

Author of backcountry guide to give talk

Jeremy Benson and his new California backcountry ski and snowboard guidebook will be the subject of Alpenglow Sports' Tailgate Talk No. 5 on Nov. 2.

Benson is Tahoe-based pro-skier and backcountry expert. He details 97 of the state's best routes in "Backcountry Ski and Snowboard Routes: California." From Mount Shasta to Mount Whitney, this guide gives route recommendations in any neck of the woods. The guide is written with intermediate to advanced skiers and snowboarders in mind. Trips range from quick daytime escapes to challenging overnight expeditions. Each trip description includes elevation and distance data, skill level and recommended season.

Benson will begin with a slideshow talk to give the inside scoop on the routes he describes in his guide. He will follow his presentation with a Q & A session and book signing. The guide will be available for purchase during the event.

Entry is \$5 at the door. Sierra Nevada beer will be available, with proceeds benefiting the Sierra Avalanche Center. The talk is at the Tahoe City shop at 6:30pm.