

BIKE TOUR EURASIA

PRESENTATION BY ALLISON ANSLEY & CHAD WILES



- Date:** Thursday, March 4, 2010
Time: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Lecture begins promptly at 6:00 p.m.
Cost: Free. No-Host Bar.
Location: Assembly Rooms 139 & 141,
Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences
291 Country Club Drive, Incline Village, Nevada
(on the campus of Sierra Nevada College)

Allison Ansley and Chad Wiles met in Tahoe ten years ago and have been venturing together ever since. Allison came into the world of cycling on the tree lined streets of Salt Lake City before moving to Tahoe in 1998. She earned a B.S. from Sierra Nevada College in 2007, and has since spent her winters exploring the mountains on skis and working with the Tahoe Cross Country Ski Education Association (T.C.C.S.E.A.). Chad traces his velo roots to East coast single-track but found a home in Tahoe in 2000 and has since taken to the roads. He received a B.F.A from Sierra Nevada College in 2003 and, in between personal trips, currently works with T.C.C.S.E.A as well as Alaska Mountain Guides.

In the summer of 2007, Chad and Allison (both SNC graduates) began to plot a bicycle route across Eurasia. Armed with ambition, a couple of visas, and two stout bicycles they set off from the coast of China and started riding west. Six months and two days later they rode onto the beaches of the Netherlands with over 7,000 miles of Eurasian trans-cultural experiences.

From the images gathered on their small cameras they have compiled a fair representation of the

delicious and disgusting, the ordinary and amazing, the lovely and repugnant, and plenty of stops in between as they lived out on the world road.

They are excited to share preparatory and logistical information as well as other practical tips so that others might feel more prepared to explore a big planet at this nice bicycling pace. They will also discuss their upcoming tour to the Black Sea region and the former Yugoslav republics.