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12/19 TYSON BRADLEY

Chugach Ski Touring

Backcountry ski guide, Tyson Bradley, will share stories and photos from his 10-day heli-assisted ski safari in the Chugach Mountains of Alaska near Valdez and Anchorage in April, 2013. Using single-drops from Valdez Heli Ski Guides, skins and boots, the team skied steep couloirs in great snow for the classic Valdez experience. Tyson is the Senior Guide at Utah Mountain Adventures in Salt Lake City, and the author of *Backcountry Skiing Utah*. He has guided skiing and climbing all around the world, and has several first ski descents including the Wickersham Wall on Denali.



1/9 NOAH HOWELL

Skiing The Wasatch

For the last 15 years Noah Howell has been dedicating his winters to skiing steep technical couloirs and classic Wasatch pow in the backcountry. Together with his brother he founded Powderwhore Productions where they film and capture the backcountry experience. He's completed all the lines in the famous Andrew McLean steep skiing book *The Chuting Gallery*, created classic link-ups and pioneered first descents that have yet to be repeated. Join him as he presents his favorite photos, stories and adventures from years of breaking trail in his own backyard.



1/23 CHRIS DAVENPORT

Mt. Everest: Managing Risk From The Top Of The World

Join Chris for an adventure to the top of the world! In 2011 Chris guided a successful and smooth climb of Mt. Everest. Managing risk is something that Chris does on a daily basis, from skiing in the backcountry to expeditions to the world's highest mountains. This show touches on important elements of risk management and goal setting while taking the viewer on a guided tour of Mt. Everest. In 2007 Chris became the first person to ski all fifty-four of Colorado's 14,000-foot peaks in less than one year. He is also the author of *Ski The 14ers* and *Fifty Classic Ski Descents of North America*.



2/6 ANDREW MCLEAN

Powered Up - Kite Assisted Steep Skiing in Baffin Island and Patagonia

The only thing better than remote, long, steep, powder-filled couloirs is getting a free ride to the base of them with a kite. In this presentation, Andrew McLean will highlight two of his favorite kite assisted trips to Baffin Island and the Southern Patagonia Ice Cap, as well as others. Andrew is the author of the aforementioned *The Chuting Gallery*, and a prolific ski explorer who has completed first descents on all seven continents.



2/20 KEVIN FEDARKO

Beneath the River of Shooting Stars: A Tale of Speed, Obsession, and Grace in the Grand Canyon

Kevin's work for *Outside Magazine* has taken him to some of the world's most dramatic places, from Kashmir's Siachen Glacier to Everest Base Camp and Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. His deepest connection, however, is to the river where he spent six years researching and writing *The Emerald Mile: The Epic Story of the Fastest Ride in History Through the Heart of the Grand Canyon*. His presentation of the one of fiercest floods in the modern history of the canyon—a surge that threatened to take out the Glen Canyon Dam while serving as a hydraulic catapult for a trio of intrepid oarsmen and a tiny wooden dory—opens a window into the remarkable and hidden world at the bottom of the most iconic landscape feature in North America.



3/6 GEOFFREY TABIN

Impossible Dreams - The East Face of Everest and Eradicating World Blindness

Geoffrey Tabin, M.D. is a Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences and director of International Ophthalmology at the John A. Moran Eye Center - University of Utah; and Founding Chairman of the Himalayan Cataract Project (www.cureblindness.org). He is the fourth person to reach the highest point on all 7 continents, with first ascents of technical routes on all seven, including the still unrepeated first ascent of the East Face of Mt. Everest in 1983. Dr. Tabin spends a considerable part of the year working abroad, both in Nepal and throughout the Himalayas, as well as in Africa. His book *Blind Corners* was described by Sir Edmund Hillary as "an astonishing mixture of wild adventure and the overcoming of formidable challenges."



3/20 DENNIS TURVILLE

First Descents - A History of Canyoneering

Dennis has worn many hats on many continents: ski instructor, mountain guide, rock and ice climbing teacher, river guide, writer and photographer. According to many, he is the father of canyoneering in the southwest, having done many dangerous and unknown first canyon descents in Zion, Waterpocket Fold, the Swell, Escalante country and the Grand Canyon - all before "canyoneering" even had a name. There were no guidebooks, no Internet blogs and no rescue groups available when Dennis and friends were doing first descents, which they called "gorging," something he continues today. He'll present stunning photos, local canyon history and some colorful first descent tales, along with what the sudden upsurge in canyoneering notoriety, accidents and multiple rescues mean for the future of the sport.



4/3 LIAM FITZGERALD

Avalanche Control in the Backcountry

The avalanche control program at Snowbird in the early days presented many formidable challenges for the newly opened resort. A vast amount of new terrain, 500" of snow each season, and a brand new ski area that very few people knew that much about, made for an interesting combination. This was the scenario in December 1971 when Snowbird opened. The area was big and untamed and with so few skiers the first few seasons it was like backcountry skiing than resort skiing. This made avalanche control work particularly challenging for the newly formed Snowbird Ski Patrol of which Liam found himself as the first director of Snow Safety for the resort. A long time Little Cottonwood Canyon avalanche professional since then, Liam will recount his tales of avalanche challenges and control.

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