

Winter Wonder

LAKE TAHOE MAY JUST BE THE WORLD'S WINTER-ADVENTURE CAPITAL, WITH MORE "COOL" ACTIVITIES THAN ANYWHERE ELSE. HERE ARE OUR FIVE FAVES. **By Noah Johnson**

SNOWBOARD THE STASH Northstar-at-Tahoe recently tapped Burton Snowboards to custom-design an entire run for freeride and freestyle snowboarding called "The Stash." It's a one-of-a-kind, top-to-bottom fun park with natural-terrain features such as tree slides, cliff drops, and jumps throughout. northstaratahoo.com



Skiers earn their runs by hiking to the top of Kirkwood.

SKI SQUALLYWOOD Ski expert Robb Gaffney, author of the resort guide *Squallywood: A Guide to Squaw Valley's Most Exposed Lines*, hosts a clinic that will give you the opportunity to ski some of Squaw's infamous expert-level runs with the man who knows them better than anyone else. And while you do it, a cinematographer documents the experience, sending you home with a custom DVD—starring you. squaw.com

RIDE LIKE A SLEDNECK Tour the beautiful Tahoe backcountry on some of the most powerful machines available at Eagle Ridge Snowmobile Outfitters. Test your stamina on an all-day snowmobile ride through the region, or check out one of the moonlit night tours. tahoensnowmobiling.com

GO SNOW KITEBOARDING Kitesurfing has become one of the most exciting sports on the water in California. Now people are taking it to the mountains. At Red Lakes Peak, you'll



Expedition: Kirkwood ends with a thrilling snow cat ride.

carve some expert snow and catch the most thrilling mountain gusts possible. Experts at Lake Tahoe Kite Boarding host instructional camps and guided tours. ltkb.com

LEARN THE BASICS Expedition: Kirkwood hosts a resort-based backcountry-skiing and snowboarding education program in which you can master all-mountain techniques. Afterward, go on a Powder Cat Tour and test your skills on some of the country's best backcountry runs. kirkwood.com



The views at Lake Tahoe are [almost] as good as the skiing.