



20th Anniversary Guide News

Despite the low snow pack this year, we are going to have a great 20th Anniversary!

Please read this information before going out!!

If you need access to the binders with guide and skier medical forms, they will be behind the counter. Ask a Tahoe Donner employee for access to the binders.

The number at Tahoe Donner Cross Country is 530 587-9484. My cell is 530 414-0799. Many of the trails should have cell service. If someone is injured, call the Tahoe Donner number! Please have your skier back by 3:30 p.m. at the latest on Saturday and 3:45 on Sunday. On Monday all skiers should be back by 2:00 p.m. On Sunday there will be an early bus to the hotel at 2:00 p.m. for those who wish to rest up before dinner. For those of you who signed up for dinner, it will be served at 6:30 p.m. with a social time at 6:00 p.m.

If you are not familiar with the Tahoe Donner Trails, carry a map and check distances before you set out. We skied on Friday from about 11:30 to 2:00 p.m. The skiing was very good overall, but the snow was a little slow in the sun and fast in some shady spots making skiing downhill a little more difficult. It was 57 degrees. It will be quite warm again on Saturday. On Sunday and Monday be prepared for snow. Make sure you interview your skier about health, vision, hearing and ski ability before going out to ski. Also, check that your skier has applied sun screen. I will have some available in the lodge. Be sure to check the most current grooming report before you go out. With the warm weather, conditions change daily. If your skier hasn't been out skiing yet this year, start with the easy trails (Meadow, Cup of Tea, Piece of Cake and Nighthawk). There is a place on Cup of Tea near where it comes back to the Meadow loop where it gets narrow with a stream on each side. It did have room for 2 people to cross yesterday. If you are guiding on this trail with a blind skier and don't feel comfortable crossing this area, turn around and take your skier back the other way. Tahoe Donner has made many allowances on one way trails this year, because of conditions. If you plan to guide on the Rough Rider loop, you will find that conditions are best if you go up the practice hill and to the left, and then return the other side to intersection #2. You should be aware that some green and blue trails are more difficult than others. Silver Streak is a green trail that has one short very steep stretch that would be very scary for a beginner skier. Boot Hill, Crazy Horse and Rust Never Sleeps are blue trails that have some very steep stretches. Do not attempt them unless you and your skier both have excellent speed control. If your skier does not seem to have much stamina don't attempt to go to Euer Valley. It is a long ski up and back to the lodge. If you are going to guide a skier down Big Dipper, do it on the right ½ of the loop. The left ½ (looking down from intersection 6) has a bare area part way down. On all the steeper trails watch for objects that could throw your skier off. With low snow this year some trails have small twigs sticking out of the ground or small rocks picked up by the groomer. If you are guiding someone on snowshoes be sure to use the snow shoe trails or stay to the side on the groomed ski trails. Certified Instructor, John Eaton, will be offering individual ski classes on Monday. Ask your skier if they are interested in having a ½ hour private lesson. We can only schedule about 7 or 8 skiers. Your skier needs to tell me right away, if he/she is interested. He/she who signs up first wins!

Use Good Judgment, Be Safe and Have Fun!!!