

Blue Ribbon Award nominees selected

Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce this week announced the contenders for the group's 4th annual Blue Ribbon Awards.



More than 100 businesses and individuals were nominated for the eight categories. Winners will be announced Nov. 17 at Embassy Suites during a dinner event from 5-8pm. Tickets are \$50. (775.588.1728)

The nominees are:

- **Geotourism Award** (sponsored by El Dorado County): Angora Lakes Resort, Tahoe Rim Trail Association, Jon Paul Gallery, Sorensen's Resort, Tahoe Lakeshore Lodge & Spa, and Ski Run Boat Company.
- **Tourism Award** (sponsored by Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority): Getaway Reno/Tahoe, Ski Butlers Lake Tahoe, Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority, Tahoe Photographic Tours, Tahoe Rim Trail Association, Lake Tahoe Bicycle Coalition, Borges Sleigh Rides, Edgewood Tahoe, Lakeside Inn & Casino, MontBleu, Ski Run Boat Company, and Sorensen's Resort.
- **Experience Award** (sponsored by South Lake Tahoe Lodging Association): Escobar Training Grounds, Overland Meat Company, Sugarpine Bakery, MacDuff's Public House, South Tahoe Standup Paddle, Swiss Chalet, Tahoe Bowl, Tahoe Derby Dames, Tahoe Rim Trail Association, Capisce?, Lake Tahoe Boat Rides, Moxy Fitness, South Tahoe Crossfit, Lakeside Beach Grill, Ski Butler's Lake Tahoe, Straw Hat Pizza, Tahoe Tot Spot, Aramark Lake Tahoe, Borges Sleigh Rides, Weidinger Public Relations, Edgewood Tahoe, Lakeside Inn & Casino, Naked Fish, Tahoe Powder House, S.S.V., and Sorensen's Resort.
- **Entrepreneur Award** (sponsored by Getaway Reno/Tahoe): Ski

Run Boat Company, Powder House, Tahoe Tot Spot, Cakes By Grace, Straw Hat Pizza, South Tahoe Standup Paddle, Strategic Marketing Group, Sessions Salon, Tahoe Powderhouse, Grocery Outlet, Forever Dance, Bona Fide Books, Bike the West, Ski Butlers Lake Tahoe, Highmark Designs, Dog Dog Cat, The Bridge Language Academy, and Apres Wine Company.

- **Large Green Business Award** (sponsored by Heavenly Mountain Resort): Harrah's & Harveys, South Tahoe Express, and South Lake Tahoe Public Utility District.

- **Small Green Business Award** (sponsored by South Tahoe Refuse & Recycling): Custom Floor Care, Winter's Electric, Lake Tahoe News, California Colors Paint & Auto, Sorensen's Resort, Tahoe Outdoor Living, and Tahoe Resource Conservation District.

- **Public Agency Service Award** (sponsored by Tahoe Supply Company): Nancy Kerry/city of South Lake Tahoe, Chris Horton/U.S. Postal Service, Russell Wigart/El Dorado County Department of Transportation, Joanne Marchetta/TRPA, Judi McCallum/El Dorado County, Dennis Slater/Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Gary Wiegel/TRPA, Lucy (no last name provided)/El Dorado County, Dennis Cocking/STPUD, Officer Aaron Crawford/SLTPD, and Tom Pandola/CalStar.

- **Customer Service Award** (sponsored by Wells Fargo): Chris Kay/Montbleu, Brain Cohen/Overland Meat Company, Eric Guthy/Getaway Café, Kerri Neumann/MontBleu, Dan Jansen/MacDuff's, Scott Craig/Riva Grill, Brain Miller/Capisce?, Megan Burk/Getaway magazine, South Tahoe Crossfit, Doug Friendshuh/Chart House, Cindy Reardon/MontBleu, Dan Palley/Sierra Athletic Club, Kim Aynedter/Lakeside Inn & Casino, Lynn Spencer/Spencer & Associates, Nancy Parker/Lake Tahoe Unified School District, Paula Crenshaw/Barton Internal Medicine, Rich Bodine II/Inn by the Lake, Dana Smith/Straw Hat Pizza, Katie Schultz/Sugarpine Bakery, Amy Thompson/Tahoe Tot Spot, Tommy Walker/Ciera Steak + Chop House, Cynthia Ferris-Bennett/Events, Ink., Barb Tenney/Après Wine Company, Bryan

Davis/Edgewood Tahoe, Cory Escobar/Escobar Training Grounds, Ross Groelz/Groelz Dentistry, Jim Warlow/The Cork and More, John Urrutia/Mann, Urrutia, Nelson, CPAs, Mark Podesto/NorCal Beverage, Monica Sciuto/Barton Hospital, Ron Williams/Ski Run Boat Company, Tom Pandola/CalStar, and France Carreau/Yellow Pager.

A selection committee consisting of TahoeChamber board members, past Blue Ribbon Award winners, and community members is in the process of thoroughly reading through each nomination to competitively judge and decide this year's award winners.