

Recreation News, Events & Activities in Town...

WOOLLY'S ADVENTURE SUMMIT OPENS DEC. 23

Woolly's Adventure Summit is scheduled to open on Friday, December 23, 2011. Experience Mammoth's new Tube Park + Snow Play Area, perfect for all ages - featuring lights, music, and action! Come take the ride of your life on one of our six groomed 400 ft. long tubing lanes or stay warm by the heaters with a cup of hot cocoa. Families with little kids can build a snowman and enjoy the snow play area. Hours of operation (weather permitting): Open Sunday-Thursday from 10:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. and Friday-Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

MAMMOTH SKI & SNOWBOARD TEAM SKI TUNING & WAX CLINIC – DEC. 23

Command Performance will be hosting a ski tuning and wax clinic this Friday, December 23, 2011 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The clinic is hosted by Mike Braun a local Masters racer and the Far West Race Service Rep for the Rossignol Group and Swix. Mike will cover the basics of ski-tuning, and answer any questions about waxing and the use of the different paste, block, spray & powder overlays that are available. Mike will also talk about the use of the different protective gear/armor that is available for the ski racer.

Command Performance staff will also demonstrate the myriad of base structure grinds that are available from the brand new Montana of Switzerland. The future of ski waxing has arrived! Infra-red base wax treatment is the next evolutionary step from hot waxing and hot boxing. Infra-red allows for greater residual wax build up and retention in the base, and has no negative side effects such as base crystallization, sintered base pore closure or base structure knock-down. A complimentary infra-red base treatment is offered to every clinic participant including the chance to win a GO-PRO camera! Mike's knowledge and passion for ski racing is contagious, so don't miss it! Please call Command Performance at (760) 934 4447 for additional information.

PUBLIC EGRESS FROM THE SHERWINS TO RANCH ROAD

In 2006, conflicts between private property owners and skiers and snowboarders exiting the Sherwins nearly closed the most convenient route back to town. Through the cooperative efforts of Snowcreek Investment Company, the Town of Mammoth Lakes, the Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation (MLTPA), and local homeowners, an agreement was reached that provides a direct and legal route from the base of the Sherwins to the public-access easement at Ranch Road. The route across the Snowcreek golf course has been legally secured through the Town Council's adoption of the Snowcreek VIII Master Plan and the Snowcreek Development Agreement. By following the identified route and respecting the privacy of the nearby homes, skiers and snowboarders can protect their ability to continue to use this route.

The Sherwins area is one of the most accessible and diverse out-of-bounds ski areas in the country. It provides a wide variety of backcountry skiing and riding conveniently located adjacent to the community of Mammoth Lakes. The most direct route for getting back to town from the Sherwins area requires crossing private land to get to the bus or your car. As a part of its approved development plans, Snowcreek Investment Company has provided a legal route that connects the base of the Sherwins area to the gate at Ranch Road. This route across the Snowcreek property is marked with four red signs. It begins at the fence on the south side of the golf course and heads directly to Ranch Road. Once at Ranch Road, walk around the left (west) side of the gate—not through the yards of nearby homes. From Ranch Road, the bus stop at Snowcreek Athletic Club is just a short walk. This is the only legal way out from the western base of the Sherwins directly to Old Mammoth Road. Skiers and riders exiting the eastern parts of the Sherwins may prefer to get back to town via Sherwin Creek Road.

Public parking is available at Mammoth Creek Park and the Tavern Road Park and Ride lot. Both lots can be reached by bus from Snowcreek Athletic Club. Please be sure to follow the identified route and respect the private property that you are crossing and the privacy of the homes near the route. This will assure that your ability to ski/board/walk out from the Sherwins will be protected.

For more information about skiing the Sherwins, please visit www.mltpa.org. For information on avalanche hazard levels and traveling in avalanche terrain, please visit the Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center Web site at www.esavalanche.org. Thank you for your consideration in responsibly using the identified routes. Be safe and have fun!

Upcoming & On-Going Events...

- On-going: Gymnastics/Tumbling Program at the Community Center
- Dec. 17: NASTAR OPEN
- Dec. 23: Woolly's Adventure Summit Opening Day
- Dec. 27: Kittredge Cup
- Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Party – East Coast Time at the Mammoth Ice Rink
- Dec. 31: Holiday Fireworks in the Village at Mammoth!
- Dec. 31: New Years 2012 at Canyon Lodge
- Jan. 8: Open Gym Basketball & Pick-up Youth Soccer begins at MHS
- Jan. 9: Zumba Fitness resumes at the Community Center