

July 23, 2010

Dear Ausblick Ski Race Team Families,

The 10th annual Ausblick Thanksgiving Race Camp will again be at Copper Mountain Colorado from Saturday evening, November 20 thru the end of the skiing day on Friday, November 26. Copper Mountain is located about 1½ hours west of Denver on I-70. Copper Mountain is a great ski area for free skiing and race training. The facilities are excellent with everything we need located on the mountain or in the village.

For those who have attended Thanksgiving Camps in the past, the general schedule of events will be much the same. We will kick-off the camp with a reception and informational presentation on Saturday evening November 20. Skiing will start on Sunday and continue thru the end of the day on Friday, November 26. Skiing will often start early due to racing lane space availability and continue until about 2:00 or 3:00 with an hour break for lunch. The coaches may modify the actual duration of free skiing and training based upon lane space timing and the fitness and energy levels of the athletes. Following skiing there will be 1-2 hour meetings for the athletes. Thanksgiving evening, families have the option of Thanksgiving Dinner with the team. There will be more details on get togethers and Thanksgiving dinner as we get a little closer to November. As you can see, the athletes and the families supporting them will have a very busy, fun and productive schedule. For families new to the camp, please be aware that the schedule and training can be rigorous for everyone involved.

This year's camp will have space for approximately 60 athletes, similar to last year's camp. Bill Wong will be the Coaching Director with Ken Wentland and Darren von Heimburg assisting in much of the organization needed. Bill, Ken and Darren will each oversee a group of coaches who will work with the athletes throughout the week. The athletes will be put into age and skill appropriate groups at the beginning of the week. They will have exposure to several coaches throughout the camp. Their skiing skill development will be based on their needs at this early point in the ski season. Please be aware that for many of the ski groups this will mean spending more time with directed free skiing for skill development rather than running gates.

Participation

The camp is open to all members of the Ausblick Ski Race Team who have completed at least one year of racing with the team. Skiers must be fully capable of getting on a lift by themselves and skiing a full day in a group of about six other similar skiers and a coach at high altitude on their own. The schedule and training are demanding. If you have questions regarding the suitability of the camp for your young athletes, please contact Ken Wentland at kwentland2@wi.rr.com. For those family members who are not ready for this type of training experience, Copper Mountain Ski School is available for individual or group lessons.

All athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the Ausblick Ski Race Team. Any problems in this regard will result in disciplinary measures. Participation in the camp will first be open to those who attended the 2009 Camp. Those who participated last year will have until **September 15**, to return the Participation Form as well as the initial deposit of \$500 per family. People who did not attend the 2009 camp should also send in their Participation Form and deposit as soon as possible. New participants will be selected based on available space and on a first come, first served basis based on the date their Participation Form and deposit are received. All participants will receive confirmation of their inclusion in the camp via email. If the camp fills up, all deposits will be returned to those who do not get in. In

the past, demand has been high so it is best to reserve your space right away. **Final payment of all camp fees will be due by October 31th.** Any changes to reservations after you have sent in your participation form and deposit will be subject to a \$50 change fee so please try to keep any changes to your travel plans to a minimum to avoid possible reservation errors, confusion and hassles.

Lodging *Please read in full as there are new changes to rates, terms and conditions.

Lodging for the 2010 Camp will be at the Copper Mountain Resort condominiums. These condos are at the base of the mountain in the new village. They are very convenient with easy access to the lifts, meeting rooms and fitness center. This year Ausblick has been able to get Gold level rooms as well as Silver 1 and 2 bedroom rooms. Gold units are nicely furnished, with upscale appliances, granite countertops etc. The Silver 2 rooms are also nicely furnished but are a little older and in some cases farther from the base of the mountain. Availability of Gold 3 bedroom units is slim. We can not guarantee a 3 bedroom. This small number of 3 bedroom units will be on a first come first serve basis. The requests that arrive first in the mail get the small number of rooms. We have plenty of 1 and 2 bedroom units available. Please plan accordingly standard occupancy for a 1-bedroom is 4 /max, a 2-bedroom is 6 /max and a 3-bedroom are 8 /max. There is a \$15 charge for each additional person over standard occupancy per unit. Do not exceed maximum occupancy.

Included in the lodging price is a daily food voucher worth \$15.00 based on standard occupancy for each condo occupant. Example if you have 4 people in a 2-bedroom you will get 4 vouchers per day X the number of days you occupy the condo. The food voucher can be used at Jacks Café or at the Midmountain Café (when open). Jack's has a variety of good food and beverage options for breakfast or lunch. Unlimited use of the fitness center other than tennis, racquetball and massage therapy are included in the condo unit pricing. The fitness center has a nice pool and hot tub area.

The Ausblick ski race team has secured a block of condos at Copper Mountain resort. They have worked closely with us to get the best rates available. The following rate chart shows the condo rates for 2010.

***Rates include the 6% resort surcharge plus Colorado state tax that Ausblick must pay**

Unit Type	Standard Occupancy (vouchers, based on)	Max Occupancy	Nightly rate starting 11-19 to 11-29
Gold 1-Bedroom	2	4	179.00
Silver 2-Bedroom	4	6	250.00
Gold 2-Bedroom	4	6	275.00
Gold 3-Bedroom	6	8	399.00

***Please be aware that our ability to obtain training lane space, discounted lift tickets and the best lodging cost is totally based on our using the Copper Mountain Lodging Facility. Please book your lodging thru the Ausblick Race Team.**

Room rate includes one meal voucher good for breakfast or lunch at Jack's Café per person/per day based on unit's standard occupancy. If the standard occupancy is not met no refund will be given. *Each additional person, over standard occupancy per unit, is subject to a \$15 per person per night charge. Exceeding lodging maximum occupancy is a violation and may result in additional fees, termination of contract and/or eviction.

Racer Fees

Racer fees will include all coaching, lane space, racer lift tickets, dryland training and meetings for all days of the camp. Also included is the Saturday evening opening reception (excluding the cash bar) for all family members. The cost per racer will be \$750. The fee also includes Bee-Line passes for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday which is an express line so the athletes can get more runs in when the lines get longer. Lift lines are very long on those days and the Bee-Line passes increase the on snow time for those days. Families must indicate on the registration form or contact Randy Bourdo **prior** to September 15 if they are buying season passes for their racer(s) on their own. Season passes do not include bee-line passes. These will have to be purchased separately for an upgrade charge to be determined by Copper Mountain. I would only recommend buying the season pass if your racer is planning on additional skiing beyond the Copper race camp. If you elect to purchase a season ticket, the Racer fee will be lowered to \$600.00 and **YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE** for obtaining season passes or standard lift tickets and Bee-Line passes for that racer while at Copper Mountain.

Non-Racer Lift Tickets

Non-racer lift tickets are available at group ticket prices. There prices will be better than what you would pay at the ticket window. This year, if you are staying at Copper Mountain your ticket will be upgraded to a bee-line pass at no extra charge. These must be pre-ordered to get the group rates. Please see the attached price schedule. **If you order these tickets, you will be committed to them.**

Thanksgiving Dinner

All families are invited to participate in a Race Team Thanksgiving Dinner. This is a great time for one last get together before the week comes to and end. Seating is limited to 80 people. The dinner will take place in the Village in one of the banquet halls and will be served buffet style. After dinner there will be a short program or skits put on by a combination of the athletes and coaches with prizes awarded.

We are all looking forward to having a great Camp this year at Copper Mountain. As stated in the Participation section of this letter, all deposits are due by **September 15** and in the case of new participants, the sooner the better. Final payment will be due on October 31st. If there are questions, please get in touch with me at 414-791-5714 or rbourdo@ausblickskiraceteam.com.

Sincerely,

Randy Bourdo