Sierra opening set for Saturday

Sierra Resort will kick off the 2009-2010 winter season this coming Dec. 5. Sierra Resort was recently ranked as a top 10 Resort in the 2010 TransWorld SNOWboarding Readers Guide.

Easy Rider Express and Rock Garden chairlifts will open to the public at 9am, accessing three beginner trails – Broadway, Lower Sleighride and Echo. There will be five terrain park features on Broadway including new and improved boxes and a corrugated pipe for jibbing.

"We definitely have early season conditions on the mountain,â \in □ John Rice, general manager, said in a press release. â \in œBut we know our skiers and riders are hungry to get those first couple of runs in and take a few laps through the Broadway terrain park. This weekend is just a teaser for things to come this winter.â \in □

Early season lift tickets are available for \$35 for adults, \$25 for young adults, \$15 for children and seniors 70+, and \$35 for seniors 65-69. Sierra Resort will offer beginner group and private lessons, daycare, ski and snowboard rentals and dining in Mamaâ $\mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{M}}$ s Kitchen and the Sierra Pub & Deli. Sierra Mountain Sports will also be open for those who want to start their holiday shopping â \mathbb{C} or their holiday wish lists.

New this season, Sierra Resort has taken a direct shot at the price barrier to learning a new sport in a tough economy with a \$35 beginner package that includes a limited access lift ticket, rental equipment and a $2\hat{A}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ hour lesson. Friends and families can now spend an entire day on the slopes, learning a new sport, for less than the cost of going out to dinner and a movie together. The \$35 Learn to Ski/Snowboard package is valid for adults age 13+, Sunday through Friday, non-holiday

and excluding restricted dates. It is available in limited quantities and only online at SierraAtTahoe.com.

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