

South Tahoe's Anderson giving back to her hometown

On Dec. 21, the winter solstice, professional snowboarder Jamie Anderson will provide a surprise sponsorship for four lucky kids and have a winter clothing drive in South Lake Tahoe.

In partnership with Sierra-at-Tahoe Resort and the Lake Tahoe Unified School District, Anderson will sponsor four middle school students from her hometown this winter season with a "surprise sponsorship".

Anderson will award Alondra Gomez, Megan Rose Aquino, Cesar Hernandez, and Guillermo Perez Morris with an unlimited Sierra Resort season pass, brand new Billabong outerwear, a GNU snowboard, boots and bindings, goggles, and Skullcandy headphones.

Anderson, 22, who was born and raised in South Lake Tahoe, created the Jamie Anderson Surprise Sponsorship to give back to the community and provide less fortunate kids with the opportunity to snowboard.

With the help of LTUSD Superintendent Jim Tarwater, Anderson worked to identify students who showed academic promise, strong work ethic, and moxie.

"I'm excited to provide these kids this opportunity for the second year in a row. I was so lucky to grow up snowboarding at Sierra Resort, and I want to give that opportunity to others. It's always fun to spread holiday cheer and surprise four amazing kids with an entire set up and season pass so they can ride all season long and hopefully fall in love with snowboarding like I did," Anderson said in a statement.

Tarwater and the four students will go to Sierra Resort on

Friday where they will receive their snowboard gear and spend the afternoon with Anderson, a six time Winter X Games medalist and recent Dew Tour champion. Anderson will share snowboarding tips, take runs with them, and introduce them to the sport of snowboarding.

Anderson will also extended her philanthropic efforts that day by supporting Live Violence Free by setting up a giving station where community members can deliver coats, other warm clothing items, and meet and greet with Anderson from 10am until noon.