

Film series highlights climber Hilaree O'Neill

North Face athlete Hilaree O'Neill will highlight the fourth installment of Alpenglow Sports' 12th annual Winter Film Series.

The show is at 7pm on Feb. 8 at Squaw Valley's Olympic Lodge.

In the first part of her show, "The Wildest Winter," O'Neill travels between the San Juan Mountains in Colorado and the Sierra Nevada. Taking full advantage of the record-breaking snow year during the winter of 2016-17, O'Neill spent the winter skiing some of the most legendary lines in the Western United States.

However, these hard earned lines were just training for the main events.

In May 2017 she made the first descent of the 21,125-foot Peak of Evil in the Punjab Himalaya, and in June skied the Messner Couloir of Denali. O'Neill followed this with a five-day climb of the 8,000-foot Cassin Ridge on Denali's south buttress.

In the second part of her show, "The Road Less Traveled," follows her successful first descent of the Peak of Evil in the Himalaya. On her first expedition as a young, emerging professional skier, this peak, seen from afar, captivated O'Neill. In four expeditions over 14 years, she was only met with failure. Unable to let go of her obsession, Hilaree, along with climbing partner Jim Morrison and photographer Chris Figenshau, set out in May 2017 to change her luck.

A raffle with donations from Hilaree's sponsors will benefit the Tahoe Food Hub.

The event is free.

