

March 3, 2010

Mammoth Mountain will eclipse the 400" mark today (tonight?) so get set for another sensational spring! The Mammoth Ice Rink is now day-by-day, so call (760) 934-2505 before you sharpen those skates. **MLTPA's** Operations Director position has become available, Cross Country skiing at Sierra Star concludes on Sunday, and the CA Fire and Police Olympics begin March 7.

3rd Annual Mammoth Winter Biathlon

The Eastern Sierra Nordic Association is hosting the 3rd Annual **Mammoth Winter Biathlon** on **March 27-28, 2010** at Tamarack Cross Country Ski Center. Biathlon is an individual and/or team endurance sport, which combines cross-country skiing and rifle marksmanship. Biathlon Clinics have been scheduled on March 27 with former US Biathlon Team Members to help participants with range and rifle safety, basic shooting instruction, shooting accuracy, transitions from skiing to shooting/shooting to skiing, including the all-important biathlon mind-set. The Winter Biathlon will commence at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 28 with six separate heats. The Awards Ceremony will commence immediately after the last heat at either the Pack Station or at Pokonobe Lodge. Hot soup, bread, and maybe an encore of last year's pancakes will be provided at the Awards Ceremony. Please log onto **ESNA** to download the entry form, or call (760) 934-7665 for biathlon questions.

CIF Soccer Playoff Update

The Huskies beat Whitney of Cerritos 3-2 in the third round and will most likely play Avalon on Catalina Island on Tuesday, March 2, 2010. The Girls ended their season with a 3-0 loss to CIF #3 Seed Malibu. Way to go Huskies!

ESNA Sends Five Skiers to XC Junior Olympics

Congratulations to Kathi Kirkiby, Joelle Romo, Laurel Fiddler, Alex Picken, and Bryce Tiernan for qualifying for the **USSA Cross Country Skiing Junior Olympics**. ESNSA will award a \$615 scholarship to each of our Junior Olympians to help pay some of the travel costs to Presque Isle, Maine. Events begin March 5, 2010. Bravo, ski fast, and ski exuberantly!

Yosemite Association Announces Roster of Educational Outdoor Adventures

Yosemite Outdoor Adventures offer interactive and fun-based learning experiences that appeal to all interests in the scenic wonderland of Yosemite National Park. Guided naturalist hikes to lesser-known destinations, Half Dome treks, family camping programs, plein air art and backpack courses are just a sampling of the wide range of affordable learning adventures offered by the acclaimed non-profit organization, Yosemite Association (YA) during 2010. A total of 62 field courses designed to appeal to a range of ages, interest and abilities are outlined on YA's website, www.yosemite.org. Held in the spectacular setting of Yosemite National Park, the 1- to 7-day programs address a diverse range of subjects including photography, geology, animal tracks, cultural history, outdoor skills, astronomy and botany.

Sports School Mogul Camp

Whether you've always wanted to ski bumps like an Olympian (3 turns/second) or just want to learn how to negotiate bumps when you encounter them, this camp is for you. The three-day **Mogul Camp** begins **Friday, March 5, 2010** for Intermediate level and above skiers. Contact: 800.MAMMOTH.

Avalanche Awareness Night

June Mountain Ski Patrol and **Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center** are presenting Avalanche Awareness Night on Saturday, **March 6, 2010** at the June Lake Community Center, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The discussion will be on "Local Avalanches, Backcountry Travel, Local Weather Patterns and Season History, Human Factors in Avalanches."

CA Fire and Police Olympics

Mammoth Mountain is hosting the **California Fire and Police Olympics** from **March 7-11, 2010**. Events include: Giant Slalom, Slalom, Dual Slalom, Cross Country, Skier/Border Cross, and Super G, and Halfpipe in the Super Pipe. It's a great family friendly week with lots of activities and races for all. Raffles, giveaways, awards, parties are all part of a complete Olympic experience. The Fire and Police Winter Olympics now welcomes both National and International sworn officers and firefighters from around the world to represent their country and Department.

Ski at Sierra Star

Sierra Star Golf Course, in partnership with the Tamarack Cross Country Ski Center, is proud to present for a limited time only, Cross Country skiing at Sierra Star Golf Club. This is a trial run with the intent of exploring additional in-town winter outdoor recreation, and further cross-country skiing options. The **approximately 3km track** will be maintained (thanks Dave!) thru **Sunday, March 7, 2010**. Guests are asked to access the track from the Sierra Star Club House Parking Lot, and to please keep dogs on the leash and be responsible for any collateral their pets might leave behind.

Football Fundraiser at Gomez's

Gomez's Restaurant will generously donate 10% of dinner sales to Mammoth High School Football on Tuesday, **March 9, 2010**. Come explore the new location at The Village (site of former Hennessy's) with the same great food and new ambiance.

Mammoth Sports School Advanced Ski Camp

The 3-day **Advanced Ski Camp** begins **Tuesday, March 9, 2010** and is designed for adult skiers who ski advanced terrain and are ready to spend most of the day skiing Mammoth's vast advanced skiing playground of steeps, bumps and powder. \$379 per person includes: Full day lessons (9am to 3pm)*, Video analysis (weather permitting), and an Après Camp party. Call 800.MAMMOTH to guarantee your spot.

Celebration of "The Other Side of the Mountain"

Skier, artist and community advocate, Jill Kinmont-Boothe, will speak about her life at the Mammoth Lakes Library on Wednesday, **March 10, 2010** at 2:00 p.m. A limited number of signed books ("the Other Side of the Mountain") will be available for purchase.

June Lake Triathlon Training Camps

Register for Coach Alana's **Triathlon Camps** beginning Tuesday, **March 16, 2010**. Experienced triathletes train on Tuesday and Saturday, while newbies and mellow triathletes practice on Thursday and Saturday. Meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, 6:00 a.m. on Thursdays and 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Contact Coach **Alana** for more information or to register.

Anusara Yoga with Ross Rayburn

Anusara Yoga is one of the fastest growing style of yoga in the world. With its life-affirming philosophy and elegant alignment principles, Anusara Yoga is attracting all levels of yoga students eager to learn and enjoy some of the most exiting yoga around. Join Ross on Friday, **March 19, 2010** at Snowcreek Athletic Club from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members, or \$35 at the door.

Comments Sought for 2010 Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Applications

The Inyo National Forest and the Bishop Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management are requesting comments on the Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division for the 2010 Grant cycle. The OHMVR grants provide funding to help protect, maintain, and enhance OHV programs. The public may view and comment on these applications and all the other grant applications on the OHMVR Division website: <http://www.ohv.parks.ca.gov/>. An open house will be held Tuesday, **March 23, 2010** from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Pacu Lane office. Representatives from the BLM and the Forest Service will be present to provide an overview of the proposals and will be available to answer questions, provide information and solicit public comments.

Upcoming Events

- March 5-7: Mammoth Sports School Mogul Camp
- March 5-7: Far West Masters Super G / Super Combined Races
- March 6: Avalanche Awareness Night
- March 6-7: Unbound Slopestyle Series
- March 7-12: CA Fire and Police Olympics
- March 9: Football Fundraiser at Gomez's
- March 9-11: Mammoth Sports School Advanced Ski Camp
- March 10: Celebration of "The Other Side of the Mountain" – Mammoth Lakes Library
- March 19: Anusara Yoga with Ross Rayburn at Snowcreek Athletic Club
- March 13-14: USSA Far West Super G & Big G
- March 25-28: Roxy Chicken Jam
- March 27-28: 3rd Annual Mammoth Winter Biathlon
- April 2: Easter Egg Hunt & Play Day – Community Center
- April 2-4: Mammoth Invitational

Contact Us

All the events, programs and activities listed above are detailed in the **2009-10 winter/spring Mammoth Recreation Guide** now available throughout the Eastern Sierra. Please contact the Tourism and Recreation Department at (760) 934-2712 ext. 1234 to register for a program, for additional information or to forward your comments and suggestions.

Look for the next "Recreation This Week" on March 17...

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