

# NORTHSTAR-AT-TAHOE RESORT: LAKE TAHOE'S BOUTIQUE MOUNTAIN RESORT

NORTHSTAR-AT-TAHOE, CA – The only boutique mountain resort in Lake Tahoe, Northstar-at-Tahoe Resort is host to a recently completed \$55 million base area village featuring 35 unique shops, galleries, California-based specialty stores and restaurants. The resort's popular outdoor skating rink is surrounded by inviting fire pits and lounge areas that are perfect for roasting s'mores or hanging out with a warm beverage and catching up with friends and family.

On-site lodging is available, ranging from affordable family-friendly hotel-style rooms to luxury condominiums and mountain homes. This winter, Northstar-at-Tahoe Resort welcomed the Lake Tahoe region's first true luxury hotel when The Ritz-Carlton Highlands, Lake Tahoe opened at mid-mountain at the resort on Dec. 9, 2009. The hotel features ski-in, ski-out access, mountain valet services, and a 17,000-square-foot spa and fitness center. Renowned San Francisco celebrity chef Traci Des Jardins created Manzanita, the resort's signature restaurant. The year-round destination includes 170 guest rooms, 23 private Ritz-Carlton Residences and 25 Ritz-Carlton Club fractional ownership units.

A winter sport enthusiast's paradise, Northstar Resort is known for its wind-protected slopes, incredible tree skiing and family-friendly atmosphere. Featuring terrain for all abilities, the resort offers 90 ski trails spread across 3,000 acres, award-winning terrain parks, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and tubing.

#### NEW LIFT PROVIDES SKI-IN, SKI-OUT HOTEL ACCESS

The Highlands Gondola, a new fixed grip pulse gondola featuring 8-passenger cabins, was erected over the summer and provides a direct connection between the

Village at Northstar and The Ritz-Carlton. The addition of this new lift brings the resort's lift count to 19.

In addition, the double lift accessing the resort's beginner, teaching area was replaced and realigned. The new fixed grip quad chairlift, The Big Easy, greatly improves access to Northstar Resort's beginner teaching terrain, and provides ski-in, ski-out access to and from The Ritz-Carlton from the mid-mountain area of Northstar-at-Tahoe Resort.

#### NEW TEACHING PROGRAMS AND TERRAIN OFFER AN IMPROVED EXPERIENCE

Northstar-at-Tahoe Resort's beginner teaching area has been expanded to twice the size of the previous teaching area. It was redesigned to include more of the sculpted Smart Terrain that the resort has successfully demonstrated helps improve the learning curve for beginning skiers and snowboarders.

New this year, the Burton Snowboard Academy features instruction for children, ages 4 to 12. In addition, the Academy has introduced the Northstar Training Lab, a season-long development program that follows a structured process that supports the foundations, skills and tactics that all riders need to become creative and push the limits of their riding and the sport.

Northstar Resort also introduced a new Development Race Team Program that features almost 300 hours of ski training. The development race team program is suited for ages 5 to 18. It trains weekends and school holidays, all day, all season for just \$1,199 (\$4 per hour).

Todd Kelly and Chris Hargrave lead the Northstar Training Lab and Development Race Team programs.

Kelly is Northstar Resort's Ski & Snowboard Team manager and former U.S. Olympic Ski Team member. Hargrave is the Burton Snowboard Academy manager, author of the ASI Freestyle Park and Pipe Guide, and trainer and coach of the High Cascade summer camps at Mt. Hood, Ore.

#### RESORT CONTINUES TO ENHANCE QUALITY OF SNOW SURFACE

New snowmaking was added to the beginner teaching area of the mountain, allowing for ski-in, ski-out access from The Ritz-Carlton Highlands, Lake Tahoe. In addition, snowmaking will improve early season conditions for those learning to ski and snowboard. This adds to Northstar Resort's already extensive snowmaking system.

The resort's scheduled winter season is Nov. 21, 2009, through April 18, 2010, weather and conditions permitting. Guests are invited to book their ski/ride getaway to Northstar-at-Tahoe Resort for just \$108 per person, per night (based on double occupancy). This offer includes two lift tickets per room per night; some restrictions apply.

Northstar-at-Tahoe Resort is conveniently located six miles north of Lake Tahoe and six miles south of historic downtown Truckee.

Please visit their website via a link on the homepage of [www.skiernews.com](http://www.skiernews.com) or link from the web version of this page: [www.skiernews.net/Dec-Jan2010-Northstar](http://www.skiernews.net/Dec-Jan2010-Northstar)

You can also visit their site directly, for more information or reservations at: [www.NorthstarAtTahoe.com](http://www.NorthstarAtTahoe.com) or call 1-866-895-0715.

Mark's good day: Tree safari, Lookout Mountain.



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Northstar® Resort is dedicated to making good days happen. Enjoy our 3,000 skiable acres featuring 90 trails, world-class tree skiing and eight award-winning terrain parks. And, with an outdoor skating rink and 35 shops and restaurants, the Village at Northstar™ is Lake Tahoe's best apres ski scene. With on-site lodging ranging from affordable family-friendly to luxury condos, and opening this winter, the new 170 room Ritz-Carlton Highlands hotel, we've got the perfect winter vacation for you. Stay & Ski FREE™ packages for \$108/per person per day; restrictions apply. 866.895.0715 NorthstarAtTahoe.com

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