

9-day outdoor festival returning to North Shore

The fifth winter Alpenglow Mountain Festival, presented by Outdoor Research and DPS Skis, will be Feb. 17-25.

The nine-day festival in North Lake Tahoe is a celebration of human-powered mountain sports, events, clinics, equipment demonstrations, critically-acclaimed film and more. It will showcase more than 75 individual events and is almost entirely free.

Geared toward beginner and intermediate winter recreation enthusiasts, the Alpenglow Mountain Festival includes backcountry skiing and splitboarding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, natural history, yoga, live music, educational workshops, social gatherings and more.

In addition to local guiding companies Alpenglow Expeditions, Backcountry Babes, Rich Meyer Alpine Guide, and North American Ski Training Center a litany of professional athletes will attend the event in order to lead tours and give presentations. They Adrian Ballinger, Kim Havell, Noah Howell, Barry Blanchard, Zach Griffin and more.

Other Mountain Festival highlights include:

- The “Nachtspektakel” backcountry social with bonfire and three-course catered meal
- Backcountry Essentials clinics for beginners
- Backcountry Bartending with Adventure Dining Guide
- Adventure Writing Workshop and Cast Iron Cooking clinics with Charlotte Austin.

Registration for the event opens on Jan. 12 at 10am. The majority of events are free, so space is limited and participants are encouraged to register online to secure

spots. Registration for most events requires a deposit that is refunded upon participation.

A complete event schedule can be found **online**.