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## Using Your Timeshare

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### Member Use Week

A Member Use Week is the traditional seven-day stay at your Home Resort, with Sunday check-in. You can plan interesting things to do around town with the help of our experienced staff members at the Front Desk and in our Activities Centers. You can experience luxury and extravagance in Tahoe, or you can travel for a week for the price of gas by using your normal weekly food budget and enjoying your meals in your unit.

There are many free activities throughout the week right on the resort property. You can also enjoy free movie rentals, free seasonal equipment (from pool toys to sleds), and of course, all the relaxation our pool and hot tub offers. There are also very reasonably priced meals served in the Activities Center with Pasta Night being a real favorite. Our Activities Center calendars are posted on our websites and you can check there for an idea of the weekly events. For specifics – call a week in advance of your stay and we'll let you know what activities are planned for your week in Tahoe. Our website addresses are:

[www.stardust-tahoe.com](http://www.stardust-tahoe.com) and [www.americana-tahoe.com](http://www.americana-tahoe.com).

### Split Weeks

Instead of reserving a 7-night stay, you can reserve your week in "split" parts... one three-day and one four-day reservation per year, with one of the reservations falling on a weekend. So, for example, you can stay Sunday – Wednesday (3 nights) on one trip, and then come back to Tahoe the same year on a different trip staying from Wednesday – Sunday (4 nights). This reservation method works great for folks who prefer shorter getaways – and all the same amenities available during the seven-night stay are yours to use on the days you visit! If you've never used this reservation method before, give us a call and we'll walk you through it.

### Day Use

Don't have time for an overnight trip? Come up to Tahoe for a day trip and make use of all the common areas the resort has to offer. Set up a picnic at one of our outdoor picnic tables, use the grills available throughout the property, swim in the pools and have a relaxing day in the mountain air before returning home from your mountain retreat. Or, Ski the slopes and then come back to your Resort Home for some coffee or hot chocolate in the Activities Center, relax in the steamy hot tub (or Americana's sauna) and enjoy the year-round heated swimming pool (we keep it a toasty 84°) under the winter sky. Refreshed, you can head off the mountain with a Winter Resort day under your belt. Day Use at your Home Resort opens up all kinds of mini-rejuvenation possibilities.

## Bonus Time

Take Day Use one step further and stay for a night or two (in addition to your seven day use week at your Home Resort or in Trade) for the minimal cost of room upkeep. Bonus Time availability varies; it's created when weeks go unused, or people leave early from their timeshare stay. Those empty rooms are made available to other owners as Bonus Time. You can call 11 days from your desired check-in date to check for availability. And, if you want more than With your timeshare ownership, inexpensive Bonus Time getaways are possible most of the year!

Every timeshare interval is entitled to TWO Bonus Time users... which do not have to be the people who own the timeshare. You can own the timeshare yourself and use it for your Member Weeks or Split Weeks, and assign TWO other people (children and/or friends) as Bonus Time users which will entitle **those two assigned people** to check-in using Bonus Time at the Resort.

For more details on Bonus Time, please call Reservations directly using the numbers listed below.

## Sister-Resort Bonus Time (Private Reserve)

The Stardust Vacation Club and Americana Vacation Club are "Sister Resorts". If Bonus Time is not available at your Home Resort, you have an opportunity to use available Bonus Time at your sister resort. You simply call your sister resort and identify yourself as an owner at your Home Resort... once your Ownership is verified, you have access to reserve the available Bonus Time at your Sister Resort.

## Discount Rental Rates for Owners

If you are traveling during extremely high-demand times and there are no Bonus Time rooms available, you will be offered Rental Discounts from weeks other Owners have put in the rental program. This is a particularly useful tool if you book a Member Week for yourself and would like to bring family or friends along for all or part of your vacation when the only rooms available are rentals.

## ResorTime (Worldwide near-Bonus Time rates)

Your Timeshare Ownership has the **additional benefit** of allowing you FREE MEMBERSHIP into **ResorTime**, a network of thousands of Timeshare Resorts offering near BonusTime rates to participating owners.

There are nearly 100 ResorTime participating timeshares in California alone – Napa, Carlsbad, Palm Springs and Anaheim included... easy drives for most of our California Owners. There are also ResorTime affiliates like us in Arizona, Florida, Hawaii and many points in-between. Membership in ResorTime is a great way to broaden your Timeshare Ownership travel possibilities. Go to this website for more details: <http://www.resortime.com/vacation/owner.asp> .

## Timeshare Trading

There are many different ways that you can trade your timeshare; here's a general outline for your use:

### RCI Weeks

Our timeshares are affiliated with RCI, the largest timeshare exchange organization in the world. For the cost of RCI's annual membership fee, you have access to trade to other RCI affiliated vacation destinations all over the world. Once you make a reservation with us (your Home Resort), you can bank that WEEK with RCI and have up to two years to use RCI exchange. You then request the destination and resort of your choice using all the print and on-line materials provided by RCI. We see most people having success with their trades when they are flexible (For example: instead of requesting a **specific** resort for a **specific** week, they'll request a **date range** in a certain **area**... like the month of May in Hawaii). Once a request is submitted, you wait for RCI to find you a "match" that's been deposited by another person owning at the destination and time in which you want to travel, and RCI calls you back to notify you of the exchange possibility. You then decide if you want it, and if so, pay an Exchange Fee, and your Home Resort week has gotten you into other resorts around the world!

## Timeshare Trading (Continued)

### RCI Points

Instead of trading through RCI using your WEEK, you can pay a trade conversion fee to trade your timeshare using **POINTS**. Trading with points gives you flexibility in choosing the length of stay, the places in which you stay, and perhaps one of the most enticing features of **POINTS** Trading is the ability to double the point values you own when reserving travel times within 60 days of check-in date. We've had many owners convert their RCI trading to **POINTS** to give them so many more trading possibilities. To get more information about RCI Points trading, please contact our Owner Service Point Specialists at 530.544.5211 ext. 104.

### Direct Trading

While the trading through RCI is coordinated through the clubs, you also have the option of trading your week directly through a timeshare trading organization other than RCI. These companies vary in cost and methods of reservation, but are great options in broadening the ways you can exchange your timeshare. Here is an impartial list of some direct exchange sources that our Owners have used successfully:

Trading Places: <http://www.tradingplaces.com>  
The San Francisco Exchange Company: <http://www.sfx-resorts.com>  
Platinum Interchange: <http://www.platinuminterchange.com/website/index.asp>  
RedWeek.com: <http://www.redweek.com>  
Dial an Exchange: <http://www.daelive.com>  
TUG Direct Exchange: <http://www.timeshare-users-group.com/exchgA-F.html>  
Hawaii Timeshare Exchange: <http://www.htse.net>

## Renting Out Your Week

Instead of using your week at your Home Resort, or in Trade, you can rent it out to another guest.

Your Home Resort has a rental program which you can learn about by calling Reservations. There are also many other private rental agencies available. Most of the Direct Trading sites listed with the links directly above, have rental programs as well as exchange programs. You can also use word of mouth to rent your week yourself, collect whatever fees you choose, and advise your Home Resort of the name of the person who will be using your week.

There is a separate letter we've prepared on Renting your Week that you can get by calling our Reservations Department at the contact number shown at the top of this flyer.

**There are SO many ways to use your Timeshare!**  
**If you have any questions about anything outlined above, just give us a call**  
**and we'll be happy to provide you with even more information.**



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