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**Tahoe Donner Downhill Ski Area to Open for the Season, Dec. 9**

*Joining Tahoe Donner Snowplay, Tahoe Donner Cross Country Ski Area, and the Winter Golf Academy*

**Truckee, Calif.** (Dec. 8, 2016) –Tahoe Donner Downhill Ski Area will open its doors on Friday, Dec. 9 for the 2016-2017 season, joining Tahoe Donner’s three additional winter venues already open, including Tahoe Donner Cross Country Ski Area, Tahoe Donner Snowplay, and the Winter Golf Academy at Tahoe Donner Golf Course.

**Tahoe Donner Downhill Ski Area Now Open as of Dec. 9**

Friday, Dec. 9, 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. Tahoe Donner 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.

“Friday can’t come soon enough,” said Robert McClendon, Tahoe Donner Downhill Ski Area manager. “We’ve received a good amount of natural snow these last few weeks, but with the cold temperatures, we’ve also fired up our new snowmaking system to create an even better experience on opening day.”

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.

For initial operations, the Snowbird Chair, the Caterpillar Conveyor 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.

In appreciation to loyal skiers who visit year after year, guests will be treated to Customer Appreciation Day on Saturday, Dec. 17, 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 the first ever New Year's Eve firework show, visit [www.tahoedonner.com/downhill](http://www.tahoedonner.com/downhill) or call 530-587-9444.

### **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. In addition to offering cross country skiing and snowshoeing over its vast 100 kilometers of terrain, the ski area has new trails to explore this season and extended snowshoe and fat bike trails. These new and expanded trails are a direct result of purchasing and preserving 640-acre Crabtree Canyon, allowing visitors to experience even more scenery this season.

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Beyond the trails, visitors have been enjoying the grand Alder Creek Adventure Center, a state-of-the-art facility offering streamlined services with an eco-friendly design. Ski enthusiasts are also treated to luxury with spacious seating, large windows overlooking Hawks Peak, a grand fireplace and the Alder Creek Cafe, complete with a bar and televisions. Visitors likewise enjoy new rental racking systems, expanded wax rooms, ski tuning services and upgraded locker rooms. 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 the New Year's Eve Sunset Snowshoe Tour, visit [www.tahoedonner.com/cross-country](http://www.tahoedonner.com/cross-country) or call 530-587-9484.

### **Tahoe Donner Snowplay Open Every Weekend as of Nov. 26**

Tahoe Donner Snowplay was originally scheduled to open for the season on Dec. 9; however, favorable weather allowed Snowplay to open two weeks ahead of schedule, offering sledding every Friday–Sunday. Tubing lanes will be added as soon as conditions permit. Snowplay is one of the most affordable sledding venues in the area, offering all-day sledding access with equipment. New to Snowplay for the second year is a food truck, known as TD Eats, which offers hot meals and hot beverages. Hours of operation vary; see [www.tahoedonner.com/snowplay](http://www.tahoedonner.com/snowplay) for details.

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Snowplay offers a variety of events throughout the season, including Friday Night Tubing on Dec. 16. Learn more about Tahoe Donner Snowplay by visiting [www.tahoedonner.com/snowplay](http://www.tahoedonner.com/snowplay) or call 530-587-9437.

## **Winter Golf Academy Open Every Thursday–Sunday as of Nov. 25**

Last year the Tahoe Donner Golf Course debuted a new 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. The academy is back again this year and includes a V1 winter video coaching system with lessons and a club lounge with comfortable couches, chairs and classic bar games.

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 recommended and can be made by calling 530-587-9443. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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.

### **About Tahoe Donner**

*Tahoe Donner is one of America's largest homeowner's associations, with nearly 6,500 properties and 25,000 members enjoying over 7,000 acres in the Sierra Nevada. Tahoe Donner is an eclectic community with a passion for outdoor recreation and a celebration of the Tahoe lifestyle.*

*Located 25 minutes from Lake Tahoe in Truckee, Calif., Tahoe Donner operates a wide variety of recreational facilities – some which are for members only and others which are also open to the general public. These amenities can be explored in detail at [Tahoedonner.com](http://Tahoedonner.com).*

*For more information on Tahoe Donner, as well as its recreational facilities and events, please visit [tahoedonner.com](http://tahoedonner.com) or call 530-587-9400. 'Like' Tahoe Donner on Facebook at [facebook.com/tahoedonner](https://facebook.com/tahoedonner) and follow Tahoe Donner on Twitter @tahoedonner and Instagram @TahoeDonnerAssociation.*

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