

## NEVADA CITY TO HOST PARADE FOR PARALYMPIAN GOLD MEDALIST EVAN STRONG

Nevada County became known as the heart of Gold Country due to the large quantities exported during the Gold Rush. But on April 1, Nevada City will honor one of its own for bringing the gold back home, as Paralympian gold medalist snowboarder Evan Strong will be celebrated with a hero's homecoming parade.

Strong, along with his family and supporters, will be welcomed home with a parade down Broad Street at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 1. Pre-event festivities will start at 5:30 p.m.

Following the parade, the party will head to the Miners Foundry, 325 Spring St., where the celebration will continue with live music, food and drink, along with autograph and photo opportunities with Strong and his gold medal.

Donated items, including snowboards and other athletic gear, will be raffled to benefit Nevada County's FREED Center for Independent Living ([www.freed.org](http://www.freed.org)) and Adaptive Action Sports (<http://adacs.org>) based in Summit County, Colo.

Strong, who resides in Nevada City, grew up in Maui, where he excelled at skateboarding. At 17, he lost his left leg as a result of a car accident. Through the Challenged Athletes Foundation in La Jolla, Calif. and Adaptive Action Sports in Summit County, Colo., Strong was introduced to and inspired by hundreds of challenged athletes. With the support of his family, he began training again and added snowboarding to his list of athletic endeavors — highlighted by his gold-medal performance at the 2014 Winter Paralympics in Sochi, Russia.

Visit [www.strongevan.com](http://www.strongevan.com) for more information about Evan Strong. For more information on the parade and the homecoming celebration, contact the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce ([www.nevadacitychamber.com](http://www.nevadacitychamber.com)).

What: Parade to celebrate Paralympian gold-medalist Evan Strong  
When: 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 1 (Pre-event festivities start at 5:30 p.m.), followed by celebration at Miners Foundry, 325 Spring St., Nevada City, CA 95959  
Where: Broad Street, Downtown Nevada City