

Snow Tracks

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Inaugural Issue of "Snow Tracks"

Here it is -- the inaugural issue of the GPSD Adaptive Snowsports Newsletter, "Snow Tracks." We will publish at least one more issue this season, if not more, so please feel free to send possible submissions to Lynn Anderson at andersonL@cortland.edu. This newsletter is available in alternate formats (large print, electronic) – just let Lynn know what you need! Feel free to share the newsletter with your friends! It is also posted on the GPSD web site: www.skigpsd.org.

Important Dates for 2007-2008!

Believe it or not, the 2007-2008 snowsports season is fast approaching! Mark your calendars for this year's meetings and trainings. More details will be available as the snow season nears. All meetings and trainings are held at the GPSD Adaptive Building.

2007-2008 Schedule

GP Swap Shop	Sat/Sun, October 27 & 28, 2007 Sat/Sun, November 3 & 4, 2007
General Meeting	Sunday, November 4, 2007 (starts at 10:00 am)
Dry Land Clinics	Thursday, November 8, 2007 Thursday, November 15, 2007 Thursday, November 29, 2007 (rain date only) (all start at 7:00 pm)
On-Snow Clinics	Sat/Sun, December 8 & 9, 2007 Sat/Sun, December 15 & 16, 2007 (starts at 8:30 am and 12:30 pm)
Season Starts	Sunday, December 30, 2007
Winter Challenge Week	Sunday, January 27, 2008 through Thursday, January 31, 2008
Season Ends	Sunday, March 16, 2008

The New Bob Burden Award

"The most wasted of all days is one without laughter." - e.e. cummings

Newly created to honor one of the pioneers, founders and longtime coaches in the Adaptive Snowsports program at Greek Peak, the Bob Burden Award celebrates the joy of life found with sharing time and talent with others in teaching snowsports. The award recognizes the committed, dedicated enthusiasm of sharing knowledge of the sport with individuals needing adaptive techniques and/or equipment to make that vision possible. The Bob Burden Memorial Award recognizes volunteers at GPSD who, like Bob, have dedicated countless hours sharing with individuals with disabilities their knowledge and enthusiasm for on-snow sports. It will be awarded for the first time this coming snowsports season.

Winter Challenge Week 2008!

Submitted by Robyn King



Our Winter Challenge Week is entering its 4th year. Winter Challenge will be held January 27 to January 31, 2008. Typically, participants arrive on Sunday, get set up with equipment, are given an overview of the week, and sometimes get a little snow time. Our days start early and are intense...everyone from participants to coaches to shadows are exhausted and exhilarated. It's a great week! We all get so much out of it that it is well worth the experience.

Last year's participants were awesome! Andrea from Ithaca is now a mono-skier in our program; Dustin Sarge, who has an amputation, declared himself a snowboarder and now has his own pass and equipment; Sean Kelly, who is blind, is teaching his children to ski; Justin Canfield and Kurt Madden are both hitting the slopes as mono-skiers. Jim Bowe, an alum, came back to try the slider from the top of the mountain!

Volunteers are needed for a day, 2 days or the whole week. Put it on your calendar and contact either Robyn King (robynking@roadrunner.com) or Jim Cappellett (jcappellett@stny.rr.com).

New Brochures for GPSD Adaptive Snow Sports

GPSD Adaptive Snowsports would like to thank Suzanne Bruetsch for making new brochures for GPSD possible! Please grab a few the next time you are at the Adaptive Center, and share them with potential participants or volunteers.

Jim Cappellett to Attend Invitation Only Event with U.S. Paralympics



Only 50 representatives from adaptive snowsports programs around the United States were invited and will attend the U.S. Paralympic Leadership Symposium. Jim Cappellett, Board of Directors President, will represent GPSD Adaptive Snowsports. The theme of the symposium is "Focus on the Future: A Vision for Adaptive Skiing," and will be held at the U.S.

Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado, September 14-16, 2007. The symposium is sponsored and funded by US Paralympics and DSUSA. The Leadership Symposium is described as a ground-breaking meeting of the minds. It is an interactive educational and networking opportunity for Paralympic program executives. We look forward to hearing about Jim's experiences and thank him for representing Greek Peak at this important event.

New Tables, More Room

Thanks to Dick Anechiarico, the Adaptive Center now sports new tables. The tables are more versatile, lighter, and easily moved, which will help make the Center more spacious! The trade-off is that the tables are not as sturdy as the old heavy wooden ones, so please treat them with care!

What's New at Greek Peak? Hope Lake Lodge!

If you have read the newspaper recently, Greek Peak has been in the news often. The Hope Lake Lodge is on track and will be built over the next year, to be open March, 2008. It will be a wonderful asset to our region, and will likely bring more skiers and boarders from around the state and region who want to participate in the Adaptive Snowsports program, especially since the Lodge will be accessible to people with disabilities. Hope Lake Lodge will have a hotel, indoor water park, in-house restaurant, international spa and fitness center, and the sandy beach of Hope Lake. See the Greek Peak website for more information (www.greekpeak.net).

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