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2024-2025 Racing

Tentative Race Schedule—All races are subject to change!

FWRA Sanctioned Races

- CLINIC - January 17 Friday - Alpine Meadows (cost TBD)
- Race 1 - January 18 Saturday morning - Alpine Meadows Giant Slalom
- Race 2 - January 18 Saturday afternoon - Alpine Meadows Giant Slalom
- Race 3 - February 9 Sunday morning - Sugar Bowl (?)
- Race 4 - February 9 Sunday afternoon - Sugar Bowl (?)
- CLINIC - February 28 Friday - Alpine Meadows (cost TBD)
- Race 5 - March 1 Saturday - Alpine Meadows Slalom (?)
- Race 6 - March 2 Sunday - Alpine Meadows Slalom (?)

We are still working with Northstar for a potential race there; Race disciplines for races 3-6 subject to change as the schedule fleshes out

Since we have races on Saturdays at Alpine Meadows, here is the link to make a parking reservation.

ParkPalisadesTahoe.com

LEAGUE RACE RESOURCES:

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President's Message

By Jo Simpson,

Sierra League & Sierra Council

President



Hello everyone!

I recently represented Sierra Council at the Far West Ski Association fall board meeting. It was in Palm Springs on the site of the 2025 FWSA annual convention, (June 12-15, 2025). I hope you will consider going to this fun and informative weekend.

More imminently, the Sierra Council winter party will be Sunday, Dec. 8 in Truckee. Details are elsewhere in this newsletter. I hope to see you there.

We have gained a new club in Sierra Council, the Santa Rosa Ski Club. While most of their members live in the Santa Rosa area, they have a lodge in Truckee which will make it convenient for them to participate in our activities. Sadly we also lost a ski club as the Sequoia Ski Club has disbanded.

At our annual council barbeque and general meeting in September we elected co-vice presidents for Travel-- Carlene Boutacoff and John Schultheis. Carlene will be leaving the position after the Banff ski week and John will be taking over to manage the 2026 ski week at Crested Butte. Carlene will continue as Social Chair.

The other officers who are listed with their contact info in this newsletter were re-elected for 2024-2025. Welcome to John and a huge thank you to the officers for continuing to serve.

Please join me in thanking Carlene for her seven years as our Vice President for Travel and the many successful ski weeks she orchestrated for us.

See you on the slopes!

Jo

Member Clubs and Contacts

Cabernet Ski and Race Club

Truckee, CA
Jo Simpson', contact
Jo_simpson@gmail.com

Las Vegas Ski Snowboard & Sports Club

Las Vegas, NV
www.lasvegasskiclub.com
Craig Caples, President
info@lasvegasskiclub.com; craig@caples.net

Reno Ski & Recreation Club

Reno, NV
www.renoskiandrec.com
Peter Olsten, President
twelvebvet@gmail.com
renoskiandrecreationclub@gmail.com

RU SKI Club

Campbell, CA
www.facebook.com/groups/ruskiclub
Pavel Bosin, President
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Santa Rose Ski Club

Santa Rosa, CA
Catherine A. Lindquist, President
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Sugar Bowl Ski Club

Norden, CA
Ted Peterson
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Tahoe Donner Senior Alpine Ski Club

Truckee, CA
www.tdski.com
Marty Anderson
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Top Gun Ski Club

Greg Peairs, President
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Regional Ski Area Websites:

Badger Pass: www.yosemitepark.com/BadgerPass.aspx

Bear Valley Ski: www.bearvalley.com

Boreal: www.rideboreal.com

Ski China Peak: www.skichinapeak.com

Diamond Peak: www.diamondpeak.com

Dodge Ridge: www.dodgeridge.com

Donner Ski Ranch: www.donnerskiranch.com

Granlibakken: www.granlibakken.com

Heavenly Valley: www.skiheavenly.com

Homewood: www.skihomewood.com

June Mountain: www.junemountain.com

Kirkwood: www.kirkwood.com

Las Vegas Ski & Snowboard resort: www.skilasvegas.com

Mammoth Mtn: www.mammothmountain.com

Mountain High Ski: www.mthigh.com

Mt. Baldy: www.skibaldy.com

Mt. Rose: www.skirose.com

Mt. Shasta Ski Park: www.skipark.com

Northstar: www.northstarcalifornia.com

Palisade Tahoe: www.palisadestahoe.com

Sierra At Tahoe: www.sierratahoe.com

Snow Summit: www.snowsummit.com

Snow Valley: www.snow-valley.com

Soda Springs: www.skisodasprings.com

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Start Haus Ski & Bike Shop

<https://www.starhaus.com>

Tahoe Heartbeat Apparel

<https://tahoeheartbeat.com/>

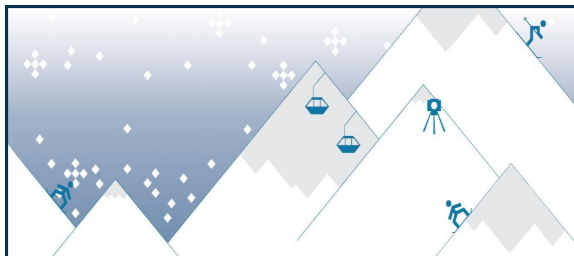
Sports Basement

<https://shop.sportsbasement.com/blogs/stores>

Habervision

<https://www.habervision.com/>

Habervision offers 50% off products



Sierra League Race Chair Message

It's just about time to think about skiing and the upcoming Sierra League race season.

The racing schedule (6 races) is still tentative, but now that race staff is returning to resorts we should have the schedule firmed up soon. (The tentative schedule is on page 1 of this newsletter and posted on our website: www.sierraleague.com)

Once the schedule is set and hill rental fees are firm, we will set the race pass and drop in fee for 2024-2025.

I am also still waiting for the waiver form from our insurance company and cannot open registration until I have it.



All this to say, things are pending. I will send information via email when all is firm. If you are NOT on our email distribution list and you plan to race and want to receive email information, send your name and email contact to: nan.sierraleague@gmail.com.

Meanwhile, I'm sure you are looking forward to resort openings later this month, to getting in some turns, and to a great ski and race season. Happy winter!

Hope to see you on the slopes (and in the gates)

Nan Carnal, Race Director for Sierra League

Frank App Memorial Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that Charles Zaretsky, 18 yr old, returns as the recipient of the Frank App Memorial Scholarship for 2024-2025.

Charles Zaretsky, a top scoring athlete in the Far West Ski Association Program, is from Reno and skis for Team Palisades Tahoe.

Though specializing in Slalom and Giant Slalom, Charles has expanded his range to recently race in Super-G and Downhill.



The Far West Skier's Guide is digital.

Access the Far West website (www.fwsa.org). From the Member Corner dropdown menu, select Publications. From the Publications screen, select Far West Skier's Guide. The link for the guide will display on the right. Access to the guide is also available on the Sierra League website at the bottom of the home screen. You can also use the link below:

<https://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/farwestskiersguide/2024-25/index.php>

Sierra League Winter Party



Sierra Council Winter Party in Truckee Sunday December 8th

Are you ready to welcome back winter with a day of skiing and a casual evening of socializing and dining with friends, family, and new friends?

December 8th, Sunday, at La Bamba Restaurant, 11760 Donner Pass Rd

Wear your favorite flannel shirt and join us at the bar at 4:00 for no host drinks.

Dining at 5:00.

Enjoy a complete Mexican Holiday feast for \$30.00 per person. Choose an entrée from the choices below:

Enchilada Dinner

Chili Relleno Dinner

2 Taco Dinner

Bring extra \$\$\$s for the 50/50 + raffle.

(A portion of proceeds will go to a scholarship fund to support promising local junior racers.)

Reserve your spot by December 5th. Pay by check or credit card.

Make checks payable to **Sierra League**

Send to: Jo Simpson

1691 Ashbury Lane

Reno, NV 89523

or Pay by Credit Card at the Sierra League & Council website.

<https://www.sierraleague.com/>

When you are in the website, click on the “**Races**” tab and select the **Buy Now** button

under **Holiday Party-\$30.00**



Sierra League and Council Membership Options

Club Membership

There are 8 ski clubs affiliated with Sierra League and Council. Please contact a club near you for membership information. Their contact information is listed at <https://www.sierraleague.com/contact.html>. Several of them have websites updated with activities and member benefits. Contact information is also available on page 3 of this newsletter.

Direct Membership

If you do not belong to an affiliated ski club, you may join Sierra League and Council as a direct member. To coincide with the [Far West Ski Association](#) our annual membership year begins May 1 and ends April 30.

The annual fee is only \$10 for each individual. This allows you all member privileges including:

- Sierra Council [Travel Program](#)
- Sierra League [Race Program](#)
- [Far West Ski Association Member Benefits](#), Services & Discounts
- The [Sierra League and Council Newsletter](#)
- Other Council sponsored events, including the annual Winter Paraty and the Summer BBQ.

Application, Dues and Information

[Application Forms](#) for individuals:

Print out form(s), fill in and sign application forms (and associated waiver) for each individual joining. The form and waiver are available at the league website under "about". The form and waiver are included in this newsletter on the following two pages.

How to submit by mail:

- Write check for \$10 made out to Sierra Ski Council
- Mail both completed form including waiver and check to:

Corey Doolin, membership
PO Box 394
Tahoe City, CA 96145

How to submit online:

- Pay Sierra Direct [Online Membership Dues through PayPal](#)
- Scan completed application and waiver form, attach as a .pdf file and email to: alpinesnow@att.net

Corey Doolin
FWSA Sierra League and Council VP Membership
alpinesnow@att.net

**Sierra League & Council
2024-2025 Membership
Application**

New Member

Renewing Member

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (home) _____

(cell) _____

Email: _____

Mark all that you are interested in:

Racing

Travel Program

Social

List Trips: _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (cell) _____
:

I have read and signed the Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risk Agreement.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Dues: \$10

Completed Application can be emailed to alpinesnow@att.net, and payment through PayPal on the Sierra League and Council website, or:

Mail completed application and waiver, along with personal check, cashier's check, or money order payable to "Sierra League & Council" to:

**Corey Doolin, Membership
P.O. Box 394
Tahoe City, CA 96145**

05/10/2024

**Sierra League & Council Waiver
2024-2025 Membership Year**

SPORT PARTICIPANT RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT.
Please read and be certain you understand the implications of signing.

Express Assumption of Risk Associated with Sport, Venue Use and Related Activities.

I, _____ do hereby affirm and acknowledge that I have been fully informed of the inherent hazards and risks associated with all activities of Sierra League & Council including but not limited to alpine skiing, snowboarding, tubing, and tobogganing, and certain additional risks, dangers and hazards including, but not limited to boarding, riding, and disembarking ski lifts, transportation of equipment related to the activities, and traveling to and from activity sites in which I am about to engage. **Inherent hazards and risks include but are not limited to:**

1. Risk of injury from the activity and equipment utilized is significant including the potential for broken bones, severe injuries to the head, neck, and back or other bodily injuries that my result in permanent disability and death.
2. Possible equipment failure and/or malfunction or misuse of my own or others' equipment.
3. **I AGREE THAT I WILL WEAR APPROVED PROTECTIVE GEAR AS DECREED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE SPORT I AM PARTICIPATING IN.** However, protective gear cannot guarantee the participant's safety. I further agree that no helmet can protect the wearer against all potential head injuries or prevent injury to the wearer's face, neck or spinal cord.
4. Variation and/or steepness of terrain, variation or changes in surfaces including but not limited to snow surfaces, ice, bare spots, rocks, stumps, debris, cliffs, trees, fences, posts, trees, light poles, signs, buildings, roads, walkways, ramps, rails, stairs, pyramids, manual pads, bowls, half-pipes, jumps, padded and non-padded barriers, other persons, and other natural and man-made hazards.
5. My own negligence and/or the negligence of others, including but not limited to operator error and guide decision making including misjudging terrain, weather, riding surfaces or other obstacles.
6. Exposure to the elements and temperature extremes may result if frost nip, frost bite, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, sunburn, hypothermia and dehydration.
7. Dangers associated with exposure to natural elements include but are not limited to avalanche, rock fall, inclement weather, thunder and lightning, severe and or varied wind, temperature and other weather conditions.
8. Accidents or illness occurring in remote places where there are no available medical facilities.
9. Fatigue, exhaustion, chill, and/or dizziness, which may diminish my/our reaction time and increase the risk of accident.
10. Impact or collision with other athletes, spectators, facility employees, pedestrians, motor vehicles, and cyclists.

***I understand the description of these risks is not complete and unknown or unanticipated risks may result in injury, illness, or death.**

Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims and Indemnity Agreement

In consideration for being permitted to participate in the above described activity(ies) and related activities, I hereby agree, acknowledge and appreciate that::

1. **I HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR OTHERWISE,** the following named persons or entities, herein referred to as releasees: **Sierra League & Council and their directors and officers, and their successors and assigns.**
2. To release the releasees, their officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, and volunteers from liability and responsibility whatsoever and for any claims or causes of action that I, my estate, heirs, survivors, executors, or assigns may have for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death arising from the above activities whether caused by active or passive negligence of the releasees or otherwise. By executing this document, I agree to hold the releasees harmless and indemnify them in conjunction with any injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property that may occur as a result of my engaging in the above activities.
3. By entering into this Agreement, I am not relying on any oral or written representation or statements made by the releasees, other than what is set forth in this Agreement.
4. This agreement shall apply to any and all injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property occurring at any time after the execution of this agreement.

This release shall be binding to the fullest extent permitted by law. If any provision of this release is found to be unenforceable, the remaining terms shall be enforceable.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP LEGAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND I SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Signature of Adult Participant

Name of Adult Participant (Please Print)

Date

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE: This is to certify that I, as Parent, Guardian, Temporary Guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree not only to his/her release of all Releasees, but also to release and indemnify the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to his/her involvement in these programs for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin.

Signature of Parent or Adult Legal Guardian if Participant is a Minor

Name of Parent or Adult Legal Guardian (Print Clearly)

Date

SKI & SOCIAL EVENTS WAIVER (does not include racing)

ALL INFORMATION ON THIS PAGE MUST BE PRINTED ONTO ONE PAGE

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TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

The Far West Ski Association (FWSA) is one of the largest associations of snowsport enthusiasts in the U.S. FWSA covers 12 states with 10 regional Councils with more than 150 Clubs and combined membership of over 50,000 skiers and snowboarders. As a member of a club that belongs to the SIERRA Council, you are a member of FWSA and entitled to all benefits. You may also join FWSA as a Direct Member.



North American Travel

FWSA Ski & Snowboard Week 2025: Jan. 25–Feb. 1; Banff, Alberta, CA
FWSA Mini Ski & Snowboard Week 2025: March 23–28; Big White, BC, CA
FWSA Ski & Snowboard Week 2026; Jan. 24–31; Crested Butte, CO

FWSA Convention:

Annual Convention, June 12–15, 2025; Palm Springs, CA

FWSA International Travel:

FWSA Int. Ski & Snowboard Adventure 2025: March 1–8; Tignes/Val d'Isere, FR
2025 Optional Extension: March 8–14; French Riviera, Nice and more
FWSA Int. Ski & Snowboard Adventure Summer 2025: Val Nevada, Chili,
w/Atacama Desert Extension—Details TBD

Dive/Adventure/Cruises

FWSA Fall Foliage Cruise 2025: September 9–19; Quebec City to Boston
Greece 2025: Details TBD
Galapagos Islands 2026: Details TBD
Croatia 2027: Details TBS
New Zealand: Details TBS

Please contact the trip leader and/or check the FWSA website for further information regarding travel/housing/schedules, registration forms, waivers, payment schedules, etc.

FWSA travel website: <http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/travel.html>

FWSA VP North American Travel:

Nancy Ellis, vpnorthamericantravel@fwsa.org

FWSA VP International Travel:

Gloria Raminha: vpinternationaltravel@fwsa.org



Save the Date for '25 FWSA Ski Week

Jan 25-Feb 1, 2025

We are going to Banff, Alberta, Canada

Get your passport ready

SkiBig3 - Banff Sunshine, Lake Louise Ski Resort & Mt. Norquay

Send your deposits for best lodging choices.

Package Prices include 7 nights lodging, welcome party, race events, picnic, apres ski gatherings, special council dinner, banquet dinner with dancing.

Sierra lodging choices & package prices:

Banff Ptarmigan Inn \$1200pp, double occupancy

3 Star Cozy hotel style room, minifridge, hot tubs, underground parking, Roam Bus Passes, great location

Banff Park Lodge \$1300pp, double occupancy

4 Star Full-service hotel and conference center Indoor pool, parking, ski storage, minifridge. FWSA activities will be held in the conference center.

Moose Hotel and Suites \$1500pp, double occupancy

4+ Star hotel style rooms, minifridge, swimming pool, fitness and spa facilities, parking, ski storage

All lodging options are in town and provide shuttle services to resorts and complimentary local bus passes.

Options for purchase:

Group air SFO to Calgary \$489, Ground transportation TBD

Group Lift Tickets:	5-day Adult	\$539	5-day Senior	\$445
	6-day Adult	\$652	6-day Senior	\$527

Ikon pass offers 7 days at Banff, Ikon Base pass offers 5 days.

People using the links below to purchase a new pass or to renew an existing pass and then who sign up for the 2025 FWSA Banff Ski Week will get a benefit towards their trip package.

USE THIS LINK TO PURCHASE AN IKON PASS OR IKON BASE PASS

<https://go.tripstorm.app/#!/24IKONFarWestSkiAssociation>

USE THIS LINK TO RENEW YOUR IKON PASS OR TO RENEW YOUR IKON BASE PASS.

RATES FOR RENEWAL ARE GOOD MARCH 13 - MAY 3, 2024. RATES GO UP FOR RENEWAL AFTER MAY 3, 2024

<https://go.tripstorm.app/#!/24ikonpassrenewals>

Send your \$200.00 deposit, made payable to Sierra League, and your registration forms to:
Carlene Boutacoff, VP Travel Sierra League, 110 Wildwood Way, Woodside, CA 94062

NOTE: Deposits are refundable to 9/12/2024. Participants must be a member of a FWSA Club or Direct Member

More details at <http://www.sierraleague.com>

FWSA 2025 Int'l Ski Trip to Tignes / Val d'Isere, France

BASIC Ski Week – Tignes, France March 1 – March 8, 2025

Group departs US Feb. 27, arrives in Geneva, Feb 28 & spend 1 night at a Geneva airport hotel.

Mar. 1st departs by bus to Tignes/Val d'Isere and return to US from Geneva, France on Mar. 8, 2025

Opt. Ext. Trip: Marseille, Nice & more...March 8–14, 2025

Group departs US on Feb. 27th and return from Nice on Mar. 14, 2025)



HOLIDAZE SKI TOURS®

All Prices are based on an exchange rate of 1 Euro vs. \$1.10 USD & subject to change.

4-Star Lodging at The Village Montana in Tignes – a *SKI IN – SKI OUT* hotel!

Prices start at: \$2799p.p. based on double occupancy [air transp. sold separately.]

Single Supplements are available.



For the skiing enthusiast and the snow sports lovers looking for one of the largest ski areas in Europe, look no further...Tignes / Val d'Isere, France has everything you need in the heart of the Alps! The ski areas of Tignes and neighboring Val d'Isere make up what is known as L 'Espace Killy, one of the largest most varied and snow sure ski areas in the world. You will be able to enjoy 186 miles of slopes spread between 9093 acres with an altitude of 11,338 ft.

Senior rates for 65-74 years and 75 years and older SKI FREE!

Your convenient and unforgettable stay in the mountains at the 4-Star, Ski in-Ski out, Village Montana!

Basic Lodging Package includes:

- Meet and greet at Geneva Airport with English Speaking Assistant.
- Transfer between Geneva Airport and Geneva Hotel via Hotel Shuttle.
- One-night stay at the 4-Star Crown Plaza, Geneva Airport Hotel with buffet breakfast.
- Transfer between Geneva Airport Hotel via a private coach to Tignes with English-speaking assistant.
- 7 night's accommodation at the 4* Ski in-Ski out Village Montana Hotel.
- Welcome/Orientation on March 1st with reps from Tignes Tourist Office and Ski School
- Daily Buffet Breakfast & 5 Dinners at the Village Montana Hotel in Tignes.
- Complimentary use of the hotel amenities, such as:
 - WIFI
 - Heated Ski Room – with direct access to the slopes
 - Indoor heated swimming pool, Steam Bath & Sauna
- Après Ski & Farewell events – details to be provided.
- Optional day tour - details to be provided.



So. France/French Riviera Adven. Trip: Marseille, Nice & more...

March 8 to 14, 2025

Prices: \$1997.00pp (dbl. occ.) or \$2460.00pp Single Supp.

Trip includes:

- 3 nights at the 4 Star Hotel Grand Hotel Beauvau in Marseille
- 3 nights at the 4 Star Beau Rivage Hotel on the Esplanade in Nice
- English speaking tour escort/manager starting in Marseille
- Breakfast daily
- Day excursions include city walking tours, Chateau de Beupre, Marseille Panier Area, Grotte de Cosquer <https://www.grotte-cosquer.com/en/visit-the-cosquer-cave/>, day tour of Camargue (Saint Mariede La Mar) & Aries, visit a perfume factory in Grasse, tour of the Village of St. Paul de Vence & the Foundation Maeght <https://fondation-maeght.com/>, full day tour to Antibes Old Town and St. Honorat Island & wine tasting, boat to Quai Laubeuf, Cannes.
- Farewell dinner.
 - **Stand Alone So. France/French Riviera ONLY (Excludes Tignes/Val d'Isere ski week)**
 - **Land package price is same as Dbl. Occ. or Single Supplement ext. trip. Contact Gloria for transportation.**



Make checks out to: **Far West Ski Association (FWSA)**. Please reference "FWSA 2025 Tignes/Val d'Isere Int'l Trip" on each check.

Send to: **Gloria Raminha**
FWSA VP of Int'l Travel
12707 Windy Ridge Dr.
Bakersfield, CA 93312

For more information contact: Gloria Raminha at Garski2011@gmail.com or cell: 661/800-8229

State of California Seller of Travel # 2036983-40

"The Voice of the Western Skier"



FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION MINI SKI TRIP **March 23—28, 2025**

Big White, Canada

\$745

TRIP PACKAGE

*Based on double occupancy. Single supplement pricing is available.
Price does NOT include air, transfer, or lift tickets.*

*Sign up by October 1st and you will get a discount on your trip price.
Early Bird discount expires October 2, 2024*

*Trip Insurance is highly recommended to protect your trip costs
should you need to cancel.*

The Inn at Big White features an outdoor heated pool, hot tub, games room, fitness center, 24-hour Front Desk, complimentary WIFI, heated underground parking, and ski locker storage. Rooms include mini-refrigerator, microwave, and induction cooker. Units have 1 Queen bed and 1 Queen Murphy bed.

Included:

Five Night's Lodging
Welcome Breakfast
Farewell Dinner

Optional for Purchase:

3-day Adult Lift Ticket-- \$311
3-day Senior Lift Ticket--\$301
4-day Adult Lift Ticket-- \$398
4-day Senior Lift Ticket--\$333

Discounted Equipment Rental

Optional Activities:

- Tube Park
- Ice Skating
- Ice Climbing
- Sleigh Ride Dinners
- Snowshoe Tours
- Dog Sled Tours
- Free Mountain Tours
- Snowmobile Tours
- Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides
- Day Spas

Contact: Nancy Ellis – 530-414-8261 – FWSAtravelnancy@sbcglobal.net

Information & Online Signup: <http://fwsaminiBW.sat.tours>

FWSA CST #2036983-40

"The Voice of the Western Skier"



92nd Annual Far West Ski Association Convention

June 12 - 15, 2025

at

Riviera Resort & Spa, Palm Springs

1600 N. Indian Canyon Drive

Palm Springs, CA 92262

Hosted by the *Orange Council of Ski Clubs*



Riviera Resort & Spa, Palm Springs

1600 N. Indian Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262

Reservations: [Far West Ski Association Booking Link](#)

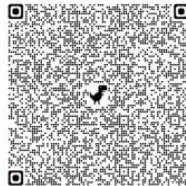
Or call **760-327-8311**, Group Name: **Far West Ski Association**.

Room Rates per night plus tax, single or double occupancy —
\$169 per night

Room Registration Deadline: May 19, 2025

Hotel Features

- Palmetto Cafe
- Sante' Spa
- Circa 59
- Paradise Pool and Bar
- Tropics
- Starlight Lounge
- Oasis Pool



Scan for reservations

Transportation

- Air transportation via Palm Springs International Airport (4 minutes away)
- Transportation to the airport is available by rental car, Uber, or Lyft.

Convention Highlights

- Silent Auction & Trade Show
- Guest Speakers
- Snowsports Leadership Academy
- Public Affairs Panels
- Saturday Awards Luncheon
- Saturday Awards Banquet
- FWSA General Meeting & Elections

Optional Activities

- **Thursday**
 - Aerial Tram at St. Jacinto Park
 - 28th Annual Pub Crawl
- **Friday**
 - 18th Annual Michael German
 - Memorial Golf Tournament
 - Spa Day
 - Pool Party at Oasis Pool
 - Club Happy Hour

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Contact Nancy Ellis, (530) 414-8261, fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net, to sign up.

SAFETY: Winter Driving Tips in the Mountains

The following is an article about tips to driving in mountain conditions during the winter. Please note that not all content has been included (such as information pertaining to Colorado Traction Laws). The FULL article may be found on the website listed below.



<https://thenextsummit.org/9-winter-driving-tips-how-to-travel-safely-in-the-mountains-during-snow-season/#:~:text=9%20Winter%20Driving%20Tips%3A%20How%20to%20Travel%20Safely,Lower%20Gears%20on%20Steep%20Roads%20...%20More%20items>

“9 Winter Driving Tips: How to Travel Safely in the Mountains During Snow Season

[Alex Derr; January 13, 2024](#)

Winter in Colorado and other western mountain states in the U.S. transforms the landscape into a snowy wonderland. While it's a season of beauty and outdoor sports like skiing and snowboarding, winter also brings its share of challenges, especially when it comes to driving. Navigating icy roads and sudden snowstorms requires skill and preparation.

Here are essential winter driving tips to help you travel safely through mountainous terrains during the colder months.

1. Vehicle Readiness

Before winter hits, get your vehicle ready. Switch to winter tires for better traction on snow and ice. Ensure your battery is in good condition, as cold weather can reduce its power.

Keep your lights, heating, and defrosting systems operational. Check antifreeze levels and ensure wipers are winter-ready.

2. Carry an Emergency Kit

Always have an emergency kit in your vehicle. Include items like blankets, extra clothing, water, non-perishable snacks, a flashlight, a first-aid kit, a snow shovel, and sand or kitty litter for traction if stuck. Don't forget a car charger for your phone.

This is especially important in the mountains where passes and highways sometimes close for several hours or more due to heavy snowfall or dangerous avalanche conditions.

3. Plan Your Route

Before setting out, plan your route. Check weather forecasts and road conditions. Avoid back roads and stick to main routes, as they are more likely to be cleared and treated.

4. Drive Slowly and Smoothly

Speeding is a no-go in winter conditions. Drive slowly to maintain control and prevent spin-outs and sliding on icy or snowy surfaces. Avoid sudden stops and sharp turns. Accelerate and decelerate slowly to prevent skids.

I generally drive anywhere from 10-20mph below the speed limit during active snowfall to provide an extra margin for risk.

5. Increase Following Distance

Increase your following distance to at least five to six seconds. This extra space will provide you with more time to stop. When driving in the winter, downhill, it make take you that (or more) to fully come to a stop if you are driving at highway speeds.

SAFETY: Winter Driving Tips in the Mountains (cont.)

6. Be Aware of Black Ice

Black ice is nearly invisible and can be very dangerous. It often looks like wet pavement. Be extra cautious when driving on bridges, overpasses, and shaded areas, as they freeze first.

7. Know How to Handle Skids

Skidding is when your vehicle begins to slide out of your control, often in a side direction. It is one of the most common causes of winter driving accidents in Colorado. (Editor note: Also in the Sierras)

If you skid, stay calm. Steer in the direction you want to go and avoid slamming on the brakes, as this could lock up your wheels and make the situation worse.

8. Use Lower Gears on Steep Roads

In hilly or mountainous areas, use lower gears to maintain traction, especially when going downhill.

9. Stay Informed and Updated

Listen to weather and traffic updates. In Colorado, radio stations often provide regular updates on road conditions in mountain areas. You can also use a satellite radio, Garmin device with weather reports, or a smartphone (if you have a signal).

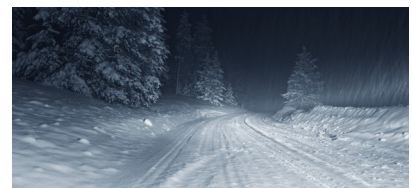
What To Do If Stranded While Driving in Winter

Even if you take all nine of the winter driving tips and best practices listed above, it is still possible to get unlucky and end up stranded in winter. You could get caught in a closure and run out of gas, skid off the road and into a snowbank, or get stuck on a patch of ice or snow.

Here are some additional winter driving tips on what to do if you get stranded.

- **Stay With Your Vehicle:** Your vehicle is a shelter that can keep you out of the wind and is much easier for rescuers to find than you alone.
- **Call for Help:** If you have cell phone service, call 911 or roadside assistance immediately. Provide your location and situation as clearly as possible.
- **Use Hazard Lights and Emergency Signals:** Turn on your vehicle's hazard lights. If you have them, use road flares or emergency signals to make your vehicle more visible.
- **Keep Warm:** Use whatever is available to keep warm. This includes extra clothing, blankets, or even floor mats. If you have them, use hand warmers or body warmers.
- **Conserve Fuel:** If you're running your engine to keep warm, do it sparingly. Turn on the engine for about 10 minutes each hour. Ensure the exhaust pipe is clear of snow to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.
- **Avoid Overexertion:** Don't try to push or dig your car out of snow if it's too strenuous. Overexertion can make you sweat, leading to faster heat loss.
- **Stay Hydrated:** Drink water if available to avoid dehydration. Avoid eating snow directly as it lowers your body temperature; melt it first.

Remember: The most important of all these winter driving tips is to plan ahead and be prepared: it makes a big difference in a worst-case scenario. "



SAFETY: "Skiing Workout: 8 Ski Exercises To Prepare for the Season"

The following is an informative article from the EōSFITNESS ("Better Gym/Better Price) website with tips for ski season preparedness. Even though November is upon us, the work-out recommendations can certainly be adapted to fit in with your ski prep. From the website: <https://www.eosfitness.com/blog/ski-exercises-to-prepare-for-the-season>

"Fitness Tips

Oct 03, 2023 - 8min read

As the leaves change colors and the air turns crisp, the excitement starts building for ski season. There's something truly magical about gliding down snow-covered slopes, feeling the rush of cold air against your face and conquering challenging terrain. But to truly make the most of your time on the mountain, it's important to get your body in shape with ski exercises.

Skiing and snowboarding demands more than just a love for the snow, it requires strength, endurance and agility. In this article, we'll explore a range of workouts for skiing that can help you prep for the upcoming ski season. Whether you're a seasoned skier or a newbie hitting the slopes for the first time, these exercises for skiing will get you ready to tackle the mountains. And don't worry, if you don't know where to start with skiing workouts, our [Personal Trainers](#) are here to help!

Why Is It Important to Prep for Ski Season?

Skiing and snowboarding are exhilarating winter sports that engage a variety of muscles in your body. To make those graceful turns and power down the slopes, you rely on a combination of strength, balance and coordination. Without proper preparation, you may find yourself fatigued, sore and at risk of injury. That's why it's crucial to target the specific muscle groups that skiing works.

What Muscles Does Skiing Work?

Before diving into the ski exercises, let's understand which muscles are heavily involved in these winter sports:

Quadriceps

Your quads play a vital role in maintaining a strong, controlled stance while skiing. They help you maintain balance and absorb shocks as you navigate various terrains.

Hamstrings

These muscles are responsible for bending your knees and controlling your speed as you descend down the mountain. Strong hamstrings provide stability and prevent knee injuries.

Glutes

The gluteal muscles help power your movements and stabilize your hips. They are essential for generating the force needed for those quick turns and jumps.

Core

Your core muscles, including your abdominals and lower back, provide stability and balance as you twist and turn on the slopes. A strong core also protects your spine during falls.

Calves

These muscles are crucial for ankle flexibility and control, which is vital for maintaining a good skiing posture.

Hip Flexors

Skiing and snowboarding involves a lot of hip movement, making the hip flexors important for maintaining proper body alignment and controlling your skis.

SAFETY (Cont.) –Ski Exercises To Prepare for the Season

Best Exercises For Skiing

Now that we know which muscles are involved in skiing, let's delve into the best exercises to prepare for the ski season.

1. **Squats:** One of the most effective ski exercises to prepare for the season is the [squatting](#). Squats target your quadriceps, hamstrings and glutes, making them stronger and more resilient. To perform a squat, stand with your feet shoulder-width apart, lower your body by bending your knees and hips, and then push back up to the starting position. You can make this harder by adding weight using a barbell and positioning it across your upper back, or by holding one dumbbell in each hand, allowing them to hang by your sides with your arms fully extended.. Repeat this movement for three sets of 15 reps each.
2. **Leg Blasters:** Leg blasters are a challenging but incredibly beneficial ski workout. They not only work your quads, hamstrings and glutes but also improve endurance. To do leg blasters, start with ten air squats, followed by ten alternating lunges, ten jumping lunges and ten jumping air squats. Repeat this cycle three times for a full leg-blasting workout.
3. **Romanian Deadlifts:** Romanian deadlifts target your hamstrings and lower back while also engaging your glutes and core. Hold a barbell or dumbbells in front of your thighs and, keeping your back straight, hinge at the hips to lower the weight until your back is parallel to the ground. Return to the starting position and repeat for three sets of 12 reps each.
4. **Planks:** Strengthening your core is essential for maintaining balance and stability on the slopes. Planks are a simple yet effective exercise for this. Begin in a push-up position with your palms on the ground and your body in a straight line from head to heels. Hold this position for 30 seconds to a minute, gradually increasing your time as you get stronger.
5. **Wall Sits:** Wall sits are an excellent way to target your quads and build endurance. Find a sturdy wall and lower your body into a sitting position with your thighs parallel to the ground. Hold this position for as long as you can, aiming to increase your time with each workout. Wall sits are a fantastic exercise for mimicking the sustained leg tension you'll experience while skiing.
6. **Box Jumps:** Box jumps are perfect for enhancing explosive leg power and agility. Find a sturdy box or platform, stand in front of it, and then jump onto it with both feet. Step down and repeat for three sets of 10 reps. This exercise simulates the quick movements required to navigate moguls and jumps on the ski slopes.
7. **Calf Raises:** Strong calf muscles are essential for maintaining control over your skis and absorbing shocks. To perform calf raises, stand on the edge of a step or platform with your heels hanging off. Raise your heels as high as possible, then lower them below the step to stretch your calves. Repeat for three sets of 15 reps.
8. **Hip Circles:** Hip circles are an excellent exercise to improve hip mobility and warm up your hip joints. Stand with your feet shoulder-width apart and place your hands on your hips or a stable surface for balance if needed. Begin by gently rotating your hips in a clockwise direction, envisioning a circle with your hip joint. Start with small circles and gradually increase their size as your hips loosen up. Do 10-15 clockwise circles, then switch to counterclockwise circles for 10-15 repetitions. Perform 2-3 sets in each direction.
9. **Lunging Hip Flexor Stretch:** This stretch targets the hip flexors, quadriceps and groin muscles. Begin by positioning yourself in a lunge stance with your right foot forward and your left leg extended straight behind you. As you lower your hips, ensure that your right knee stays directly above your ankle. Next, gently tuck your pelvis under and slowly push your hips forward. This action will create a noticeable stretch in the front of your left hip, specifically targeting the hip flexor muscles. Hold this stretch for approximately 20-30 seconds to allow your muscles to relax and lengthen. Repeat with the other leg.

SAFETY (Cont.) –Ski Exercises To Prepare for the Season

Benefits of Preparing with Ski Exercises

Now that we've covered some of the best exercises for skiing, let's explore the benefits of incorporating them into your pre-season routine:

- **Improved Performance:** Strengthening the muscles used in skiing will boost your performance on the slopes. You'll have better control over your movements and be able to tackle more challenging terrain with confidence.
- **Reduced Risk of Injury:** Strong muscles and a stable core can help protect you from common skiing injuries, such as knee ligament strains and back injuries.

Increased Stamina: Skiing can be physically demanding, and pre-season training will [enhance your endurance](#), allowing you to enjoy longer days on the mountain without getting fatigued.

- **Better Balance:** Ski exercises improve your balance and coordination, which are essential for navigating uneven terrain and maintaining control at high speeds.

Faster Recovery: If you do happen to take a spill on the slopes, a well-prepared body will recover more quickly, minimizing downtime during your ski trip.

How Often Should You Train With Ski Exercises?

The frequency of training with ski exercises depends on your current fitness level, your goals and how close you are to the ski season. It's essential to strike a balance between building strength, endurance and [agility without overtraining](#). Here are some guidelines for the frequency of doing ski workouts:

Pre-Season (4-8 Weeks Before Ski Season):

- As the ski season approaches, training with ski-specific exercises 2-4 times per week can be highly beneficial.
- Focus on exercises that mimic skiing movements, such as squats, lunges, balance drills and core strengthening exercises.
- This pre-season phase is crucial for fine-tuning your skiing muscles and improving your skiing-specific fitness.

Peak Training Phase (2-4 Weeks Before Ski Season):

- During the final few weeks leading up to the ski season, you can further intensify your training, with a frequency of 4-6 times per week.
- Emphasize power, agility and explosive strength exercises to simulate the demands of skiing.
- Include sport-specific drills like box jumps, lateral movements and quick turns.

Tapering Phase (1-2 Weeks Before Ski Season):

- In the last 1-2 weeks before the ski season, reduce the frequency of intense training sessions to ensure you are well-rested and fully recovered.
- Focus on mobility, flexibility and light, low-impact exercises.

Consider incorporating a [Yoga Class](#) or try out our [Assisted Stretch Program](#) which is available at select EoS locations, so you can maintain flexibility and prevent stiffness. Getting ready for ski season involves more than just waxing your skis and picking out your favorite gear. It requires preparing your body for the physical demands of the sport. By incorporating these ski exercises into your pre-season routine, you'll strengthen the specific muscle groups essential for skiing, such as the quadriceps, hamstrings, glutes and core. [Consulting with a Personal Trainer](#) can help you create a personalized training plan that aligns with your ski fitness goals and ensure you're on track to perform at your best when the ski season arrives."

SKI INDUSTRY NEWS—2024

Ski industry news from the National Ski Club News, National Ski Council

JULY 2024

Indy Adds 10 Ski Areas, Will Reopen Limited Pass Sales. After adding 10 new ski areas to its roster for the 2024-25 season, Indy Pass released a limited number of passes starting July 1. *SAM*

Windham Mountain Club, NY, Defines What Public Access Will Look Like in New Membership Model. This last season Windham Mountain Club proudly debuted its new name as it moved to a membership model. Now the resort has offered clarification on how much the public will have access to its amenities, and it looks to be substantial. *SnowBrains*

Ikon Pass Access Will Be "Unchanged" at Arapahoe Basin Next Season. For the 2024-25 season, Ikon pass access will remain unchanged to Arapahoe Basin with 5 days on the base pass or 7 days on the Full Ikon Pass. *Powder*

DOJ Scrutinizing Alterra's Planned Arapahoe Basin Acquisition. Alterra Mountain Company's planned acquisition of Arapahoe Basin, Colo., is reportedly being reviewed by the Department of Justice (DOJ), which has issued a civil investigative demand to the National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) and RRC Associates seeking data from the association's annual surveys on ski area economics and visitor demographics, which RRC conducts on behalf of NSAA. *SAM*

Alterra Expands Split Payment Plan to Lodging and Lessons. Alterra Mountain Company has expanded its partnership with payment network Affirm, allowing customers the option to pay over time when purchasing local mountain passes, lodging, and lessons for any of Alterra's North American destinations. *SAM*

NOAA Winter 2024/25 Early Forecast: La Niña Returns and What That Means For Next Winter's Ski Season. Powder hounds, rejoice! NOAA's early outlook for Winter 2024/25 is here, and it's looking promising for some regions. *SnowBrains*

When Boyne Resorts partnered with the owners of the Yellowstone Club in 2013 to purchase the existing Moonlight Basin and Spanish Peaks developments, the "Biggest Skiing in America" was officially born at Big Sky Resort. But, after 10 years and almost 6,000 acres of skiable terrain, the economic and social implications of an ever-growing corporate presence in town and on the mountain have begun to worry its residents and the snowsports community. *SnowBrains*

The 7 Most Iconic Ski Runs on the East Coast. The East Coast, or, the 'Ice Coast', as some may say it, is widely regarded as having some of the most icy and variable conditions in North America. Due to this, challenging runs on the East Coast are often overlooked. This article should change that, however, as it is a list of all of the most challenging and iconic ski runs on the East coast. *SnowBrains*

Liftblog's Peter Landsman Has Now Visited Every Ski Area in North America. Liftblog.com creator Peter Landsman completed his mission to visit every ski area in North America last night when he stopped in at Moose Mountain in Canada's Yukon territory to grab a picture of the municipal hill's T-bar. Landsman has been documenting lifts in North America for more than two decades, snapping photos and recording stats for his database on liftblog.com. *SAM*

Is Bigger Better? Pros Weigh In on Skiing's Hottest Debate. Tom Wallisch, Veronica Paulsen, Daron Rahlves, and Ross Tester share their perspectives on ski length and width. *Powder*

SKI INDUSTRY NEWS (Cont.)

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2024

Powdr Corporation to Sell Killington Resort / Pico Mountain, Put Mt. Bachelor, Eldora, and SilverStar Out to Bid. POWDR has agreed to sell Killington Resort and Pico Mountain to a group of local investors. The sale is expected to close this fall. Following news of the sale, sources report that POWDR also plans to put several of its other ski resort properties—Eldora, Colo., Mt. Bachelor, Ore., and SilverStar, B.C.—out to bid. SAM

Alaska Airlines to Add New Nonstop Flights to World Class Ski Destinations for Winter 2025. Alaska Airlines announced over a dozen new nonstop flights from the snowy slopes to the warm waters of Mexico and Central America. Snowbrains

NASTAR Sold to Global Reach Sports. The transition marks a new chapter for NASTAR, where it will benefit from the dedicated focus and resources of Global Reach Sports — a collaboration between Split Second Timing (owner of Live-Timing.com) and Silicon Peak. NASTAR. *Note: The purchase brings a number of changes to the program.*

Jay Peak Plans Price Freeze and Reductions. Jay Peak Resort unveiled plans to freeze or reduce pricing on a variety of its products for both summer and the upcoming 2024-25 winter season. The initiative, dubbed Mission Affordability, will freeze rates on day tickets and reduce pricing on the Mission Affordable 4-pack, as well as certain menu items. SAM

Blue Mountain, Pennsylvania's Largest Ski Resort, Announces Millions in Snowmaking Upgrades. Blue Mountain has added 132 stick guns and six fan guns to increase their snowmaking capabilities by 17.5%. The new equipment will keep Blue's trails fresh throughout the season, and will aid in opening more terrain at the beginning of the season. Powder

Monarch's No Name Expansion Gets USFS Approval. Monarch Mountain has received United States Forest Service (USFS) approval for its No Name Basin terrain expansion project. The project will add 377 acres, bringing Monarch's special use permit to 1,146 acres in all. Completion is expected in time for the 2025-26 season. SAM

Mt. Baldy, California to Reopen After Dodging Wildfire. Mt. Baldy Resort, located near Los Angeles, California reopened for summer operations on Saturday, July 20th, just weeks after the Vista Fire began to rage. Powder

Schweitzer Buys Selkirk Powder's Sidecountry Operation. Schweitzer has acquired Selkirk Powder's resort-based backcountry operation, which offers guided snowmobiling and cat skiing in the terrain off the backside of the resort. The outfit has operated from the summit of Schweitzer for 21 years through a long-term concession agreement with the resort and a lease from the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL). SAM

Mammoth Mountain to Use Old Chairlift Towers as Terrain Park Features. Mammoth's Unbound team is using the old towers of Chair #1 (Broadway Express) to create new terrain park features. Powder

The 9 Coldest Ski Lifts in North America. All the chairlifts that made the cut provide access to excellent terrain and quality snow coverage. However, they come with the price of enduring negative temperatures on the ride up. SAM

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Inside the Ski Industry's Post-Pandemic Boom. With a few years of perspective, questions can now be answered about how much of the bounce back was only due to steady growth in the ski industry. How much of it came from pandemic innovations implemented by resorts to keep people skiing? Snowbrains via Google Alerts

The 9 Best Resorts That Also Have the Least Crowds in North America. For skiers who value a more peaceful and relaxed experience, some resorts can offer all you desire with the bonus of low crowds. These gems provide all the thrills of skiing without the stress, allowing you to carve out your own space on the mountain and truly savor the beauty of winter. SnowBrains

5 Potential Ski Resort Mergers That Would Seriously Level Up the U.S. Ski Experience. Here are some of the prime candidates for U.S. ski resort mergers. These potential unions, though many of them highly unlikely, could level up the industry, offering skiers and snowboarders the ultimate in convenience, variety, and sheer mountain majesty. SnowBrains

OCTOBER 2024

Multi-Mountain Passes Flourish Across the West in 2024-2025. The first brush of snow has dappled the peaks of the West and, now that the ski and snowboard season is officially in sight, it's time to check in on what multi-mountain passes have to offer for 2024-2025. SnoCountry

Nation's Largest Ski Resort Unveils New Trail Map. New trail maps aren't usually too exciting, but Powder Mountain is debuting four new chairlifts and a semi-private model this season. Powder

Construction of Jackson Hole's New Sublette Lift Is Ahead of Schedule. Jackson Hole Mountain Resort (JHMR), Wyoming is upgrading its iconic 'Sublette Lift' this summer. POWDER learned via press release that construction is ahead of schedule. The new high speed lift will cut its predecessor's ride time in half. Powder

North Carolina's Ski Resorts Are Reeling After Hurricane Helene. The state's popular ski resorts are picking up the pieces after Hurricane Helene. Powder

A Long Overdue Ski Resort is Finally Being Planned in the Ruby Mountains of Nevada. The Ruby Mountains are in northeastern Nevada outside Elko, halfway between Salt Lake City and Reno. The mountain range is already home to Ruby Mountain Heli, a premier heliskiing, cat skiing, and lodging destination with world-class staff and a remote feel. [SnowBrains](#)

Indy Pass Acquires Black Mountain in New Hampshire, Plans for a Co-op Model. Indy Pass and Entabeni Systems have purchased Black Mountain from the Fichera family, who have owned and operated the ski area for the past 30 years. Indy Pass managing director and Entabeni Systems founder Erik Mogensen will serve as general manager of Black Mountain for the 2024-25 season and will transfer the ownership to a community co-op by the 2025-26 season. SAM

SKI INDUSTRY NEWS (Cont.)

OCTOBER 2024 (cont.)

How Tracking Apps Have Changed the Way People Ski. In the age of digital innovation, tracking apps have reshaped the skiing experience by transforming the way skiers and snowboarders engage with the sport. SnowBrains

Vail Resorts Epic Pass Sales Were Flat Through Summer. Vail Resorts' Epic Pass product sales through September 20, 2024, for the upcoming 2024-25 North American ski season decreased approximately 3 percent in units and increased approximately 3 percent in revenue in sales compared to the prior year through September 22, 2023. Epic Pass sales dollars are benefiting from an 8 percent price increase relative to the 2023-24 season, partially offset by a growing percentage

Mike Reitzell to Succeed Kelly Pawlak at Helm of NSAA. The National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) has appointed Ski California president Mike Reitzell as its new president and CEO. Reitzell will replace Kelly Pawlak, who gave her notice in May that she would be stepping down as the leader of NSAA SAM

7 of the 9 Most Expensive Small Towns in the U.S. are Ski Towns. LendingTree identified the 50 U.S. micropolitan areas (towns with populations between 10,000 and 50,000) with the highest median home values. Surprisingly, many of these towns feature real estate prices that rival and sometimes surpass those in the nation's 50 largest metropolitan areas. Maybe not surprising is many of them are located within 50 miles, or less than an hour's drive, of a ski resort. SnowBrains

Small Vertical-Drops Don't Mean You Can't Have Big Fun: 8 U.S. Ski Areas with the Least Vertical. Smaller mountains with less than 200 feet of vertical drop offer plenty of fun and excitement. Snowbrains

NOVEMBER 2024

Homewood Suspends Operations for this Winter. Homewood Mountain Resort at Lake Tahoe will not operate for 2024-25 after its financial partner withdrew its support for this upcoming winter season, the Lake Tahoe ski area said in an announcement published on its website. SAM

Sun Peaks Resort Set to Unveil the New West Bowl Express Chairlift. Sun Peaks Resort will soon be launching the much-anticipated West Bowl Express, a high-speed, detachable quad chairlift that will transform the upper reaches of Tod Mountain. Sun Peaks

Mountain Collective Adds Sunday River, Megève. The Mountain Collective Pass has expanded its network of resorts with the additions of Sunday River, Maine, and Megève, France, for the 2024-25 season, bringing the total number of resort partners to 27 worldwide. SAM

Colorado Ski Area Slashes Lift Ticket Prices to \$45. In the age of mega-passes, online reservations, and paid parking, Ski Cooper, Colorado is zigging while everybody else zags. Powder

Amtrak Winter Park Express Ski Train Increases Service. Because of increased demand last season, Amtrak is increasing service this season on its popular Winter Park Express Ski Train, with fares starting at just \$19 each way. Seniors Skiing

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Independent Areas Top SKI Resort Rankings. Snowbasin, Utah, earned the top spot in the West and Mad River Glen, Vt., repeated as the best in the East in the 2025 SKI Reader Survey Awards. There were a few big movers in the rankings, both up and down, as well as a continued affinity for independent resorts. Rankings are based on responses from SKI's annual reader survey. SAM

Blue Mountain Resort Assists Crews Fighting Nearby Wildfire. A brush fire has burned several hundred acres near Blue Mountain Resort, Pa., this week. The resort has supported fire crews in efforts to suppress the Gap Fire, also called the Blue Mountain fire. The fire, which was reported contained as of Nov. 7, burned roughly 4 miles to the west of Blue Mountain Resort. SAM

Get Free Ski Tickets with Winter Gear Purchase. Iconic brand Helly Hansen's latest Ski Free collection is offering a deal where, if you purchase ski pants or a jacket now through spring 2025, you'll score a free or discounted day of skiing at one of Helly Hansen's 50 partner resorts across North America and Europe. Helly Hansen via Julie Brace

Note: To read the full article for any of the of industry news listings, refer to the following websites:

POWDER - <https://www.powder.com>

Snowbrains -<https://www.snowbrains.com>

SAM (Ski Area Management) - <https://www.saminfo.com>

Seniors Skiing—<https://seniorsskiing.com/were-back/>

In addition to the websites listed above, there are many informative websites regarding various aspect of skiing/the ski industry. The following are just a few examples to check-out:

Outside Magazine: www.outsideonline.com/outdoor-adventure/snow-sports/

National Ski Area Associations: <https://www.nsaa.org/>

National Ski Areas Association - NSAA Ski Safety U.S. - <https://skisafety.us/>

National Ski Patrol: <https://www.nsaa.org/>

SNOWLINK: <https://snowlink.com/>

National Safety Council:<https://www.nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/seasonal-safety>

New to Ski: <https://newtoski.com/skiing/>

ALPINSIDER: <https://www.alpinsider.com/guides/different-types-of-skiing>. Mountain tips & stories

<https://www.redbull.com/us-en/alpine-ski-racing-disciplines-overview>

<https://www.touristsecrets.com/travel-guide/adventure/a-comprehensive-guide-to-alpine-skiing/>



www.sierraleague.com



YOUR RESPONSIBILITY CODE

- 1** Always stay in control. You must be able to stop or avoid people or objects.
- 2** People ahead or downhill of you have the right-of-way. You must avoid them.
- 3** Stop only where you are visible from above and do not restrict traffic.
- 4** Look uphill and avoid others before starting downhill or entering a trail.
- 5** You must prevent runaway equipment.
- 6** Read and obey all signs, warnings and hazard markings.
- 7** Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.
- 8** You must know how and be able to load, ride and unload lifts safely. If you need assistance, ask the lift attendant.
- 9** Do not use lifts or terrain when impaired by alcohol or drugs.
- 10** If you are involved in a collision or incident, share your contact information with each other and a ski area employee.

**Know and Obey the Code.
It's Your Responsibility.**

If you need help understanding the Code, please ask an employee.