with lessons and a new club lounge with comfortable couches, chairs and classic bar games.

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The Winter Golf Academy is open every Thursday – Sunday from 1 – 7 p.m., located in the Tahoe Donner Golf Pro Shop. Reservations to golf or practice on the range are required, and can be made by calling Rob Weizer at 530-587-9441.

To learn more about the Winter Golf Academy and all of its features, pricing and specials, visit [www.tahoedonner.com/golf](http://www.tahoedonner.com/golf) or call 530-587-9441.