

North Shore events fill December calendar

The Resort at Squaw Creek hosts Evenings with Family and Friends in Olympic Valley on Dec. 2, 9 and 16, 4-8pm, with free ice skating and hot cocoa, along with discounts at restaurants and shops.

Northstar-at-Tahoe brings back its Thursday Noel Nights starting Dec. 3, 5-8pm, with sâ€™mores by the fire, free ice skating, hot cocoa, shopping specials, holiday carolers and photos with Santa.

Incline Village and Sierra Nevada College host the 2nd Annual Tree Lighting on campus at Patterson Hall Dec/ 3, 4-6pm. This family-friendly event features holiday crafts and activities, in addition to the tree lighting.

The fun continues in Incline Village when the Sierra Nevada College Choir performs Benjamin Brittenâ€™s â€œCeremony of Carolsâ€ and other seasonal music during its 24th annual Holiday Concert Dec. 3, 7pm, at St. Patrickâ€™s Episcopal Church. Tickets are \$15/person and are available at the door.

On Dec. 4 Kings Beach has its traditional Tree Lighting Ceremony with Santa at the North Tahoe Event Center from 5-8pm. The Holiday Fair, which opens at 5:30pm, offers refreshments, caroling and holiday shopping.

Tahoe City hosts its Family Winter Wonderland Dec. 5, 11am-3pm at the picturesque Heritage Plaza with \$15 pictures with Santa and Lake Tahoe as the backdrop. Guests can also enjoy hot cocoa and are encouraged to bring a toy to donate. At 6 that evening, Tahoe Cityâ€™s Tree Lighting takes place, along with caroling.

Tahoe Mountain Club presents the Holiday Cooking Demo Dec. 6,

5-9:30pm at Coyote Moon in Truckee with a six-course wine paired tasting demo and popular chef and restaurateur Mark Estee as the emcee. Tickets are \$60/person and the event benefits Project Mana's hunger-relief efforts.

One of Tahoe City's most popular Santa parties takes place at Granlibakken Resort Dec. 13, noon-4pm, with free sledding and gifts for children preschool to 9 years old. Put on by the Rotary Club of Tahoe City, complimentary cocoa, hot dogs and cookies will also be served.