



December 8, 2008

Our season sure has gotten off to a grand start! The amount of snow we've received is incredible and the fact that it's stuck around is even better yet. We know that many of you have been out there enjoying the conditions and our groomers are absolutely dedicated to seeing that you do. In fact our groomers have been out there on the trails for 10 straight days in a row now just for YOU. So if you see a groomer be sure to give him a thumbs up or an "atta-boy" pat on the back!

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Snowshoe group is starting up again this year. We've moved the night this year to Thursday at 5:30pm. Our first gathering will be this Thursday, December 11th. Meet at the lodge at 5:30pm. The lodge will be open afterward for warming and socializing, so bring your snowshoes and your headlamps and come on out to have some fun!

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Survey says.....

Attached is a short survey about what trails you ski on. We would appreciate it if you could take a moment to complete this form and return it to us. You can either complete it and return by clicking the e-mail button at the top right. If you prefer, you can print the form and either drop at the lodge or mail to me at:

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Thanks in advance for your input.

The holiday season is fast approaching. We plan on having extended lodge hours during the holiday season. The lodge will be open everyday from 10-4 starting on Wednesday, December 24th through Sunday, January 4th. Yes, this includes Christmas Day too.

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Reminder.....

This year we plan on decorating one of the trees outside the lodge for the upcoming holiday season. We invite everyone to bring an ornament to be added to the tree. Please be sure that it's something that will withstand the weather outside.

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Don't forget the New Year's eve pot luck & social starts at 6pm at the lodge. All are welcome. Bring a dish to pass. Bring your skis, snowshoes and headlamps too. Hope to see you there!

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Upcoming events

January 10, 2009

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ski Bash - 12 & 24 K Classic and 24 K Freestyle XC ski events. 10:00 am

March 7, 2009

Annual Taste & Glide 11am to 3pm

March 14, 2009

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Snowman Triathlon - 12K Classic xc Ski - 2 mile run - 3K Snowshoe event - Individual or teams - also 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Eki Loppet - 12 K Classic xc Ski event. 9:30 am

Check out our [website](#) for registration information

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