

2017/2018 UTAH ADVENTURE JOURNAL SPEAKER SERIES



THURSDAYS at 6:00pm • FREE • 21+

WILDFLOWER LOUNGE at the IRON BLOSSAM LODGE • SNOWBIRD

Only guests 21 + years are permitted into the Wildflower Lounge



12/14 TYSON BRADLEY

Touring the Decades, An Evolution of Backcountry Skiing in Utah

Backcountry skiing in the Wasatch is a far cry from what it used to be. Tyson will share photos and stories from his favorite Utah terrain to take viewers on a ski touring journey through time, from the late 1980s up to the present. Tyson is the author of Backcountry Skiing, Utah, and lead guide for Utah Mountain Adventures. He's led more ski tours in Utah than he can remember, but a few memories burn bright. Tonight he'll revisit these.



1/18 MIKE LIBECKI

Exploring Virgin Earth: From Antarctica to Greenland

Join National Geographic Explorer Mike Libecki as he takes us on a journey to some of the most remote climbing expedition possible from Antarctica to Greenland. Ever wondered what its like to go on assignment on the most challenging expeditions in the world and bring home stories for National Geographic? He and his team will attempt to climb one of the most difficult big wall climbs on the planet all while living in temperatures colder than your freezer at home and enduring 100 mph winds in a place where rescue is impossible. Then head to unexplored Greenland for paddleboarding with polar bears, barely surviving sea ice, and climbing one of the biggest towers in Greenland. Explore virgin Earth and experience the mayhem, magic, power and beauty of our Mother Earth and the parallel commonalities learned that relate to everyday life.



2/1 TODD OFFENBACHER

Never Give Up, Never Complain (second edition)

Todd Offenbacher is a climber and ski mountaineer from South Lake Tahoe. He is a television host for Outside Television in South Lake, and is the creator, and host of the annual Tahoe Adventure Film Festival. Todd also guides ski mountaineering trips to the Arctic Circle, Svalbard, and Antarctica every year.

Todd has climbed first ascents and big walls for 25 years in the USA, Canada, Thailand, China, Pakistan, and Peru. He received the AAC Mugs Stump Award, and the Lyman Spitzer Award in 2001.

Todd's presentation *Never Complain, Never Give Up* is a comedy of climbing and ski adventures with some of the biggest names in skiing and climbing. "I'm not that amazing 5.14 climber or an extreme skier but I get invited to go because I have figured out the perfect formula," says Todd." "Come see how I've made it work for me, and have a few laughs along the way!"



2/15 JENNA MALONE

Say Yes, Do Everything

Jenna has spent her adult life finding ways to spend as much time in the mountains as possible, as a Jackson Hole and Alta ski patroller, heli ski guide for Wasatch Powderbird Guides, and avalanche educator for American Avalanche Institute. She also works in Salt Lake as a Neurosurgery and Trauma Physician Assistant. In 2014, she was invited to be a medical provider for climbers in need of rescue for the National Park Service on Denali's most traveled mountaineering route, the West Buttress. She spent thirty days on the Kahiltna Glacier, and returned in 2015 for a second trip. She'll share photos and stories from life at 25 below zero and 17k above sea level. She'll also talk about her passion for getting more women into forecasting, ski patrolling and avalanche education.



2/22 ANDY AND JASON DORAIS

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Andy and Jason Dorais grew up in Bloomington, Indiana far removed from anything resembling skiing. They got their athletic start playing football and running track as their father had before them. But, the mountains always loomed large in their minds. Once done competing collegiately in track and field, they learned how to climb and then ski in



the Wasatch Mountains. Mentored by local ski mountaineers, they were inspired to combine light gear and a fitness background to climb and ski some of their favorite peaks, the Grand Teton and Mount Rainier. After reaching some semblance of competence, they began to wonder – as runners had before – about the 4-minute mile, if a sub 4 hour car to car time on Mount Rainier was possible.



3/1 TOM DIEGEL

Packrafting Wild Western Rivers

Tom Diegel has been paddling rivers around the west for over 25 years and a few years ago was turned onto packrafts. These light and very compactable boats have evolved from inflatable bathtubs to remarkably capable whitewater kayaks that are stable enough for beginners to paddle class 3 and enable more experienced paddlers to explore class 4+ rapids, at less than 10 pounds. The ability to easily carry a kayak has enabled Tom to do remote, hike-to river trips on the Salmon, Selway, Flathead, Virgin, and Colorado Rivers, as well as big trips on the north and south slopes of Alaska's Brooks Range and will share photos and tales from a few of these adventures.

You'll get inspired to take closer looks at all those blue lines on your maps!



3/8 LUKE MEHALL

American Climber

It was Jack Kerouac and Jerry Garcia who first introduced Luke Mehall to the countercultures of America. Shortly after that he started climbing, and knew that the dirtbag climber life was for him. In this same period of time Mehall also greatly suffered from depression, and climbing served as more than just something that was fun, it was something that saved himself from himself. He's often said, "without climbing I'd be dead or in jail." For the last two decades Mehall has been writing about his love for climbing and the community, and founded The Climbing Zine in 2010 to have a space for "creative climbing stories". In 2015 Mehall published his memoir, *American Climber*, which chronicles his adventures from being a lost soul in the Midwest to finding his true self and his people "out west". In 2018 he will release his fifth book, *The Desert, (Ignorance Is Bliss, Knowledge Is Power)* and release his second short film, *Just A Climber* with filmmaker Greg Cairns. Mehall lives in Durango, Colorado. More of his work can be found at www.climbingzine.com and www.lukemehall.com.

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