TRT speaker series focuses on winter experiences

The winter season is right around the corner, and soon the Tahoe Rim Trail will be under snow. But that doesn't mean you can't get out and enjoy it during the winter months.

What should you do? That's the focus of the TRTA's October Speaker Series. Learn how to survive an avalanche, the tricks of winter backpacking and find out the inside scoop on crosscountry skiing and ski skating from three local experts.

Oct. 14: "Cross Country Skiing and Ski Skating" by John Cobourn of the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension. A discussion of cross country skiing and snow skating and find out how these two seemingly distinct activities have a lot in common.

Oct. 21: "Cold Weather Camping" by Dave Hess, outreach specialist of REI Reno. Cooler weather and shorter days should not prevent you from enjoying the Tahoe Basin during the winter months. Go with confidence knowing that you are prepared for all conditions. Join REI camping expert Hess to discuss gear, clothing, personal comfort and safety considerations for your late season and winter adventures.

Oct. 25: "Avalanche Awareness and Safety" by Tim Farrar from the Slide Snow School. Are you ready to learn the decision-making skills and methods necessary for traveling safely in avalanche terrain? Look no further than this talk. Travel safely this winter season and learn how to avoid the dangers of avalanches.

All presentations are free and will take place at the DWR Non-Profit Center from 6-7pm at 948 Incline Way, Incline Village. RSVP to programs@tahoerimtrail.org or (775) 298.0012.