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## **Tahoe Donner Hires David Smith as New Chef at Alder Creek Cafe**

*Introducing homemade menu options with a focus on local, seasonal and organic ingredients*

**Truckee, Calif.** (December 20, 2017) – Tahoe Donner announced the hiring of David Smith as its new chef at Alder Creek Cafe. Bringing 30 years of culinary experience, Smith will oversee the menu selection and kitchen operations for the restaurant located in the Alder Creek Adventure Center at Tahoe Donner's [Cross Country Ski Center](#).

Originally from upstate New York, Smith worked under top chefs at Chambers Landing and The West Shore Café, and headed up kitchens for Encore Catering, Blue Water Brewery and Homestead Restaurant in Homer, Alaska. For the past 22 years, Smith served as chef of Cottonwood Restaurant in Truckee, earning Best Chef and Best Overall Restaurant awards multiple times.

Smith uses a variety of inspiring ingredients to create his menu drawing creativity from many cultures. He sources local, seasonal and organic ingredients whenever possible and seeks out the best natural meats and sustainable seafood.

“As the newly appointed chef at Alder Creek Cafe, I’m excited to bring my cooking style to the Cafe’s new winter menu,” said Smith. “My focus is providing homemade, healthy and delicious options for guests to enjoy year-round.”

Smith’s winter menu debuts Friday, December 22 introducing new items like the Tahoe Food Hub Salad rotating locally sourced organic ingredients, the pulled pork sandwich with honey chipotle, and Butternut Squash Enchiladas served with house-made mole, side salad and avocado dressing.

Smith lives in Tahoe Donner with his family. Together they take full advantage of all that Truckee offers. Through his cooking, Smith has contributed to local organizations like the Humane Society of Truckee Tahoe and The Best of Tahoe chefs, which benefits the Tahoe Forest Hospital Cancer Center.

[Alder Creek Cafe](#) is open daily from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The Trailside Bar offers a variety of unique draft and bottled beers, and a diverse wine list with several eco-friendly choices.

A high-resolution photo of David Smith is available upon request.

**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 7,300 acres in the Sierra Nevada. Located 18 miles from Lake Tahoe in Truckee, California, Tahoe Donner operates a wide variety of recreational facilities, including an award-winning championship golf course, a family-friendly downhill ski area, and a renowned cross country ski area with a newly constructed, state-of-the-art base lodge —all of which are open to the public. In addition, Tahoe Donner operates several member-only facilities, such as a beach club marina, recreation center and pools. These amenities can be explored in detail at [Tahoedonner.com](http://Tahoedonner.com).

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