



Heavenly Ski Resort at Lake Tahoe

BRSC Western Carnival
Feb 3-10, 2024

Standard package includes:

- ✓ Round-trip airfare Norfolk to Sacramento via Denver.
- ✓ Charter coach Sacramento ⇌ Heavenly.
- ✓ 7 nights lodging in 2BR condos at Forest Suites Resort (double occupancy per room).
- ✓ Three BRSC social events, incl. farewell dinner.
- ✓ Additional après-ski social for PSCers.
- ✓ Bus gratuities.
- ✓ Baggage handling at lodging property.

Lift tickets not included!

☞ You must purchase your own Epic pass in advance to use the lifts and slopes: www.epicpass.com

Alternate/Additional Activities (not included):

- ☞ Snowmobiling, sledding & snow tubing, hiking & snowshoeing, ice skating, cross-country skiing, casinos.

Trip Captain:

- ☞ Tom Crockett, heavenly24@peninsulasclub.com
- ☞ 5619 Dogwood Forest Drive
Gloucester, VA 23061

Sign up online at peninsulasclub.com or submit checks to the Trip Captain payable to "Peninsula Ski Club".

www.skiheavenly.com
www.epicpass.com

www.forestsuites.com
visitinglaketahoe.com

Mountain Stats

- * Area: 4,800 acres
- * Base elevation: 7,170'
- * Top elevation: 10,067'
- * Vertical drop: 3,500'
- * Longest run: 5.5 miles
- * Trails: 97 + backcountry access
- * Difficulty: 7% green, 60% blue, 27% black, 5% expert
- * Lifts: 27, incl. 2 gondolas & 8 high speed chairs
- * Average annual snowfall: 360"
- * Snowmaking: 3,379 acres

Pricing

Pricing is based on 24 participants and may vary. Space is limited, first-come first-serve.

Std. package:	\$2,255
Early sign-up (by Sept. 30):	-\$25

Payment Schedule

Deposit due on sign-up:	25%
Sept. 14:	25%
Oct. 12:	25%
Nov. 9:	25%

Cancellation fees: \$45 through Sep. 14; \$90 Sep. 14 – Oct. 12; all unrecoverable costs after Oct. 12.

Refund cutoff date: Oct. 12, 2023

Sign-up deadline: Oct. 12, 2023

You must be a current member of the Peninsula Ski Club or another BRSC-affiliated club to sign up for this trip. Rev. 1.3, 05/09/2023

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Questions and Answers

What is “BRSC Western Carnival”? BRSC is the Blue Ridge Ski Council, a regional consortium of ski clubs of which PSC is a member. Western Carnival is the annual council ski trip to the western U.S. or Canada. We will be joined at Heavenly by several other BRSC clubs.

Where is Heavenly? Heavenly Ski Resort straddles the California/Nevada state line at the south end of Lake Tahoe.

Why would I want to ski at Heavenly? With 4,800 acres of skiable terrain, Heavenly is the fifth largest ski area in North America. If you like blue cruisers, Heavenly is for you, with 60% of the terrain rated as intermediate. It is also known for its tree skiing, although beginner and expert terrain is limited. At just over 10,000', the top elevation is not as extreme as many western ski resorts, making altitude adjustment a bit easier. Plus there are those spectacular views of Lake Tahoe and the surrounding mountains! Two nearby resorts, Kirkwood and Northstar, are also covered on the Epic pass; BRSC may offer one or both of these as optional day trips (at extra cost for ground transportation) but this is not confirmed yet.

Where will we be staying? We'll be staying with two other BRSC clubs in 2-bedroom condominium-style suites at Forest Suites Resort in South Lake Tahoe, CA, about a 5-minute walk from the Heavenly Village gondola base. The units include a full kitchen, living room, dining area, and second bathroom. The remaining BRSC clubs will be housed a few blocks away on the Nevada side at Harvey's casino. BRSC social events will be held at Harrah's, next door to Harvey's and about a 10-minute walk from Forest Suites. Elevation at Forest Suites is 6,255'.

How do we get there? We'll be flying from Norfolk (ORF) to Sacramento (SMF) on United Airlines with a connecting flight through Denver (DEN). From Sacramento we will take a charter bus with other BRSC clubs to our destination, about a 2.5 hour ride. Although Reno is closer, flights into Sacramento are considerably cheaper, even allowing for increased ground transportation costs. Baggage handling at Forest Suites is included.

How do I get my gear there? With the potential for many skiers to be flying into Sacramento on our same flight, you might consider either renting your skis or snowboard at Heavenly or shipping your gear ahead of time to make sure it arrives when you do. Through our affiliation with the Blue Ridge Ski Council, PSC members are eligible for a minor discount on shipping with ShipSkis.com (www.shipskis.com/blue-ridge-ski-council).

Can I make my own travel arrangements? We discourage members from flying on alternate itineraries unless they will be traveling from outside the Hampton Roads area. Trip pricing is predicated on a group purchase of a certain number of airline seats and if we fall short of that, the price will go up for everyone. If you fly separately from the group you are responsible for your own ground transportation (with no reduction in price) if your flight times do not mesh with the group's arrangements.

What about ski/snowboard rentals? There are several rental shops to choose from in and around the resort area.

Why aren't lift tickets offered with this trip? Short answer: major changes to the skiing industry in recent years have made it impractical and unaffordable. Most of the major resorts in North America are now divided among two pass programs, Vail Resorts' Epic pass and Alterra Mountain Company's Ikon pass. After a few Ikon-oriented seasons, PSC decided to offer an Epic-oriented season in 2024 with trips to Heavenly, Beaver Creek, and Okemo. As the pass programs have rolled out, pricing for conventional lift tickets has escalated and availability is not guaranteed. As an example, online purchase of a 5-day mid-week lift ticket at Heavenly costs more than twice as much as the corresponding 5-day Epic Day Pass, and quantities are limited. To complicate matters, there are more than 50 different Epic pass offerings depending on which resorts you plan to ski at, for how many days and on which dates, and whether you qualify for one of several military discounts—far too many options to bundle with our trip package. So for the 2024 season, participants on PSC trips will need to purchase their own Epic passes well in advance or wait and take their chances with regular lift tickets later in the season. Pass prices will increase over the summer and into the fall, and sales will be cut off completely once the ski season is underway, so earlier purchases are encouraged. For a complete list of the offerings and to purchase passes, see www.epicpass.com.

How many people can go on this trip? We have slots reserved for 24 participants. If early demand is strong across our entire club schedule, we may be able to add a few more spaces.

Where should I eat? Besides preparing meals in your condo, there are numerous restaurants in the area plus nearby casinos. The trip package includes one farewell dinner/dance and two après-ski events (not full meals) with other BRSC clubs, plus one après-ski social for PSCers in the Trip Captain's condo. Whole Foods and Safeway grocery stores in South Lake Tahoe can be reached via local bus service offered by the Tahoe Transportation District.

What else is there to do besides skiing & snowboarding? Lake Tahoe and the surrounding area comprise a winter playground with a wide range of alternate activities, several of which are noted on the first page of this flyer. But if you're more into staying warm, there are plenty of bars, shops, and restaurants, plus an around-the-clock casino scene on the Nevada side of town.