

Snowshoe, stargazing experience at Northstar

Tahoe Star Tours will host a series of evenings under the stars that pair stargazing with a snowshoe tour in North Lake Tahoe.

Each event is led by local astronomer Tony Berendsen, who writes the monthly Star Guide column for *Lake Tahoe News*.

Each tour features a lively science-based talk about the cosmos and poetry reading. Guests of all ages will enjoy an easy to moderate snowshoe walk with an unobstructed view of the cosmos, followed by the opportunity to view constellations through high-powered, professional telescopes manufactured by Celestron, the world's leading telescope manufacturer, from the Fireside Terrace at the Ritz-Carlton. The telescopes use leading edge computerized technology enabling sharp, accurate pointing and tracking, with optics for clear, clean images.

The stargazing snowshoe tours are Dec 21, Dec. 28, Jan. 14 and Feb. 11, weather and conditions permitting. Tours are approximately 2-2.5 hours in length, starting at 5p, at Northstar's cross-country center, and ending at the Ritz-Carlton.

Reservations are recommended, and can be made **online**. Tickets are \$63 for guests ages 13 and older, and \$45 for kids ages 10-12. Snowshoe rentals are available for \$21 per person.