

# Santa Claus will be in Tahoe City this weekend

Christmas is coming a little early for bus loads of children this year, thanks to the generosity of the Tahoe City Rotary Club and a number of local businesses.

Santa Claus will roll into Granlibakken on a fire truck, handing a Christmas present to each child between the ages of 2 and 9, who can sip hot chocolate or cider and snack on cookies.

"It's basically a social and the kids get to see Santa," said Ron Parson, general manager of Granlibakken.

Starting at noon, all children participating will get to sled and play for free at Granlibakken.

The North Tahoe High School Jazz Band will play Christmas music and sing Christmas carols.

The Rotary Club will transport children to the venue from all the elementary schools, Parson said.

The Rotary Club of Tahoe City held its

first Christmas event in 1949 when the Rotarians lit the Big Tree in Tahoe City, and

the next year Santa was invited to hand out gifts to the local children.

When the Big Tree came down in the 1990s, the event moved to various locales in Tahoe City until it was relocated to Granlibakken six years ago. The other major difference between past Christmas Rotary events and this year's is that the first Santa would arrive on a dog sled, not a fire truck.

## CHECK IT OUT

### Santa's Party

- Granlibakken Ski Hill
  - Dec. 10, noon to 4 p.m.
- Free sledding and play for children ages two to nine, and a free gift from Santa
- 546-5650

— Kara Fox, *Sierra Sun*



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Santa will roll into Granlibakken on a fire truck on Sunday.