SURVIVORS & HEROES 2025 Expedition Schedule

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Date	Time	Event	Location	Type	Access	Details
September 29, 2025	6:45 AM	**EXPEDITION LAUNCH**	Donner Memorial State Park	Adventure Begins!	Free, launch is public, GPS live tracking, Facebook	Start of the 135-mile journey: horses, history & adventure! Opening ceremony, trackers go live! For daily team updates, photos, live streams, join our Facebook group. Track us here
September 29, 2025	All day	**DAY 1 Trail Update**	Lake Tahoe West Shore Area (remote check-in)	Checkpoint	Online: GPS live tracking, Facebook	Expedition progress update from the shores of Lake Tahoe, first non-Native Americans to reach this point in 1844.
September 30, 2025	All day	**DAY 2 Trail Update**	Burton Pass (7,140 ft, Rubicon Area)	Checkpoint	Online: GPS live tracking, Facebook	Critical summit crossing and progress report from the highest point of the historic route. See summit selfie & progress.
October 1, 2025	All day	**DAY 3 Trail Update**	Uncle Ton's Cabin (online check-in)	Checkpoint	Online: GPS live tracking, Facebook	Descending along Georgetown Divide, stop at historic Uncle Tom's Cabin!
October 2, 2025	All day	**DAY 4 Trail Update**	Georgetown Divide (online check-in)	Checkpoint	Online: GPS live tracking, Facebook	Descent continues following ancient Native American trade routes. Team checks in from wilderness – live updates online.
October 3, 2025	All day	**DAY 5 Trail Update**	American River crossing (virtual update)	Checkpoint	Online: GPS live tracking, Facebook	Final approach to Sacramento Valley milestone, retracing the most dangerous river crossings, near drowning by John Murphy.
October 3, 2025	2:00-2:30 PM	**Expedition Arrival Reception**	Auburn Dam Overlook Park	Finish Approaching!	Free, open to all	The Expedition Team will ride into Auburn after their 5-day journey reprising the route of the Horseback Party of Six.
October 3, 2025	5:00 PM	**Completion Celebration!**	Crooked Lane Brewery, Auburn	Party! 🎉	Free admission, open to all	Arrival party in Auburn - music, food trucks, stories, photo ops! Introducing new limited-edition Survivors & Heroes IPA!
October 3, 2025	7:00-8:30 PM	**Post-Expedition Debrief**	Crooked Lane Brewery, Auburn	Reflection	Open to all, tickets	Hear what the team learned; crowdsource next Expedition
October 4, 2025	12:00 – 1 PM	**Historical Society Deep-Dive**	Donner Hikes, Sugar Bowl Resort, Soda Springs, CA	History	Open to all, tickets	Behind-the-scenes discoveries, trivia, memorabilia. 🧭
October 4, 2025	500 – 7:00 PM	**Heroes & Survivors Lecture**	Donner Memorial State Park	Lecture	Free	Fun public talk – meet the team, win trail prizes!

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