



# JPL HIKING + Lake Tahoe X-C/Downhill Ski Week! Ski / Sightsee / Relax – your choice!

**December 26, 2007 – January 2, 2008 (Wednesday - Wednesday)**

## **Trip Leaders:**

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**Classification:** Easy-difficult, up to you. **Trip limit:** 8. No pets; no smoking inside.

**Priority is to JPL Hiking + members and their guests.**

**All trip participants are required to sign a Caltech Liability Waiver.**

**Accommodations:** This luxury multi-level mountain home at Truckee's Tahoe-Donner Resort has all the amenities: open floor plan with a large living room and a massive stone fireplace, a library, a formal dining room, and a fully-equipped, spacious kitchen. In the library, built-in bookshelves house scores of books, and there are several board games, puzzles, and playing cards as well. There are 3 bathrooms, and 4 bedrooms with queen beds. There is also a laundry room with a washer and dryer.

**Cost:** \$175 per person (double occupancy each bedroom). **This price includes seven nights lodging, seven breakfasts, and most dinners. To ensure your reservation, checks for payment in full MUST be received by December 13, 2007.**

**Activities:** Several excellent cross-country and downhill ski areas are within 20 miles of Truckee: **Royal Gorge** has 320 kilometers of groomed trails and is *THE* best cross-country resort in the nation. **Tahoe-Donner**, just up the road, is also very nice, as is **Spoooner Lake**, **Northstar**, and **Diamond Peak**. For downhill, you may ski **Squaw Valley**, **Alpine Meadows**, **Sugar Bowl**, **Northstar**, and **Boreal**. For sightseeing, both the new and the older, historic district of Truckee provide a nice, friendly walk-around ambiance, and the Donner Museum is nearby for history buffs. Some may want to take a day off from skiing and go for a soak in the hot springs in Sierraville, about 30 miles north of Tahoe.

**New Year's Eve Party:** There's no better place to spend New Year's Eve than Lake Tahoe! BYOB, and your favorite hors d'oeuvre to share. We'll treat everyone to champagne for the midnight toast!

**Logistics:** We'll drive up early Wednesday, December 26, 500 miles and 9-10 hours to Truckee. You can get to Truckee via Highway 395, I-5, or 99; the distance varies slightly, ~ 15 miles. Time-wise, I-5 is the fastest by about 1 hour; 395 is the most scenic. Everyone is on their own for dinner Wednesday. Breakfasts will be provided Thursday through Wednesday and dinners will be communal; each person (or couple, depending on how many go) cooks one dinner for the group and then enjoys everyone else's home cooking the rest of the week. We'll probably go out to eat one evening. You'll provide your own lunches. We'll provide the breakfast items. Everyone helps set up and clean up. Bring something to share (snacks, soda, wine, etc) for one or more happy hours. Truckee has several stores for grocery shopping. Wednesday morning, January 2, get up early, have breakfast, clean up, and head home.

**Equipment:** Bring ski equipment (rentals available in Truckee and at the resorts), layered clothing, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, day or fanny pack, water bottle, camera, snacks and lunches. Additional information and maps will be provided before the trip. Drivers are required to have snow chains or 4 W/D, winterized radiator, and a shovel.

**Pre-trip Meeting:** **Thursday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 12:00-1:30 PM Conference room 238-544.** Please be there or have someone represent you or you could be dropped from the trip. In the event of an over or under subscription, the Club rules apply (i.e., a lottery for too many). We'll have waiver forms, hand out maps, arrange carpools, and do meal and grocery planning.

**NOTE:** after Wednesday, December 12, your payment is non-refundable unless you find a replacement. In any case, \$10 is non-refundable unless the trip is oversubscribed and you can't go.

Clip & return to **Steve Howard, M/S 600-100** by December 13, 2007 with your check made payable to **JPL Hiking +**

**Tahoe, here I come!** Sign me up for \_\_\_ people. I can drive and can take \_\_\_ people; or, I need a ride for \_\_\_ people. My check for \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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