

# AIRFLARE – THE NEW WINTER SAFETY APP for SKIERS

BOULDER, CO — Every winter season, millions of individuals and families enjoy time out on the slopes. While most outings are enjoyed incident free, the nature of skiing and boarding does have inherent risks. Most common are the minor inconvenience and stress of a separated party member, to the more significant dangers posed by tree wells or becoming lost while chasing powder beyond resort boundaries.

To address these risks, a new tool is making its way onto the scene at several mountain resorts across the United States. AirFlare, an app downloaded to a mobile phone, enables friends, family and search teams to pinpoint the location of skiers and outdoor enthusiasts of all types if they become lost or injured and need help.

AirFlare began on the simple idea that the vast majority of people who adventure outside do so with a mobile phone. In the outdoors, mobile phones are used as a camera, trip planner, GPS device and backup flashlight. Why can't phones do more to help us if we ever become lost or missing and in need of assistance on an outdoor adventure?

According to Denis Lee, AirFlare's co-founder, the AirFlare journey began when a friend failed to return from a winter outing in the mountains of Washington State. He had a personal locator device with him, but had an accident that prevented him from activating it. As avid adventurers, the AirFlare team was already familiar with various beacon and satellite communication devices available and realized they served a niche market. Beyond the added cost and weight of these specialized devices, they often were not a practical fit for the way so many people recreate outside.

According to Lee, "I saw a lot of the already available rescue technologies out on extended backpacking trips and alpine expeditions, but noticed they often didn't make the gear list for a casual

hike or a day out mountain biking. We built AirFlare for the everyday adventurer," Lee said.

The idea was simple. Leverage the powerful technology you likely already have in your pocket to help friends, loved ones and search teams locate you if you need help. "Our vision was to build an app that could conceptually be downloaded to every outdoor adventurer's phone because of its low cost and simplicity," Lee said. "We designed it to be extremely power conscious, and most importantly, to require no user action. So many people go on outdoor adventures alone, and we wanted AirFlare to be able to help them if they ever got into a situation where they couldn't help themselves. That's what started all of this, really."

AirFlare provides powerful location sharing features to help keep families and groups safe. If you are out skiing for the day with friends, for example, within a few seconds you can connect all the phones in the group, and if someone gets separated, a simple push of a button will display their location on a map and provide the ability for you to navigate to them.

The real power of AirFlare though is in the event you become the subject of a rescue by a search team. AirFlare's search technology was adopted by several mountain resorts last year, providing ski patrol a suite of powerful search tools to add to their toolbox. At Jay Peak, Vermont, for example: "Ski Patrol concluded another successful search yesterday. Three young customers ventured beyond the resort boundary. AirFlare was used successfully to determine their location, and with some coaching by phone, the group was able to struggle back to the base area under their own power."

At Powder Mountain, Utah, a call came in coincidentally during AirFlare onboarding training. The injured skier, with a suspected broken jaw, was confused about their location. Dispatch sent a

Location Request to the skier, and their coordinates were successfully returned. It was revealed that the skier was a mile from their originally reported location. After receiving accurate coordinates using AirFlare, patrol was able to be deployed to the injured skier's exact location.

AirFlare's flagship feature, though, is the ability to discover an AirFlare enabled phone outside of cell service. "That's really important to us," Lee said. "While most emergencies happen inside cell service, there's a lot that happen where cell service isn't available. Our vision was to develop a well-rounded suite of tools that can locate lost adventurers in either environment."

So, what are the next steps for AirFlare? According to Lee, AirFlare was designed from the beginning to be broadly applicable to outdoor enthusiasts across multiple outdoor disciplines, but the immediate predominant focus is the mountain resort community. "It's just a really powerful set of tools that serve that community quite well. We're excited to be in partnership with Bern Helms this year and excited to see early interest from several mountain resorts so far this winter. We're going to make inroads into the snowmobiling community this season, we're looking at opportunities in the mountain biking space in the spring, and we're even exploring possibilities to add value in the Alzheimer's, Dementia and Autism community. This winter our main focus is to get our technology out to the skier and boarder community and to ski patrol teams to help keep people safe and help get them found if they get into trouble."

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## NBC & EDGEWOOD TAHOE RESORT ADD to SKIING with NHL HOCKEY

NEW YORK, NY – The National Hockey League in early January announced a new event for the 2020-21 regular season, the NHL Outdoors at Lake Tahoe™. It will feature two regular-season outdoor games along the south shore of North America's largest alpine lake, on the border of California and Nevada, in Stateline, Nev. Bridgestone NHL Outdoors Saturday will showcase the Colorado Avalanche and the Vegas Golden Knights on Feb. 20. Honda NHL Outdoors Sunday will feature the Philadelphia Flyers and the Boston Bruins on Feb. 21. Both games will be broadcast at 3 p.m. ET on NBC and will be played without spectators.

NHL Outdoors at Lake Tahoe™ continues the tradition the League established of staging outdoor games during the regular season, with the upcoming games in February marking the 31st and 32nd such events since 2003.

The rink for NHL Outdoors at Lake Tahoe™ will be located on the lakefront 18th fairway of the golf course at the Edgewood Tahoe Resort, the annual site of the American Century Championship since 1990, and host of the 1985 U.S. Senior Open and 1980 U.S. Amateur Public Links. Set along the scenic Lake Tahoe shoreline, Edgewood Tahoe Resort is a 235-acre, LEED-certified luxe mountain haven overlooking the iconic Sierra Nevada.

The Avalanche, Bruins, Flyers and Golden Knights will each

wear their Adidas Reverse Retro ADIZERO Authentic jersey for the outdoor event. The Reverse Retro jerseys represent unique and historical moments in each club's history, while refreshing the color and design combination for an all-new presentation. Since its introduction in November, the Reverse Retro jerseys are among the top-selling NHL items worldwide at NHLShop.com

Bridgestone NHL Outdoors Saturday will mark the first ever regular-season outdoor game for the Golden Knights and the third such game for the Avalanche. Colorado previously played in the 2016 Coors Light NHL Stadium Series™ (5-3 loss to Detroit at Coors Field) and the 2020 Navy Federal Credit Union NHL Stadium Series™ (3-1 loss to Los Angeles at the U.S. Air Force Academy's Falcon Stadium).

Honda NHL Outdoors Sunday will mark the fourth NHL regular-season outdoor game for the Bruins and the fifth such game for the Flyers. The game will be a rematch of the 2010 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic®, where Boston defeated Philadelphia 2-1 in overtime at Fenway Park. The Bruins' other outdoor game appearances include the 2016 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic® (5-1 loss to Montreal at Gillette Stadium) and the 2019 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic® (4-2 win against Chicago at Notre Dame Stadium). The Flyers' additional outdoor game appearances include the 2012

Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic® (3-2 loss to the New York Rangers at Citizens Bank Park), the 2017 Coors Light NHL Stadium Series™ (4-2 loss to Pittsburgh at Heinz Field), and the 2019 Coors Light NHL Stadium Series™ (4-3 overtime victory over Pittsburgh at Lincoln Financial Field). Honda and the NHL® continue to grow their decade-plus strong relationship, with Honda as the Official Vehicle of the NHL®.

A complete history of NHL regular-season outdoor games can be found at [records.nhl.com](http://records.nhl.com).

More details on the NHL Outdoors at Lake Tahoe™ will be announced when available. NHL Social™ will have exclusive coverage on all social platforms using the hashtag #NHLOutdoors.

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Edgewood Tahoe's American Century Celebrity Golf Championship, on NBC, will be held July -6-11, 2021. Mardy Fish, USA Tennis, won the 2020 event, which saw more than 70 athletes and celebrities compete, including KC Chief QB Patrick Mahomes.

Everyone is hoping that spectators will be allowed to return to this year's event. For more info, please visit: [www.skiernews.com/TahoeGolf.htm](http://www.skiernews.com/TahoeGolf.htm)

## BEAVER RUN RESORT OFFERS BEST SKI-IN, SKI-OUT LOCATION IN BRECK

BRECKENRIDGE, CO – If you are looking for the best location in Breckenridge, look no further than Beaver Run Resort. With a prime ski-in, ski-out location and its own Beaver Run SuperChair right at the base of Breckenridge Ski Resort's Peak 9, Beaver Run is also just a short walk or free shuttle ride to Main Street Breckenridge.

Some people describe Beaver Run as a win-win: it combines the cozy and unique feeling of staying in a privately-owned condo, many of which have their own kitchens and wood-burning fireplaces, with the benefits of a full-service hotel in a ski-in, ski-out location.

Beaver Run offers an array of lodging accommodations, from four-bedroom fully furnished condominiums to hotel-style rooms. In addition, the resort provides guests with on-site restaurants, two heated pools, nine hot tubs, a kid's arcade area, ski storage and The Spa at Beaver Run – all located on property.

All of this sits just a few blocks from the historic downtown of Breckenridge, a lively and quaint town lined with restaurants, bars, shops and galleries. Make sure to check the most up-to-date public health orders and what to know for your stay at [www.beaverrun.com](http://www.beaverrun.com) or [www.gobreck.com](http://www.gobreck.com)

Many things have changed this year, including the COVID protocols, enhanced safety precautions at the resort, facial covering requirements, but one thing remains the same – Beaver Run's committed to welcoming you to Breckenridge for a safe and fun stay. For more info about Beaver Run's "Stay Safe" efforts, visit [www.beaverrun.com](http://www.beaverrun.com)

Another important change to know for this year is Breckenridge Ski Resort is requiring advance reservations to ski or snowboard. Log onto [www.epicpass.com](http://www.epicpass.com) for more information about the new ski day reservation system.

Once you have locked in your ski reservations in advance – from your mobile phone or computer – you are ready to ride. The rest is easy. Simply step outside your Beaver Run "home away from home" and you are ready to start your day from the Beaver Run SuperChair. From there, explore Breckenridge's 155 trails on more than 2,300 acres of skiable terrain.

Plan to come back to your condo to recharge, warm up or eat lunch and then easily get back on the slopes. It does not get any easier when it comes to a family-friendly ski day with slopeside access to Colorado's world-famous skiing and snowboarding. Make sure you plan to enjoy the outdoor BBQ on warm, sunny days. Beaver Run has the best decks in Breck – so enjoy the views, the people watching and some of the most delicious slopeside food and drinks.

After you ski the day away, return to Beaver Run for a relaxing massage at The Spa at Beaver Run (just make an advance reservation and follow the procedures). Or soak in a hot tub or take the plunge into one of Beaver Run's heated pools.

Next, it is time for dinner. You have worked up an appetite, so indulge a little. Place a to-go order at Spencer's Steaks & Spirits, a fine dining restaurant conveniently slopeside within the Beaver Run property, and enjoy a feast back in your condo with views of the Rocky Mountains and a roaring fire. (Make sure to reserve a condo with a wood-burning fireplace. It is worth it.)

Do not forget to take a stroll down to Main Street Breckenridge during your stay. You will be rewarded with a colorful walk through the town's history, lots of people watching, with physical distancing, of course, and plenty of window shopping. Stock up on your souvenirs and local artisan treasures and shop local.

Whether you are a hard-charging skier interested in the first chair experience, a family looking for comfort, ease and affordability or a romantic couple in search of an intimate getaway, Beaver Run Resort is your home sweet mountain home with the best location and the friendliest service. Come home to Beaver Run.

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