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#### WELCOME MESSAGE FROM MIKE BANDELIN



Winter is back again, and with it the beginning of another fun ski season at your community-owned ski resort, Diamond Peak.

This year there's been quite a bit of hype around the "super El Niño" event that's going to affect global weather patterns this winter, and what it might mean for snowfall in the Tahoe region. Of course, we're hopeful that we will see a similar alignment of moisture sources and cold air that brought so much snow to our slopes last winter; but only time will tell whether we're blessed with another record-setting snowfall season.

In the meantime, our mountain operations team is doing everything they can to ensure quality conditions on the slopes during our early season. The snowmakers have been working non-stop whenever temperatures and conditions are right, cranking out piles of machine-made snow to provide a base layer that will augment what Mother Nature provides; and our grooming crew have been hard at work nightly, sculpting that snow into perfect corduroy for all of us to carve turns on during the daytime.

We're very proud of our snowmaking and grooming expertise, which comes from over 50 years of experience doing both right here in Incline Village. It's a little-known fact that Diamond Peak (then known as Ski Incline) opened its doors in 1966 with the very first snowmaking system in the western United States. And since those days, we've continually invested in snowmaking upgrades to ensure we can cover up to 75% of our developed terrain with man-made snow when necessary.

Of course, big piles of artificial snow don't do anyone any good unless we have the groomers to push those piles out and transform them into skiable/ rideable surfaces for us to enjoy, which is why our snowmaking investments are continually matched by upgrades to our grooming fleet, including a brandnew PistenBully 600 W winch cat this winter. Given the number of steep groomers our snow surfaces crew maintains on a nightly basis, the morepowerful and more-efficient new winch cat will be a tremendous addition to the fleet of snowcats and expert operators that are employed to keep our corduroy fresh and clean.

But all of that is just what our guests here at Diamond Peak expect - perfect corduroy and gorgeous views are a given! New and returning guests will also notice the newly-remodeled Base Lodge Provisions food court in the Main Lodge.

On the surface, you'll see new counters, new recessed lighting, new paint, and more energy efficient drink coolers in the food court. What you might not notice is all of the changes we've made behind-the-scenes in the kitchen area to improve the food prep and storage areas for greater efficiency and safety. You can read more about these upgrades in the Major Capital Improvements section of this magazine.

While it's great to highlight what's new at the resort each year, one thing I'm very proud of is what's not new this season - namely, our management staff at Diamond Peak. Each season, we strive for and achieve a high-level of overall staff retention, which is never easy given the seasonal nature of our business. And this year, I'm very proud to say that all of our top-level managers at the resort are returning employees - many of whom have been with us for many years. In an industry that tends to churn through good people quickly, the fact that Diamond Peak manages to hold onto our talented employees year after year is a testament to the culture we're constantly trying to build here at our community-owned resort.

So, whether this is your first year in Incline Village, or you've been a regular on our slopes since we were called "Ski Incline," we can't wait to see YOU again this winter! Please say hello and share your Diamond Peak story when you see me out on the slopes this season.

MikeBandelin

Mike Bandelin, Diamond Peak General Manager & Interim IVGID General Manager







# WHAT'S NEW AT DIAMOND PEAK

#### New snowboard rental fleet & Demo Center

This season, snowboarders who need to rent equipment will be riding on our brand new Salomon Snowboard rental fleet! Designed for progression, Salomon's snowboards get new riders carving turns quickly, while allowing more experienced riders to enjoy all aspects of the mountain.

For skiers and riders looking for highperformance gear, our new Demo Center setup will include a Demo Wall featuring a selection of skis from Salomon, Volkl and Rossignol, and snowboards from LibTech and Rossignol - all freshly tuned and waxed to ensure you have a great day on the mountain no matter the conditions.

#### Newly remodeled food court

Diamond Peak's Base Lodge Provisions food court has undergone a complete remodel during the off-season. Guests can expect a more aesthetically pleasing look and more intuitive layout in the food court; and behind the scenes, a full kitchen remodel will provide greater efficiency for the resort's kitchen staff.

#### New PistenBully 600 W winch cat

Maintaining the resort's reputation for providing the best corduroy within the Tahoe Basin is an ongoing priority for Diamond Peak, and the investment in a new PistenBully 600 W winch snowcat will ensure the resort is able to meet these goals this winter. With multiple steep runs groomed nightly, including Lightning, Diamondback, Powder, Luggi's, Show Off and Slalom Glade, the resort's winch cat is an essential piece of grooming equipment. The new cat comes with advanced SnowSat technology, allowing the operator to see real-time snow depth measurements all over the mountain.



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## DIAMOND PEAK SKI RESORT INCLINE HIGH SCHOOL INTERNSHIPS

The Diamond Peak Work Experience Program (Incline High School internship) is a partnership between Diamond Peak, Incline High School, and the students who sign up to participate in the internship program.

This program allows them to get high school credit for working at Diamond Peak, while also earning a paycheck. Up to 25 Junior Instructors are hired each season and can sign up for the internship program at school.

High school students work weekends, holidays and Wednesday afternoons. We utilize these Junior Instructors to assist with the Boys & Girls Club multi-week program we offer to kids that are often too small to ride the chairlift unattended (due to the height requirements of our Kids on Lifts program). The Incline High students are dismissed early from their advisory period on Wednesdays and head over to Diamond Peak where they clock in and work their assigned shift. Each student must complete 180 hours of work as well as required assignments given to them by their Advisor.

This program is a great way for students to get real-world work experience and earn extra credit towards high school graduation.

#### Work Experience Program Who we need:

Incline High School students who can ski or snowboard, or want to learn to ski or snowboard, and work at Diamond Peak.

#### When we need them:

Jan. 10 - March 10: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons from 1:30pm to 4:30pm.

**Dec. 10 to April 16:** Saturdays, Sundays and Peak periods from 9am to 4:30pm

#### How many we need: 25 total

**Details:** Each student can work up to 16 hours a week during a normal school week, and up to 40 hours on a holiday week if under 16 years old. Ages 16 and up can work more if available. Each student needs to work at least one weekend and one midweek day. (Requesting days off is permitted with notice.)

**How to apply:** Students wishing to participate in the program should apply to Diamond Peak through the normal online application process. If hired, we will work with their student advisor to sign them up for the internship program.

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We asked our staff what they love about working at Diamond Peak. In their own words...

#### Zach Lancaster, Base Operations Manager Years at Diamond Peak: 4

What is one of your favorite memories from Diamond Peak? When my department's dummy, Trashcan Travis, flew the furthest in the Dummy Downhill.

#### What is your favorite trail and why?

The Village Terrain Park because it's the most fun and best vibes on the mountain.



Chris Schmidt, Revenue Office Supervisor Years at Diamond Peak: 5, going on 6th winter

What keeps you coming back?

The amazing people I have the privilege of working with each year.

#### What makes Diamond Peak different compared to other resorts or jobs you've worked at?

The small family feel. You get to know the people in all departments and work together rather than just feeling like a number in the system.

#### Kari Brandt, Ski Patrol Director/Safety Coordinator

Years at Diamond Peak: 4 seasons

#### What keeps you coming back?

I enjoy the community environment and awesome co-workers.

#### What is one fun fact or unique thing about your job or department that most people don't know?

Enforcing rules and skiing/riding etiquette is not our favorite part of the job, but we are motivated by wanting to see people go home safely at the end of the day. We do not seek those interactions because we want to be "cops" we want what is best for you, our guests!

#### What is your favorite trail and why?

Battleborn – uncrowded and it gets moguls!

Jon Tekulve, Director of Skier Services Years at Diamond Peak: 22 seasons

What keeps you coming back? I live in Incline Village and like the small-mountain feel.

#### What makes Diamond Peak different compared to other resorts or jobs you've worked at?

I like the fact you know staff from all departments.

What is your favorite trail and why? Not telling, I like my secret stashes.



Tatiana Montabello, Rental Shop Manager Years at Diamond Peak: 8

What is one of your favorite memories from Diamond Peak?

My kids learned how to snowboard here and watching them each season out on the mountain having a blast is always something I look forward to.

What is your favorite trail and why?

You just can't beat the view from Crystal Ridge.

#### James Pedersen, Assistant Director of Skier Services

Years at Diamond Peak: This will be my 9th season at Diamond Peak. I started here in the 2015/16 season after being at my previous resort since 2002.

# What is one of your favorite memories from Diamond Peak?

Taking a group of instructors into Solitude Canyon on a deep powder day. The smiles on everyone's faces that day was epic.

#### What is one fun fact or unique thing about your job or department that most people don't know?

Some students we have had come through Child Ski Center in my early seasons here are now working at Diamond Peak. Some of our Junior Instructors have gone on to be supervisors and managers in other departments.



Patrol Dog Fred Wayne Shepherd with his mom Patrol Director Kari Brandt.

## *Q&A WITH FRED WAYNE SHEPHERD SKI PATROL DOG*

## How many years have you worked at Diamond Peak?

I'm not too good at counting, but I think it has been 4 years

#### What keeps you coming back?

My mom, Ski Patrol Director Kari Brandt, drives me to Diamond Peak!

#### What makes Diamond Peak different compared to other resorts or jobs you've worked at?

Everyone has loved me everywhere I have worked, but there is a lot more snow here than my other jobs, and snow is my favorite!

# What is one of your favorite memories from Diamond Peak?

Getting to pull kids out of holes in the snow to help me practice!

#### What is one fun fact or unique thing about your job or department that most people don't know?

I am not normally really social, but I feel bad when people are hurt so I go out of my way to sit with them to help them feel better.

#### What is your favorite trail and why?

Luggi's – I can run the fastest on this run. I have gotten up to 35 MPH down it!

# What is your favorite part of your job at Diamond Peak?

Being everyone's favorite employee is my favorite part of the job. People are always excited to see me! I do training for avalanche rescue, so smelling people under the snow. I am not officially certified in this, but mom still lets me practice. I also help to get people's attention so mom can teach them about safe skiing and snowboarding!

Also, I love SKIING!!! I love it so much that I can't help but bark constantly when I get to go. Snow is my favorite!

How many hours a week do you work? I'm at work 45-60 hours a week, but I am sleeping in my crate for a lot of that



time. I'm also the only employee who is allowed to sleep while at work.

# What do you do to stay in shape over the summer?

My mom has a lot of energy so I try to get her out running most days. I lead her up to the top of mountains so we can eat snacks up there. We both love snacks! I also show my mom where to go on the mountain bike trails. She also really likes throwing her tennis ball into the water so I swim to give it back to her.

# What does your life look like when you aren't at work?

I have a dog brother, Oliver, and dog sister, Isabel. My brother is the best brother in the world, he loves the snow as much as I do. My sister is all right...I guess. I also really love my human dad. He's pretty cool and spoils me with more treats than mom gives me. I like to play with my tennis ball at home. I am either playing or sleeping, not much in between. My favorite game at home is to hide my tennis ball in my blanket and then find it!





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## **UPHILL ACCESS AT DIAMOND PEAK**

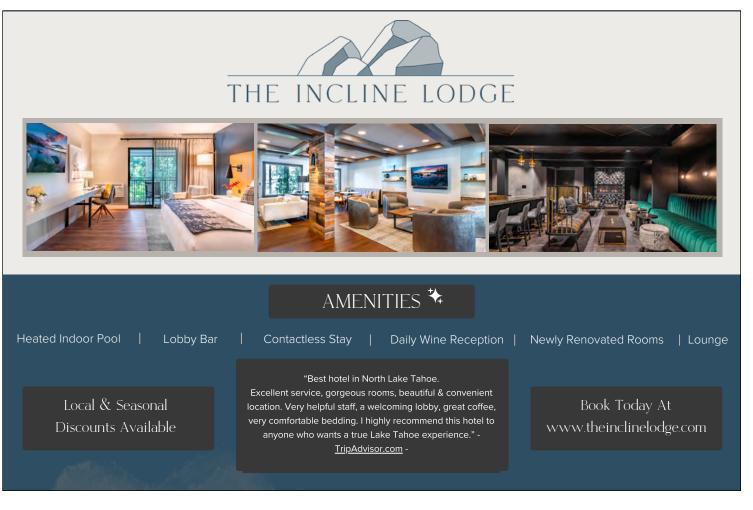
Uphill access by self-powered means of skinning, snowshoeing and hiking has gained popularity at Diamond Peak in recent years and we welcome and support individuals seeking to exercise and enjoy the quiet mountain setting during designated hours (see website). To ensure the safety of everyone on the mountain, individuals who choose to skin, snowshoe and hike must have a valid 2023-24 Diamond Peak season pass OR a valid IVGID Recreation Pass, AND must purchase a 2023-24 Uphill Access Pass, available from the Diamond Peak Ticket Windows daily between 12pm and 4pm.

Updated Uphill Access information may be obtained on the Diamond Peak website and on the reader board located near the main lodge on the left side of Lodgepole trail looking up. Please visit www.diamondpeak.com/the-mountain/uphilling/ for full rules and restrictions of the Uphill Access program at Diamond Peak.



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# **UPHILL ACCESS FAQ**

#### By Kari Brandt, Diamond Peak Ski Patrol Director

Diamond Peak is happy to offer our Uphill Access program for another season. This program is a great way to get some exercise in, experience the mountain with fewer people, enjoy a hike with friends, or get a lap in before or after work. It is important to follow the uphill policy while accessing the mountain and we have compiled some frequently asked questions below. Uphill access will open by January 1, but possibly sooner depending on when snowmaking operations are completed. Check the Diamond Peak website for details.

#### Who can access the mountain via the uphill program?

Uphill Access Pass are available to IVGID Recreation Pass holders and Diamond Peak Season Pass holders. There is an additional charge and additional paperwork to receive an Uphill Access Pass.

#### Why is the uphill program restricted?

A quality experience has always been a core value of Diamond Peak, and the same thing holds true for the uphill program. Restricting access has allowed us to offer a better experience and helped to mitigate some of the risks of too much uphill use on the mountain.

# Why are we only allowed to uphill at certain times of the day?

In the middle of the night our grooming team is working hard to produce the amazing corduroy that our guests love. There is a special snow cat, a winch cat, that uses a cable and winch to groom our steeper trails. This cable goes across the run and is hard to see from above. We put signs up to warn people of the cable, but the best way to mitigate the risk of a collision with this cable is not having any people near it. The cable moves around in unpredictable ways, and impact with it can result in serious injury or death. We want to prevent this.



# If I have a season pass, do I need a separate Uphill Access Pass?

Yes. The uphill program is a different program and a different pass. If you want to participate in the uphill program you also need to get an Uphill Access Pass and agree to the policy.

#### Why do we have to ski down the same route we hiked up?

Outside of operating hours, hazards are not marked like they are when patrol is on the mountain. As you hike up, you can do your own hazard assessment to know what you will be encountering on the way down. Remember that conditions are also always changing so there may still be differences on your way down. Ski or ride with caution at all times!

# Why do we have to wear a headlamp when it is light outside?

This helps with your visibility for the snowcat operators. Given the size of these machines, there are some blind spots and limited visibility. Having a headlamp on helps with that visibility so our operators can see you better. It is also your responsibility to stay at least 100 feet away from all grooming equipment

#### Why doesn't uphill access open earlier in the season?

We offer uphill access after our snowmaking season is completed. Active snowmaking equipment adds more hazards to the slopes that we want to keep the public away from. There are high pressure water hoses and active electrical wires running across the snow surface. Cutting either of these with ski or snowboard edges can result in serious injury or death. Snowmaking piles are also more variable than other snow until our grooming team has the opportunity to push out the piles. Having people in this terrain significantly slows our snowmaking and grooming process, delaying opening that terrain for you all. We want to be able to provide a quality product for all as efficiently and safely as possible, and we always strive to open the uphill program as soon as it is safe to do so.

#### Is skinning at the resort safer than the backcountry?

Whenever you access Diamond Peak using the uphill program, you should use the same safety measures and decision making that you would in the backcountry. Skiing and snowboarding is inherently dangerous no matter if that occurs in-bounds or out-of-bounds. Being in-bounds does not make skiing/snowboarding safer, your decisions while on the mountain make it safer!

# LEARNING TO SKI/SNOWBOARD AT DIAMOND PEAK

Diamond Peak's professional instructors, low student-toinstructor ratio, dedicated children's learning area, gentle beginner slopes, and a friendly environment provide an ideal place for first-time skiers and snowboarders and those looking to improve their skills and confidence.

#### Child Ski & Ride Center (Ages 3-6)

The Diamond Peak Child Ski & Ride Center provides a safe and fun learning environment for kids ages 3-6 with a separate learning area, dedicated surface lift, and instructorto-child ratio of 1:6. Parents register their children and then our friendly staff takes care of everything else inside our kidonly zone. Lift tickets and rental equipment are included with all lessons and children get their rental equipment right inside the Child Ski & Ride Center. Both group and private ski lessons are offered, as well as private snowboard lessons.

#### Ski & Ride Center (Ages 7+)

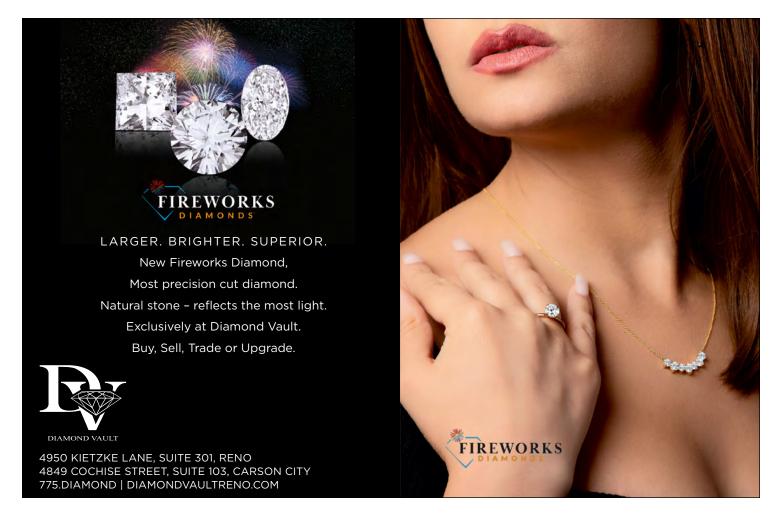
The Diamond Peak Ski & Ride Center offers group and private lessons for beginners to advanced skiers and snowboarders. Private lessons are available fore ages 7+ either as a one-

on-one lesson, or for up to five (5) people of similar ability. Private lessons last for as little as 1 hour or up to all day (6 hours). Group lessons are offered for youth (ages 7-12) of all ability levels, and for adults (ages 13+) who are beginners or first-time skiers or snowboarders.

#### Weekly Specialty Clinics

Diamond Peak will offer a selection of specialty ski clinics designed to foster a lifelong love of the sport and build community amongst participants. The Wednesday 55+ Clinics, put on by the Incline Village Recreation Center Senior Programs team, and the Tuesday Skeesters Women's Ski Clinics both return for another season. Instruction is designed to help skiers improve, adjust, or modify techniques and encourage skills and habits that support lifelong skiing.

For dates, reservations and more information see DiamondPeak.com/events. View lesson pricing and details at DiamondPeak.com/lessons-rentals.





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## **PRO TIP: WHEN TO INTRODUCE YOUR KIDS TO SNOWBOARDING**

Tip provided by James Pedersen, Assistant Director of Skier Services at Diamond Peak

One of the most common questions we receive in the Child Ski & Ride Center at Diamond Peak is:

#### When is the right time to teach my kid(s) to snowboard?

Sometimes we get this question from families who are totally new to snow sports but are looking to get their kids into snowboarding. Often we get this same question from parents who already ride, but first learned to ski as youths, before switching over to a snowboard later in life. In this tip, our Assistant Director of Skier Services James Pedersen breaks down the pros and cons of starting young kids off on snowboards vs. skis, and things to consider when making the choice for your family.

#### **James Pedersen:**

The quick answer to this question is, whatever makes your child happy, what she or he wants to do.

That being said, there are a lot of factors that may influence your littles one's choice and you should consider both the physical and mental factors. Here are a couple good questions to ask yourself and your child:

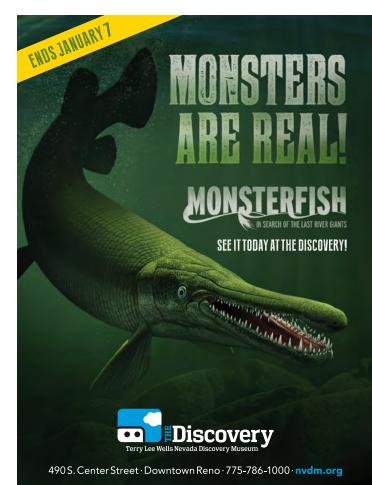
- What is the motivation for my child to snowboard?
- Is your little one more introverted or extroverted?
- Does my child play any other sports or do any other activities that are related?

Let's start with the physical aspects. Standing on a snowboard is not normal for a child - your feet are locked together on the board, and your head is turned looking over your shoulder. Standing like this may feel awkward for your child. Not being able to move his or her feet independently to maintain balance can be a huge factor to a child not enjoying snowboarding.



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Skiing, on the other hand, has a more natural stance - your child will be facing the direction they are going (forward). With skis on, the child can still walk and move their feet independently. This will help to maintain balance and inspire confidence.

Of course, if your child is already a confident skateboarder or surfer, a sideways stance won't be a big deal, and the balance required to do either of those activities is similar to snowboarding.

When it comes to what your child is thinking and feeling, this will be a huge influence on your decision. Do you want your child to snowboard because you are a snowboarder, or because they really want to do it? Your child may want to ride because you do, but then again, that can also be a reason they'd prefer to ski instead.

If your child is introverted, he or she may not want to snowboard because it's harder at first and they don't want to look like they are struggling. Seeing other kids on the hill standing up on skis and sliding with ease down the hill may change their mind about wanting to snowboard.

If your child feels apprehensive about being on the snow in the first place, having that extra sense of comfort may make all the

difference. So if you're looking for the quicker learning curve, skis may be the best idea to start with.



But if your child is excited to get

out there and really wants to snowboard, then don't hesitate to put them on a snowboard first. With the learn-to-ride technology built into modern snowboards, the initial learning curve that so many of us adults went through has been dramatically simplified, and it's not uncommon to see little groms successfully carving turns on a snowboard after only a few lessons.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't highly recommend that you start your child off with a lesson from one of our professional instructors for their first few days on a snowboard. Our professional staff have been trained on multiple different techniques to get folks riding with confidence, and you don't have to risk your happy relationship with your own child as they struggle to learn a new skill that can be frustrating at first.

The Child Ski & Ride Center at Diamond Peak offers private snowboarding lessons for kids ages 3 - 6, while our Sierra Scout program offers group and private options for kids ages 7 - 12.



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## WHERE IN THE WORLD IS LILA LAPANJA THIS WINTER?

Tracking down Lila Lapanja - Diamond Peak's homegrown World Cup ski racer - can be a tough job. Depending on the season and her current training regimen, she might be found close to her Incline Village home, or off in another hemisphere where there is snow to ski on during the Tahoe summer.

Lila made her first turns right here at Diamond Peak, and grew up racing on the Diamond Peak Ski Team. She is now the proud owner of three U.S. National Championship titles (the 2021 U.S. National Champion in both Giant Slalom and Alpine Combined disciplines, and the 2023 Champion in Slalom), as well as a four-time North American "NorAm" Cup Slalom champion. Lila is currently working toward her goal of making it to the 2026 Cortina Olympics, while helping to inspire the next generation of homegrown ski racers locally.

We caught up with Lila via email to ask a couple questions about the upcoming winter season.

**IVGID Magazine:** How did you spend this past off-season?

Lila Lapanja: This off-season, I spent a lot of my time in Park City training at the official training center of the U.S. Ski Team, where I have access to a great gym. When I wasn't in Utah, I was home mountain biking and training at the Incline High School track, or skiing in Europe on the Saas-Fee glacier in Switzerland. I also got plenty of rest with a trip back to Slovenia to visit my family and down to Mexico this fall! I had a great summer.

**IM:** What are you most looking forward to this winter?

LL: SKIING! I am really looking forward to continuing my development as an athlete through my racing and training. I feel hopeful with what I can accomplish and I am eager to feel my top form and compete with confidence. Hopefully, I will also get a few powder days for the soul.

**IM:** Besides ski racing, what else do you love to do in winter?



LL: I like skiing for fun and I love fresh winter mountain air. When I have a chance to take a break from the intensity of racing and simply carve turns or ski powder, I will take it. I also recently discovered snowmobiling with a friend last season and I hope I can do more of that as well.

**IM:** As you get more and more experience under your belt, what has changed in your approach to ski racing?

LL: Almost everything has shifted except the core of who I am as an athlete; I changed my physical training program to better support my physiology (often, less is more!), I have included more mental/ emotional skill development into my approach with someone I trust, and I have learned to recognize skiing as an avenue of expression of who I am rather than my full identity. There is still plenty of pressure and nerves, but I am learning

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to shift that pressure from performance to the pursuit of my potential as an athlete and enjoy the journey more than ever before.

**IM:** Favorite pre-race foods?

LL: I definitely like to eat two eggs with yogurt and oats for breakfast and then a hearty bar of some kind closer to my race. I also always have a salty and sugary drink that I sip on (my favorite is OJ mixed with water and sea salt).

IM: Optimal pre-race routine?

LL: Minimal and simple - I freeski and then maybe take a couple runs in a warm-up training course. When I am in the lodge, I listen to music and jot my feelings down. When I am at the start, I warm-up and stretch the legs, warm-up and stretch the back, jump around and activate the core, do some visual training with my eyes to wake them up, then breathe and believe.

**IM:** Any plans to be in Tahoe this winter?

LL: I sure hope so! My first opportunity will likely be at the end of January and then again in the spring ski season.

**IM:** Favorite powder stash at Diamond Peak?

LL: The trees off of Diamond Back and Upper Show-off. ;)

Want to follow Lila's progress this season? You can find more information about her race schedule and bio at www.teamlila. com. You can follow her @lilalapanja on Instagram, and find her official fanclub account @lilalapanja\_fanpage on Instagram too; or search for the Lila Lapanja athlete page on Facebook.





## **DIAMOND PEAK DEALS**

#### Interchangeable Parent's Ticket

The interchangeable Parent's Ticket is a transferable lift ticket that allows parents to take turns skiing while the other watches the little ones.

#### **Multi-Day Tickets**

The more you ski, the more you save with a multi-day ticket. Multiday tickets are available in 2-day and 3-day increments and can be purchased online.

#### Kids 6 & Under, Seniors 80+ Ski Free

Children ages 6 and under and seniors 80 and over always ski free at Diamond Peak.

#### **Beginner Lift Tickets**

Diamond Peak offers a beginner lift ticket valid for the Lodgepole and School House chairlifts and the beginner terrain they access for a discounted rate. Skiers and snowboarders can also upgrade their beginner lift tickets to an all-mountain ticket at any time by paying the difference in cost.



## LAST TRACKS WINE & BEER TASTINGS

Take part in one of Lake Tahoe's most unique on-mountain events this winter with Diamond Peak's Last Tracks Wine/Beer Tasting events, held on select Wednesday afternoons from the beginning of February through the end of the ski season. While there's usually a rush to catch the first chair of the day, skiers and snowboarders at Diamond Peak have the opportunity to take advantage of a final chair ride up to Snowflake Lodge to experience breathtaking views, plus wine or craft beer tastings paired with delicious appetizers. When the event is over, participants enjoy one final run down a freshly groomed trail.

Last Tracks features a different winery, brewery, or themed flight each week. Some of the past favorites have included Rodney Strong Vineyards, J Winery, Francis Ford Coppola Winery, Wente Vineyards, Alibi Ale Works, and Ferrari Carano Vineyards. The 2023 schedule is announced in January and tickets are available to purchase via a lottery system in mid-January.

Last Tracks tickets include a ski lift ticket valid from 12 to 4pm. Diamond Peak season pass holders receive a discount on Last Tracks tickets. Participants must be able to ski or snowboard down an intermediate run and be 21+ to attend, no exceptions. Last Tracks regularly



sells out and advance reservations are required.

#### Last Tracks Lottery:

In order to give everyone a fair chance at getting Last Tracks tickets this winter, Diamond Peak will continue to hold a Last Tracks Ticket Lottery during the IVGID Recreation Pass holder presale period. Lottery instructions will be shared via Diamond Peak's email newsletter and social media accounts in late December or early January, so stay tuned and be sure to subscribe!



Visit the website for a schedule and details.

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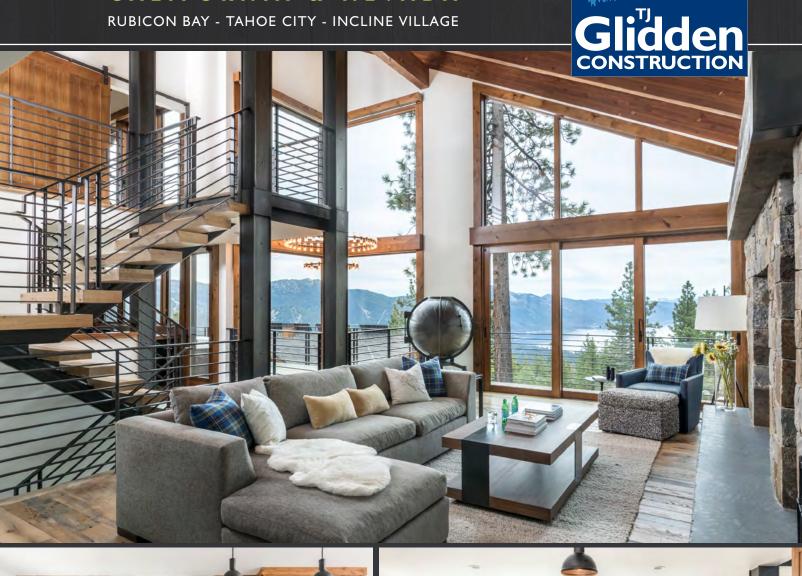




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## *DIAMOND PEAK 2023-24 SIGNATURE EVENTS*

#### December 24-25 Santa & Penguin Pete visit

Every year, Santa Claus and his trusty sidekick Penguin Pete (Diamond Peak's official mascot) greet kids of all ages on the slopes of Diamond Peak. Catch these two lovable characters in and around the base area as well as on the slopes.

#### January 26 Ullr Fest Parade & Community Party

The 14th annual Ullr Fest, to raise funds for the Diamond Peak Ski Team, is Friday, January 26, 2024. The festive evening includes a torchlight parade, bonfire, music, raffles, food, drinks and more! Festival goers can expect fun for kids of all ages, drink specials, and an incredible community vibe. Come dressed in your Ullr attire as prizes will be given for best costumes.

#### January 29 – February 4 IVGID Community Appreciation Week

As a community owned resort, Diamond Peak Ski Resort shows its appreciation to the residents of Incline Village and Crystal Bay by offering free lift tickets to people with valid IVGID Recreation Passes or Recreation Punch Cards during IVGID Community Appreciation Week. Diamond Peak season pass holders with a valid IVGID Recreation Pass or Punch Card will be provided free demo equipment rentals.

#### Select Fridays, Community After-Hours Snowshoe Hikes to Snowflake Lodge

Join guides from the Incline Village Parks & Recreation Department for evening Snowshoe Hikes to Diamond Peak's Snowflake Lodge. The snowshoe hikes offer nonskiers the chance to enjoy the slopes of Diamond Peak in wintertime and encourage exercising in a social setting. The 1.5-mile (3 miles round trip) hike includes guides, exclusive after-hours access to Diamond Peak and Snowflake Lodge, food and a beverage. See DiamondPeak.com/events for reservations and more information, or call 775.832.1310. Pre-registration is required.







#### March 23-24 Luggi Foeger Uphill/Downhill Festival

The Lake Tahoe Basin's premier SkiMo competition and an incredibly family-friendly event - race to the top of the mountain using whatever human-powered method you prefer – skins, snowshoes, running shoes, etc. Then ski, snowboard, snowshoe, or run back down to the finish line. For those of a less competitive nature, a recreational course will be available. The event will also include fun activities in the base area including music, an awards ceremony and more! Then join us for a winter-wildlife snowshoe hike Sunday morning.



#### April 13 Dummy Downhill

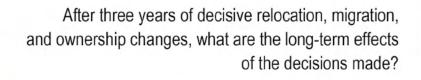
Join us for the 22nd annual Dummy Downhill where participants build a dummy on skis or snowboards that gets launched off of a big jump, while spectators get to watch as unique characters fly down the hill or crash hard. This is Diamond Peak's signature spring event and the biggest party of the year. Even non-skiers will want to come watch the madness! A panel of "celebrity judges" will evaluate all dummies on the snow by the Base Lodge, followed by the dummy launch and an awards ceremony. Prizes and certificates are awarded for creativity, best crash, farthest distance, and more.



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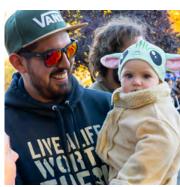






























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### **AQUATICS** Group Swim Lessons

Group swim Lessons are offered for youth 6 months to 12 years of age. Programs follow the American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim guidelines. Class maximum is four students per instructor for Levels 1 & 2 and six students per instructor for levels 3, 4 and 5.

Please refer to the swim lesson level descriptions online at inclinerecreation. com for placement. If your child is between two levels, please register for the lower level (the instructor can provide more advanced skills to work on if needed).

If you have any questions or comments about swim lessons, please feel free to email the Aquatics Office at aquaticschedule@ivgid.org.

#### Youth & Adult Private and Semi-Private Swim Lessons

Private lessons are available for all ages and abilities with certified Water Safety Instructors, as well as stroke clinics with our swim coaches. To make a private lesson request, email the Aquatics Office at aquaticschedule@ivgid.org. All private lessons are subject to availability of instructor staff. Lessons must be paid for in advance; payment must be made at the Recreation Center counter.

#### Pre-Swim Team/Northern Nevada Aquatics Swim Team

Come join Incline's premier swim team for both competitive and novice swimmers. Our USA Swimming certified coaches will evaluate appropriate levels and practice times for each participant. For those who are participating in USA Swimming, the opportunity to travel to USA Swim meets will be available. Swim team fees are due monthly. Please refer to the Swim Team level descriptions on the website. Ages 6+.

#### **Splashes and Glasses**

Swim, connect and indulge with other women on Wednesday evenings. The program is focused on beginner, intermediate and advanced skills. Swim and then join the group for an optional après swim outing at various locations around town. The first Wednesday of each month is designated for beginner swimmers (participants should at least be comfortable in chest deep water), and the remainder of the Wednesdays each month are focused on intermediate and advanced skills.

Days: Wednesdays

Swimming Time: 6 - 6:45pm (après swim outing follows) Location: Incline Village Recreation Center Pool (980 Incline Way, Incline

Village)

Fees: \$16, \$12 w/IVGID Pass

#### **Youth Swim Clinics**

Youth Swim Clinics will focus on stroke development and overall swimming endurance. Coaches work with kids to foster a sense of team building and camaraderie through creating a fun and motivating experience. See inclinerecreation.com for prerequisites and full clinic details.

Ages: 5 - 10 Dates: TBD

#### **Swim Around Tahoe**

Complete this program by swimming in the pool, the lake, or whatever facility you desire. Just record your yardage and we will track your progress. Upon completion of the 71-mile journey you will receive a T-shirt and your name on the "Finisher's Plaque" at the Recreation Center pool. This is an ongoing program for all ages with annual registration.

Fee: \$52, \$39 w/IVGID Pass

#### **BEACHES**

#### **Puppy Plunge Photo Recap**

On October 15, dogs of all breeds and sizes joined their local resident owners on Ski Beach for the 2nd annual Puppy Plunge event, hosted in partnership with the Pet Network Humane Society and Pet Station. Thank you to all of our event sponsors, and to all of the dog owners who came out to let their pups take the plunge!















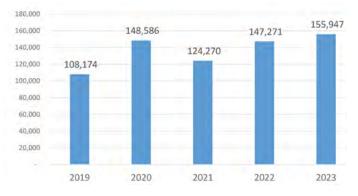
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#### **Off-season Dog Policy**

Dogs are only allowed on Ski Beach after the beaches close for the season, typically October 15 through mid-April, and only when accompanied by an owner with beach access. We greatly appreciate your efforts to keep Ski Beach and Lake Tahoe as clean and pristine as possible so be sure to clean up after your pooch.

#### **Beach Attendance Numbers**

Numbers indicate IVGID Recreation Pass holder scans/ entrances over the years.



Note: Numbers do not include IVGID Punch Card access or guest access figures

#### HEALTH & WELLNESS



## *PERSONAL TRAINER PROFILE & TIP*

Q&A with Kristen Miller IVGID Magazine: What is your favorite thing about working

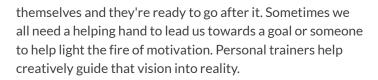
with personal training clients?

Kristen Miller: My favorite thing about personal training is meeting people where they are and truly being their

biggest fan when it comes to their fitness, health and wellness goals. People feel motivated when someone believes in them. If I believe they can achieve what they came to me for, I'm determined to help them get there. It's my mission to empower clients to boldly claim for themselves, "Yes I can." Every goal is very personal and so is every plan I create. It's fun.

IM: What's the #1 reason folks begin working with a trainer?

**KM:** From my experience, people enlist a personal trainer because they have a vision of an even better version of



**IM:** What other reasons should folks start working with a trainer for?

KM: A lot of the time, people feel stuck in a routine that isn't producing the results they envision towards a goal. We get complacent and then we get bored. We do the same workouts day in and day out and proper form is lacking. It's true for anything in life. People who have fitness, health and wellness goals, should work with a professional who can create an achievable path to success. Putting complacency and boredom behind is vital to achieve that vision of an even better self.

**IM**: What should winter athletes be doing in December to ensure a long and healthy winter sports season?

KM: Several things! The holidays can be a slippery slope once we start buying into all the delicious treats and days spent cozied up in our sweats. December is the time to treat your



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#### **HEALTH & WELLNESS**

body with respect and care. It can be a super stressful season, so I encourage you to stay on track with a healthy diet. Strength train. Get your cardiovascular system moving. Do balance work. December isn't the time to fall off the wagon. Fitness, health and wellness is a 12-month commitment. That commitment to self should always be top priority. December is the month to be extra diligent, so that you can hit the ground running come January.

**IM:** What's the #1 misconception about personal training in your opinion?

KM: That's easy. The #1 misconception about personal training that I see, is that it is merely physical. I love connecting with my clients on a more personal level. It's not just about training proper squat form. Personal training is about meeting people right where they are at a given moment, coming alongside them and believing in them all along the way. Personal training is a great opportunity to connect for real and bond on a deeper level. My clients and I laugh, cry, share trials and tribulations in a safe, healthy space. Physical health is great - but we go deeper - sessions are super food for the soul too.

IM: Anything else you'd like to add?



KM: Being strong, balanced and healthy is an awesome feeling. It should be fun and engaging. It's work! And it's worth it - I promise you that. We're not here to live an average life. From the get-go, I believe in my clients 100% and it's my passion to spur them to boldly declare to their goals, "Yes I can."

## WINTER FITNESS TIP

For winter safety, it is important to develop balance and coordination required to maintain stability on unstable surfaces such as steep, snowy hills and ice. Work on balance by standing on one foot. Progress to raising your heel off the ground. These exercises can be done while on the phone, watching TV, in the pool, or taking a break at your desk.

For an added challenge, close your eyes while balancing. Be sure to have something sturdy and stable next to you to hold on to.





#### Incliners

The Incliners is the longest-running IVGID senior program, providing social and educational opportunities for more than 500 seniors 49+. The club usually meets on the first Tuesday of each month for a social event which might include a potluck dinner, bingo, trivia, guest speakers, game night, and/or social happy hours. During ski season, members can attend weekly lunches at Diamond Peak every Wednesday at noon, with each lunch hosted by member volunteers. On the third Tuesday of each month, members meet for a catered dinner, followed by music, trivia or dancing (dates subject to change).



Annual dues are \$25 per person. Advanced reservations are required for catered dinners (no walk-ins are admitted). Price per member is \$30, and non-members and guests are \$40. Reserve your space and pay online. For additional information about how to join Incliners, make dinner reservations, sign up for events, or access our latest news, go to www.incliners.org.

#### Senior Transportation (55+)

The Senior Transportation Program is a collaborative effort provided by IVGID Senior Programs, Washoe County, NDOT and RTC. Services include regular transportation opportunities for shopping, errands, outings, and medical or personal appointments. This door-to-door, reliable, affordable service provides local seniors a way to get around, run errands, make appointments, and take care of business. Reservations are required. Please call the Senior Transportation Hotline at 775.886.1020 and leave the requested information for local errands at least 24 hours in advance for the Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday services. The fee for regular Tuesday runs is \$10, with Wednesday or Friday weekly local transportation at \$5.

"On Demand" transportation is available for other individual needs. Cost is \$40 per person, which includes a same-day round trip for errands, appointments, personal services, etc. (additional fees apply after 3 hours). Airport transportation services, (drop-off or pick up), are \$55 per person. Book "On Demand" transportation services AT LEAST 72 business hours in advance at 775.886.1020.

Transportation services may be subject to alteration or cancellation in extreme weather and are subject to driver and vehicle availability. Requested destinations are limited to Washoe County and adjacent communities (i.e. Carson City, Stateline, Truckee, and Kings Beach).

#### Schedule:

Tuesdays - Carson City & Reno (alternating) Wednesdays & Fridays - Local (IV/CB/KB)

#### **Conversation Café**

Conversation Café is a drop-in forum hosted by the Senior Programs staff. Interact with people, share diverse views and a passion for engaging with others over interesting topics, local issues, and world news items. Candid discussions about selected topics elicit frank comments, and the dissemination of information, often with humorous anecdotes and interjections.

#### Location: Aspen Grove

Days: Thursdays (year-round except holidays) Time: 10 - 11:30am Fee: FREE (donations accepted for coffee and snacks)

#### **IV/CB Veterans Club**

Join this dynamic group for monthly lunch meetings with featured guest speakers. Veterans, supporters and community members are always welcome to attend the meetings. Participants enjoy involvement with special events and unique opportunities to honor and support local veterans, military service agencies, and special veteran support operations in the community, state, country and world. Meet on the last Thursday of each month, 12 - 2pm, from January through October at the Chateau at Incline Village. There are no meetings in December. The IV/CB Veterans Club Mission is: To promote the welfare of all veterans and their families.

Fee: Annual dues are \$30 and includes monthly meeting lunches.

#### **Tai Chi for Health**

Improve joint health, gain balance and coordination, learn about Chi, and make new friends.

Try this program as a special introduction to Tai Chi. Meet at Aspen Grove (960 Lakeshore Drive, Incline Village) each Thursday at 11:30am following Conversation Cafe. Contact instructor Pegi Feyge at pegifeyge@gmail.com for more information.



#### 55+ Snowshoe Hikes & Lunch

Trekkers of all abilities are welcome to join IVGID Senior Programs for weekly light- to moderate-level snowshoe hikes at various locations throughout the beautiful North Tahoe area. Following the hikes, relax and socialize with fellow snowshoers and enjoy a delicious lunch at a local eating establishment. Hikes are subject to snow conditions, and are weather dependent. Bring your own gear.

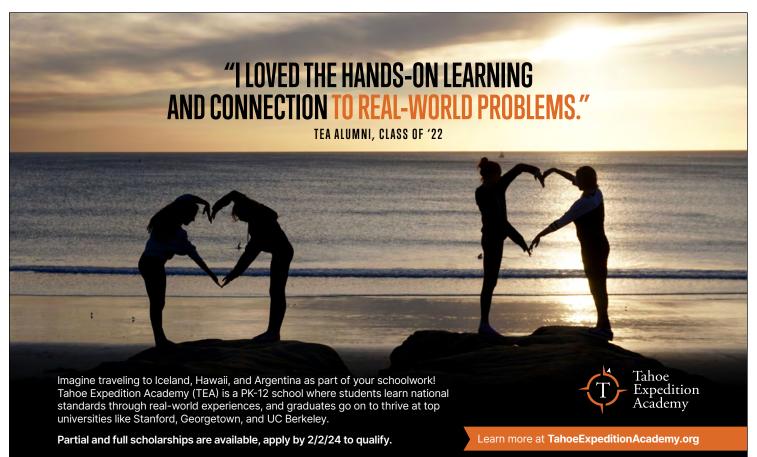
**Days/Times:** Tuesdays, 10am – 2pm, December 5 – March 26 **Fee:** \$22, \$18 w/IVGID pass. Fee includes staff guides, transportation & lunch.

#### 55+ Cross Country Skiing

Join others in cross country ski instruction and weekly outings. Discover local groomed trails and enjoy the exercise and beautiful snowy landscape. Beginner to intermediate level skiers are welcome.

**Days/Times:** Mondays, 10am – 1pm **Fee:** \$20 per day, \$15 w/IVGID Pass

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#### 55+ Ski Clinics at Diamond Peak

Don't miss this great opportunity to hone your skills, master safe skiing, and meet fellow skiers at Diamond Peak. Diamond Peak's PSIA-certified instructors provide intermediate (Lakeview) and advanced (Crystal) level instruction in these weekly ski clinics. Novice skiers are welcome to attend, but need to start with a group or private lesson from Diamond Peak's Ski & Ride Center until they can comfortably tackle intermediate terrain to join the program.

Instruction is designed to help skiers improve, adjust, or modify techniques and encourage skills and habits that support lifelong skiing. Re-entry skiers are welcome. Learn about the latest equipment and skiing technology. Meet on the food court level of the Diamond Peak Main Lodge. Skiers must have a day pass or season pass for Diamond Peak. Bring your own equipment, or rental equipment is available for a fee.

Days/Times: Wednesdays, 9:30am -12pm, January 10 - April 10 (No clinics Feb 22)\*

Fee: \$250 for 10 weeks (or \$200 w/ IVGID Pass); \$150 for 5 weeks (or \$125 w/IVGID pass); drop-in rate of \$45 per day (\$35 w/IVGID Pass)

\* Dates may adjust depending on snow conditions. Enroll in multi-week option and you can choose which 5 or 10 weeks to attend.



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## **GET IN LINE & HAVE SOME FUN**

#### New Line Dancing Classes at the Incline Village Recreation Center by Sue Jenkins

#### What exactly is line dancing and where did it come from?

Line dancing is directly descended from the 1970s disco era, and as its name suggests, involves people dancing in lines, repeating a series of choreographed steps to music whilst turning and dancing, often facing all four walls of the room as the dance progresses. Prior to the '70s, line dancing probably had its roots in cultural folk dances, and it is also believed to originate from the square and round dances from Europe.

Line dancing is currently a global phenomenon, and is especially popular throughout Europe and Asia. With this international reach, there are a plethora of different line dancing styles. At the Recreation Center we dance to a mix of country and western music, disco, pop, hip-hop, the Charleston, 1950s and '60s music, Irish jigs, tribal and Latin music, to name but a few.

Some of our favorite line dances that we enjoy are The Cupid Shuffle, The Electric Slide, Boot Scootin' Boogie, The Watermelon Crawl, Cotton Eye Joe, The Cowboy Charleston, Jerusalema, The Irish Stomp and La Cumbia Semana.

#### Why Line Dance?

First off, because it is great fun. You meet lots of new people, and dancing together always breaks the ice and brings a lot of laughter. Our line dancing sessions start with very easy and gentle repetitive steps, and then progress to more challenging, energetic routines. Line dancing also has incredible health benefits: It increases muscle tone and coordination, lowers the risk of heart disease, strengthens bones, reduces blood pressure and keeps the brain very active. Not only do you have to memorize the steps, but you also have to coordinate your limbs to the music.

Line dancing aids physical, mental and emotional well-being. It's also a great stress reliever. It releases the neurotransmitter endorphins which make our bodies feel calmer and happier.

#### Details

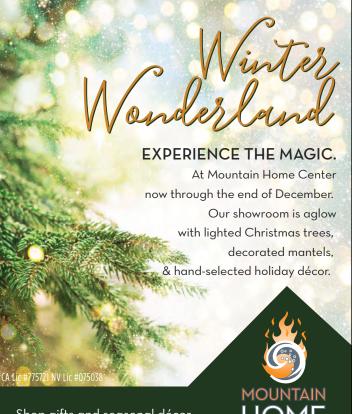
The class begins with an initial 45 minute session, which is aimed at the ultra beginner/beginner, and then continues for another hour and 15 minutes designed to continue the fun for beginners, while also appealing to more experienced dancers as well. Participants are welcome to join us for the first or second hour, or both, so you can gradually learn and progress your skills.

#### Ages: 21+

Days: Wednesdays

Times: 5:15 - 6pm (first-timers/ultra-beginners); 6 - 7:15pm (beginners, improving, experienced) Location: Recreation Center group fitness room Fee: \$70, \$55 w/IVGID Pass (full series); \$19, \$15 w/IVGID Pass (drop-in)

**Registration:** Pre-registration required. Maximum of 20 participants per class. Full details: www.yourtahoeplace.com/ events/line-dancing



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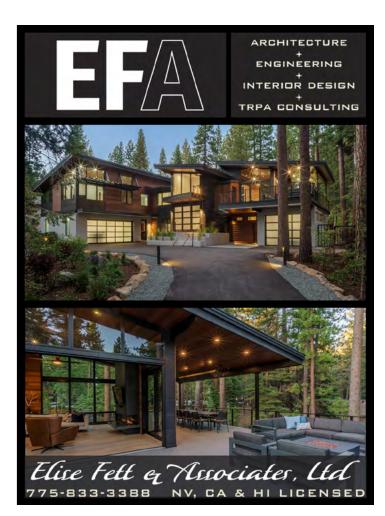
### **GROUP FITNESS CHOICES** By Pandora Bahlman

Recreation Center members often ask which group fitness class they should attend to meet their fitness/life goals. The answer is to attend a variety of classes and find out which classes work best for you!

The Recreation Center has a roster of 20+ instructors with unique styles of presentation. We encourage every level of fitness and applaud those who modify the class to meet their personal needs.

Below is a list of many of the fun and engaging group fitness instructors and what they teach.

- Sue brings fitness with British humor. Zumba repeats Latin and pop moves until you feel success, Cardio/Strength combines supersets of strength moves with cardio in between, and Balance/Core/Flexibility has a concentration of Barre moves.
- Frank's Strength Conditioning & 55+ Fitness classes are traditional, easy-to-follow strength exercises; accompanied by fun music and Frank's singing.



- Barbara's Yoga class is unique, yet inclusive of Yoga principals. The classes are soothing and restorative with a peaceful/ healing voice. She encourages inner awareness, attaining a meditative state through breath and movement.
- Pandora's Strength/Cardio and Balance/Core/Flexibility are non-stop motion, heavy on the cardio, mixed with endurance strength and coordination. Recommended to those seeking an endorphin high.
- Kristen's Sports Conditioning and Cycle gathers a tribe to challenge participants physically, in a fun, supportive atmosphere.
- Dolores's Yoga is for every level of yoga practitioner, with the goal of integrating the mind, body and spirit, while utilizing teachings from the eight limbs of Yoga.
- Nancy's Yoga is based in traditional Vinyasa Flow, with each class being slightly different. She encourages participants to practice their personal yoga, linking to her with conscious breath and fluid movement.
- Lourdes' Balance/Core/Flexibility incorporates Pilates and Ballet postures and technique to maximize strength, muscle definition and flexibility.
- Heather's Yoga has something for every BODY, her sequences are built for mobility, flexibility, strength and a heart full of joy.
- Denise prides herself on selecting themed playlists and asks her participants to guess the theme, while you spin or use the TRX suspension trainers!
- Sandy's Spin and TRX radiates energy and accommodates diverse age and varying physical fitness groups; ensuring inclusivity for all participants.
- Kimberly is high energy and always provides a workout different from the one before. Her focus is functional movement and improved daily life activities.
- Sally's Aqua Fitness workout is down to business including all elements of fitness led by a knowledgeable instructor.
- Shawna strives to have fun while getting a complete workout in the water. She does this with upbeat lively music that makes you 'move and groove'!
- Micki's Water Workout strives to make you sweat to great rock and roll music.

Group fitness classes are the perfect option for those looking to surround themselves with a group of like-minded people working towards achieving their fitness goals. No matter your reason for attending, group fitness classes will benefit your spirit and your health!

#### YOUTH & ADULT SPORTS



#### Winter Indoor Pickleball

Indoor pickleball is in full swing inside the gymnasium at the Incline Village Recreation Center. We offer dropin play on three courts during the wintertime: Court 1 is designated for beginners; Court 2 is set up for 2 players on, 2 off (partners stay for two consecutive games); Court 3 allows 4 players on, 4 off (partners play/stay for one game). All courts use the paddle rack rotation system.

**Days/Times:** Wednesdays & Fridays, 11:30am - 2pm; Sundays, 10am - 1pm

#### Youth Basketball League

Registration begins in December for our coed Youth Basketball League. Suitable for all boys and girls from Kindergarten to 8th grade, the league will teach fundamentals and teamwork on the court with games at various gymnasiums throughout the community.

**Divisions:** grades K-2, 3-4, 5-6 & 7-8 **Dates:** Jan. 9 – March 8: days & times TBA

Locations: Various Gymnasiums in Incline Village

#### Youth Indoor Soccer Program

Join soccer coach Peter Salazar for indoor soccer at the Recreation Center. Participants will have the opportunity to work on soccer fundamentals and more advanced strategy and technique.

**Divisions:** 3rd-4th grade & 5th-8th grade



Location: Incline Village Recreation Center gymnasium Session 2: Jan. 22 – Feb. 16 Session 3: March 4 – 29

#### Adult Indoor Volleyball League

An Incline favorite, the coed 6v6 Indoor Volleyball League at the Recreation Center returns for another winter of friendly competition and fun.

**Dates/Times:** Wednesdays, Jan. 17 – March 27, 5-8pm

#### Adult Basketball League

The coed Adult 5v5 Basketball league returns for another winter of friendly competition at various gymnasiums around Incline Village.

**Dates/Times:** January - March with game times TBA

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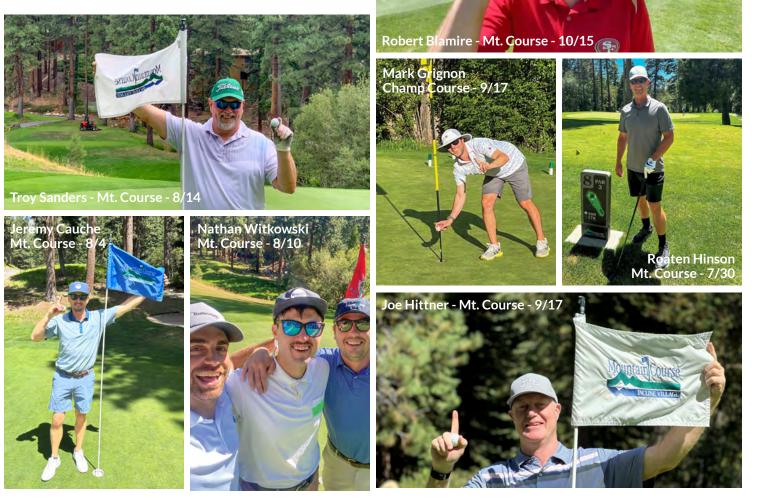


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#### **INCLINE VILLAGE GOLF**

#### Hole in One Club 2023

Every year we like to celebrate that rarest of thrills a golfer can experience on the course... a hole-in-one! The 2023 golf season did not disappoint, with two golfers hitting aces at the Championship Course this year, and seven getting that amazing feeling up at the Mountain Course. Congratulations to all of this year's golfers, and remember, the best way to increase your odds of hitting a hole-in-one is to play more golf!





## **GOLF SHOP UPDATE**

During the offseason, the Golf Shop at the Championship Golf Course is open to the public Tuesday – Saturday from 10am - 4pm. The shop stocks some of the most up-to-date fashions and golf shoes the industry has to offer. It also has some great gift ideas with Incline Village logos and branding.

In addition, the FlightScope X2 Elite launch monitor and indoor hitting net are set up in the Championship Golf Shop for the off-season. There are a variety of courses to choose from and playing 18 holes only takes about an hour.

The FlightScope also captures an accurate reading of your swing with Doppler radar, which provides feedback regarding ball flight, swing path and launch angles. Our PGA golf pros are able to analyze results from the flight scope and give swing lessons based on those results. Call 775.832.1146 to book winter tee times and lessons.



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#### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATES



## MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATES

#### **Effluent Export Pipeline**

The first portions of the Effluent Export Pipeline replacement project were completed for the year in October 2023. This included dig and lay of approximately 5,400 linear feet of new pipeline, multiple pressure tests, coordination of three separate Spooner Pump Station shut-downs to accommodate live connection of the new pipeline sections, and final road reinstatement.

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It was a busy construction season on State Route 28 from May to October, and Granite Construction - the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for the pipeline project successfully coordinated their construction activities with other critical stakeholders in the area to accommodate NDOT highway and drainage improvements, Charter fiberoptic installation, and NV Energy performing essential poleinstallation and tree clearing work all along SR28.

The 2023 pipeline construction was critical to the District to comply with NDOT requirements where the existing effluent line was in direct conflict with proposed/new NDOT stormwater infrastructure adjacent to Marlette Creek. The 2023 construction season was also used to perform investigations on the existing rock formations along the highway that will impact trenching operations in remaining portions of the effluent pipeline replacement; this information will be valuable for accurate preparation of the schedule for subsequent construction seasons.

The final testing and tie-in activities were completed in the first two weeks of October and the final mill and asphalt overlay of the affected travel lanes was completed in late October. Final inspections have been completed with both TRPA and NDOT and all close-out items completed. Despite delays due to wet weather, saturated ground conditions, and multiple required mobilizations, Granite completed the full project scope with no quality issue or safety incidents to the traveling public or construction staff.

After many years in project development, this milestone of 5,400 feet of new operational pipeline is an accomplishment worth celebrating; however, there are nearly 25,000 linear feet of existing pipeline in operation that still require replacement so IVGID Staff and Board of Trustees continue to work diligently towards that goal!

#### **Diamond Peak Kitchen Remodel & Painting**

Diamond Peak's Base Lodge Walk-in Cooler and Food Prep Reconfiguration project was completed in November. The design build contractor, Brycon Corporation, worked hard to give the back-of-house service areas in the Base Lodge kitchen a more efficient and safer floorplan to provide a more workable flow for kitchen staff, with better access to dishwashers, prep counters and storage areas.

For years our cooks were crossing paths with staff prepping the salads, who were dodging staff hauling dirty dishes, all in each other's way. The new floorplan gives kitchen staff a more sensible workspace, reconfigures appliances, eliminates the congestion in high risk areas where staff risked bumping into

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each other, and provides increased storage and a larger, more energy-efficient walk-in cooler.

Much of the results will be invisible to our customers as they come in for lunch on a busy ski day, but they will certainly benefit from a less harried staff serving up salads, chicken strips and cheeseburgers with ease. Customers will notice design improvements to the front of the house in the Base Lodge Provisions food court, as well as new highly-efficient beverage coolers.

Diamond Peak also received an exterior facelift this fall with new paint being applied to the Base Lodge and Skier Services buildings. This work was done by long-time local company Tahoe Workz.



# FREE HOLIDAY TREE RECYCLING OPTIONS

#### Curbside Tree Collection Week: Jan. 8 to 12, 2024

Waste Management will collect clean trees for recycling curbside on your normal trash service day, for free, only during the week of January 8 - 12, 2024. Trees must be cut down into segments no longer than three (3) feet each. Trees must be clean of all decorations, nails and tree stands. Curbside collection is only available to Incline Village and Crystal Bay residents. Trees placed curbside any other time are considered excess trash and will be subject to extra charges/violation.

#### New Drop-Off Location at 958 Lakeshore Blvd. Open Dec. 22, 2023 to Jan. 29, 2024

This year, the new location for tree drop-off is the Overflow Parking lot across from Incline Beach. Trees can be any size, but must be clean of all decorations, nails and tree stands.

All trees are chipped by the North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District for local erosion control projects.



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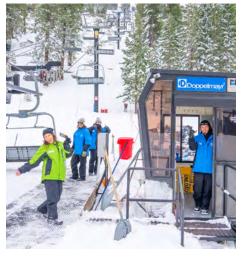
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# STAFF SPOTLIGHTS

#### New & Promoted Staff

IVGID would like to welcome these new staff members who've recently joined our team, and congratulate those existing team members who have recently been promoted into new positions within the District. If you see any of these staff members' smiling faces around the District, please say hello and/or congratulations!

#### **New Hires**

Welcome! We're excited to have you a part of our team.

Jazmine Stier, Sous Chef

Heather Potts, Controller

Patrick Dreelan, Meter Technician

Susan Hahn, Accounts Payable Technician

Adam Cripps, Asst. Director of Finance

Christopher Easley, Safety Specialist

#### **Promotions**

Congratulations on your promotion and continued contribution to our community.

Jesse Malsam, Inspector I

John Williams, Water/Wastewater OIT/ I-II

Adia VanPeborgh, Rec Supervisor -Operations & Community Programming

Erik Castaneda, Lift Manager

Cesar Ramirez, Buildings Maintenance II - Recreation Center

#### **Returning Seasonal Managers**

Congratulations on returning in your lead role.

Kari Brandt, Ski Patrol Director/Safety Coordinator

Jon Tekulve, Director of Skier Services

James Pedersen, Assistant Director of Skier Services

Tatiana Montabello, Rental Shop Manager

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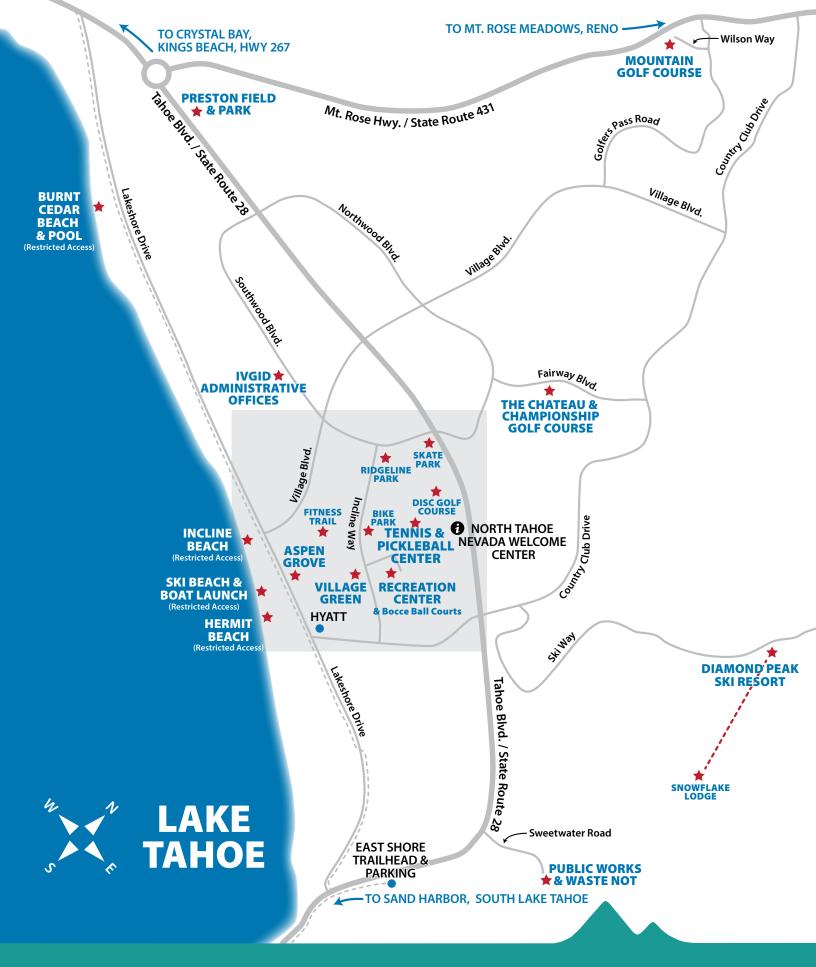
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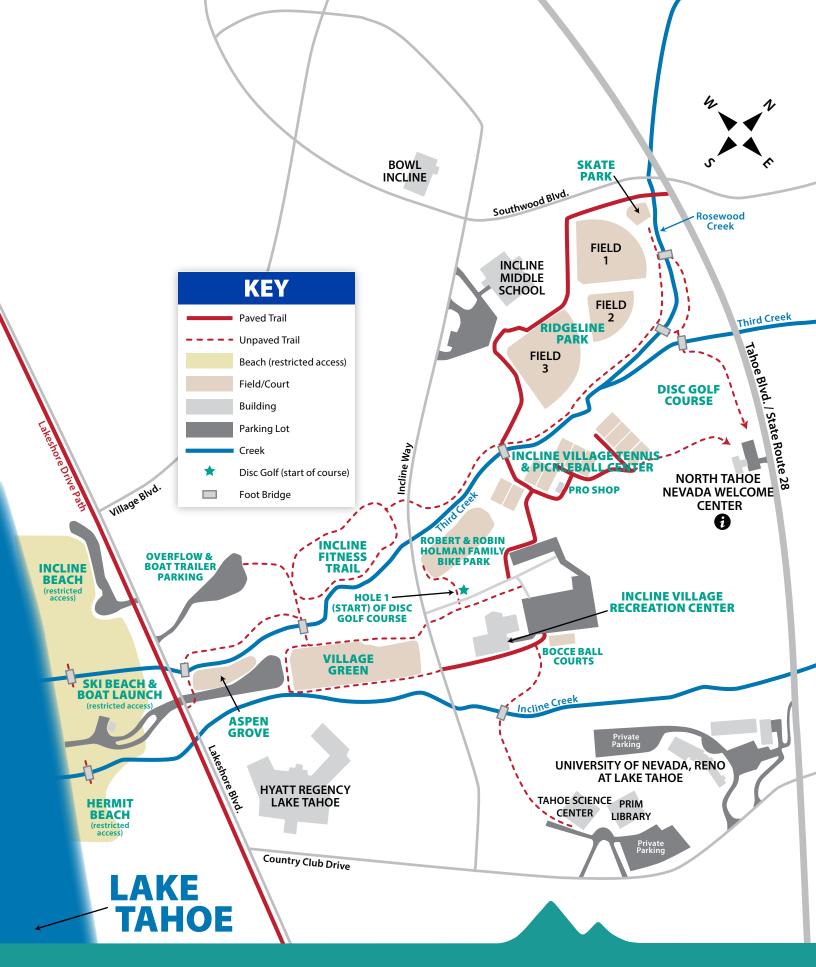
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