

Tourism Office Releases 2008 Official Utah Scenic Calendar

“Life Elevated” Publication Features Destinations and Recreation

Salt Lake City –The Utah Office of Tourism’s 2008 Official Utah Scenic Calendar is now available at Council Hall and other locations around the state.



Now in its 36th year, the award-winning publication highlights many of Utah’s iconic destinations and outdoor recreational opportunities.

“We are certain the artistry of the photographers who have contributed to this calendar will provide you with a view that may

change your view because Utah is Life Elevated,” said Governor Jon Huntsman in his calendar greeting.

A spring photo of the wildflowers in Albion Basin, taken by Bill Crnkovich, adorns the cover. Other areas of the state included in the annual publication include: Arches, Bryce Canyon, Canyonlands, and Zion National Parks; Flaming Gorge and Glen Canyon National Recreation Areas; Factory Butte, Bureau of Land Management Recreation Area; Mount Timpanogos, Uinta National Forest; and the Wasatch-Cache National Forest. Howie Garber, Tom Till, Larry Ulrich, Jason Christensen, Jerry Sintz, Willie Holdman, Jeff Gnass, Laurence Parent, Scott T. Smith, and Steve Greenwood are among the featured photographers.

“We were able to lower the price a little this year due to efficiencies in our publications program, making the calendar more affordable for residents and tourists alike,” said Leigh von der Esch, managing director of the Utah Office of Tourism, part of the Governor’s Office of Economic Development.

This year’s publication includes 76 images taken from north to south promoting Utah’s four distinct seasons. A lift-up page for each month provides information on activities and events. The scenic calendar was designed by Scott Hardy who has worked on the state’s scenic calendars for the past 22 years. Rastar in West Valley City printed 30,000 copies of the Utah calendar that continues to make a great gift for clients, family, and friends.

The popular Utah Scenic Calendar continues to capture national and international honors for design and photography. The 2007 edition was honored with eight awards in the National and World Calendar Awards competition, hosted by the Calendar Marketing Association.

The Utah Office of Tourism accepts wholesale or bulk orders of 50+ calendars. Individual orders of 49 or fewer may be purchased through the Zion Natural History Association



(ZNHA) bookstore located at Council Hall, 300 N. State St., Salt Lake City, Utah, 84114. The suggested retail price is \$11. The calendars are \$8 each, plus tax and shipping, for orders of 50 or more. An order form can be found online at <http://travel.utah.gov>. If you have questions, please call (801) 538-1900.

TOP FIVE CAR CARE DO'S THAT DON'T GET DONE

AAA Gives Tips on How to Prevent Costly Breakdowns

SALT LAKE CITY, October 11, 2007 – An oil change or tire rotation is one more chore on your never-ending to-do list that never takes priority and seldom gets done. AAA Utah points out that October Car Care Month is a great time to take care of routine auto maintenance before winter sets in, and to prevent budget-busting repair bills later.

“Not only will better vehicle maintenance improve fuel economy, in many cases it also will prevent expensive, unforeseen repair bills,” said AAA automotive expert Mark Woods. “Your savings account isn’t the only thing you’ll protect by paying attention to your vehicle. A car that is in top working condition is much safer for you and your passengers.”

Last year, vehicle inspection events held during AAA Car Care Month in October uncovered high percentages of maintenance issues that were well on their way to becoming real problems for vehicle owners. Described below are five examples of why following your car’s recommended maintenance schedule is not an inconsequential hassle, but rather a way to ensure your vehicle operates more safely, uses fuel more efficiently, lasts longer and retains its value for resale.

5. Oil Change

WHY: Oil is the lifeblood of your engine. Without an adequate supply of clean oil, your engine will wear more rapidly, and could even seize and be destroyed. Oil’s viscosity (thickness) increases as the mercury drops. Lighter grade oils reduce the load on your car’s battery and starter, allowing more rapid cranking and starting, and greatly reduce wear on the engine. During AAA inspections in 2006, 17 percent of cars needed immediate oil changes.

WHEN: Change your engine’s oil and oil filter at the intervals specified and always use the weight of oil recommended by your vehicle’s manufacturer for the existing temperature conditions.

4. Refill Windshield Washer Fluid

WHY: Rain, insects, grime, and other debris on your windshield will compromise your vision if they cannot be removed by your windshield wipers. A supply of the proper washer fluid will help your wipers remove these contaminants effectively. AAA found 7 percent of cars in need of washer fluid.

WHEN: Check your washer fluid reservoir monthly and more often when you use the washers frequently. Top it up with a washer solution formulated to aid in the removal of insects and other debris, and during winter, be sure to use a solution with antifreeze protection if temperatures in your area regularly drop below freezing. Finally, test the washer spray nozzles for proper operation and aim.

3. Check Battery Cables/Clamps/Terminals

WHY: Power from the battery flows to the rest of your vehicle's electrical system through the cables, clamps, and terminals. If these components and connections become corroded or loose, your car won't have the power needed to start the engine and operate other systems. Nearly 10 percent of cars inspected by AAA required attention to their batteries and battery housing.

WHEN: Inspect battery cables, clamps, and connections should be inspected at every oil change. If there are signs of corrosion, or you notice other indications of electrical problems such as slow engine cranking or dimming headlights at idle, have your repair shop test the charging and starting system, and clean and tighten the battery connections as necessary.

2. Check Engine Air Filter

WHY: Your vehicle's air filter prevents dust and dirt from entering the engine. A dirty or clogged air filter restricts airflow and will reduce engine performance and fuel economy while increasing exhaust emission levels. AAA inspections found 18 percent of air filters in need of replacement.

WHEN: Check the air filter every six months or 7,500 miles. Typically, your repair shop will inspect the filter at each oil change. You can check it by holding it up to a 60-watt light bulb. If you can see light through much of the filter, it is still clean enough to work effectively. However, if the light is blocked by most of the filter, replace it.

1. Check Tire Pressure

WHY: Over-inflated tires ride roughly and suffer premature wear at the center of their tread. Under-inflated tires decrease fuel economy, cause imprecise handling, suffer premature wear at the edges of their tread, and can overheat and fail at highway speeds. Tires typically lose about one pound of pressure per month through normal seepage, and as seasons change, tires lose or gain another pound of

inflation pressure with every 10 degree change in outside temperature. More than 25 percent of vehicles inspected by AAA had tires over- or under-inflated.

WHEN: Check the tire pressures (including the spare) at least once a month when the tires are cold. Always follow the inflation pressure recommendations in your owner's manual, or those on the tire information label that is located in the glove box, on a door jamb, or on the underside of the trunk lid. Do not use the inflation pressure molded into the tire sidewall; this is the pressure needed to achieve the tire's rated load capacity, and it may or may not be the correct pressure for your particular car.

AAA is committed to helping motorists make sense of car care all year round, but in October we invite our members to take advantage of free vehicle inspection opportunities offered by AAA-owned and Approved Auto Repair facilities. For more participating locations call the AAA Approved Auto Repair referral hotline at (800) 645-4288.

There is no question that preventative car care is the best way to protect both your safety and your investment in your vehicle. To locate a quality service facility in your area, visit <http://www.aaa.com> and use the AAR Shop Locator to find a AAA Approved Auto Repair facility.

AAA Utah offers a wide array of automotive, travel, insurance and financial services to more than 165,000 members. AAA has been a leader and advocate for the safety and security of all travelers since it was founded more than 100 years ago.

Orienteering events Scheduled

- 1) The October 13 meet at the U of U has been canceled. The U is hosting a football game this weekend and they were concerned that all of us would interfere!
- 2) The Night O/Score O has been re-scheduled for Friday, October 19 from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. Note the changed times. It will be held at the Hidden Valley Park in Sandy. This will be our last meet of the year. Bring flashlights and/or headlamps.
- 3) If you would like to help set the controls or run the table with Suellen that night, please email her at sriffkin@aim.com.

It's been a great season - I'm so happy to see so many new faces and really

appreciate the help of our old-time O'ers. We'll probably have a meeting in February to plan 2008 - so watch your email for information and plan to attend.

Happenings at the Council

Join us at the Fifth Annual River Benefit! You are invited to the river party of the year - River Benefit - This Saturday, October 13th from 6 to 10 pm. Enjoy a great dinner, live and silent auction, an overview of the year's river issues, and getting to know your fellow river lovers. As an added bonus, if you aren't already a member of the Council, your ticket cost includes a year-long membership in the Council! Tickets are \$50 per person. Please contact Dave at dave@utahrivers.org or 801-486-4776 for information and/or tickets.



Come learn about the potential Wild and Scenic Rivers in Utah - Mark Danenhauer will give a presentation on Wild and Scenic Rivers to the Utah Whitewater Club at REI on October 18 at 7:00 pm. This is open to the general public in addition to members of the Whitewater Club. This is an important

time as the Forest Service will release their draft EIS in November in which they make recommendations for which rivers on Utah's National Forests they feel should become Wild and Scenic Rivers.

Jordan River Clean-Up - Join Utah Rivers Council and Taylorsville City to clean up the Jordan River. We will be meeting October 20th at 10 am at the Jordan River Trail head in Taylorsville (4800 s and just west of 500 w). Please contact Lauren at lauren@utahrivers.org with any questions. RSVPs are appreciated but not required!

Rip Your Strip Presentation - Take your first step toward xeriscaping by attending this free informational workshop presented by Mark Danenhauer. The event will be held at the Holladay Library on Monday, October 22, beginning at 6 pm. You will get the knowledge, instruction, and confidence to replace your high-water use grass with beautiful water-conserving garden!

Conservation Tip:

High-Efficiency Bathroom Faucets

We know that a leaky faucet is a problem but beyond that, is there any need to give another thought to the faucet? Yes! The EPA has launched a partnered program called WaterSense that has identified faucets and other bathroom appliances. Starting next year, consumers can buy faucets, toilets, and shower-heads with the WaterSense label. A faucet or toilet with the label will use about 20 to 30% less water than a conventional model! Find out more at the EPA's [WaterSense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense) <http://www.epa.gov/watersense> website.

River News Roundup

Pollution Warning on Utah Lake Fish - The fish being pulled from Utah Lake by anglers contain chemicals you don't want on your dinner table, chemicals dangerous enough to prompt the Utah Departments of Health, Natural Resources and Environmental Quality to release an advisory on the amounts that should be eaten. Read more in this [Salt Lake Tribune Article](http://www.sltrib.com/ci_7069172?source=email) http://www.sltrib.com/ci_7069172?source=email .

Ripper of the year contest winner - Josh Gold and Carol Jeffers beat some tough competition in their bid for Utah Rivers Council's ripper of the year award. Read more about their parking strip project and the reason they replaced their thirsty lawn with a drought tolerant landscape in this [Tribune article](http://www.sltrib.com/ci_7114385) http://www.sltrib.com/ci_7114385 .

First Push for federal protection of Utah's rivers - The Utah Rivers Council toured the Provo River Tuesday to boost support for Wild and Scenic designation. Check out [the Daily Herald article](http://www.heraldextra.com/content/view/239888/4/) <http://www.heraldextra.com/content/view/239888/4/> to learn more about the trip and the dangers the Provo faces.



Float trip showcases the potential Wild and Scenic Green River

The Utah Rivers Council hosted a trip on the Green River with several members of the media, a Daggett County Commissioner, Forest Service staff, a local business owner, and adopter's of the river. Utah is one of 12 states in the country with zero rivers designated as a Wild and Scenic River. Currently the Forest Service is

debating the fate of one portion of the Green River along with about 85 other river segments on Utah's National Forests. Check out Brett Prettyman's [Tribune Article](http://www.sltrib.com/outdoors/ci_7072218) http://www.sltrib.com/outdoors/ci_7072218 and the [Vernal Expresses webpage](http://www.vernal.com/default.asp?sourceid=&smenu=96&twindow=&mad=&sdeail=534&wpage=1&skeyword=&sdate=&ccat=&ccatm=&restate=&restatus=&reoption=&retype=&repmin=&repmax=&rebed=&rebath=&subname=&pform=&sc=1903&hn=vernal&he=.com) <http://www.vernal.com/default.asp?sourceid=&smenu=96&twindow=&mad=&sdeail=534&wpage=1&skeyword=&sdate=&ccat=&ccatm=&restate=&restatus=&reoption=&retype=&repmin=&repmax=&rebed=&rebath=&subname=&pform=&sc=1903&hn=vernal&he=.com> for stories, then [visit the council's webpage](http://www.utahrivers.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=17&Itemid=22) http://www.utahrivers.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=17&Itemid=22 to learn more about what you can do to help get designation for Utah's rivers.

Telescope Conference scheduled

The Riverside Telescope Makers Conference, Inc. announces a new international astronomy convention called the Pacific Astronomy & Telescope Show (PATs). The first will be held September 13-14, 2008 at the Pasadena Center, in downtown Pasadena, California.

Scheduled during an autumn full moon weekend, RTMC initiates this annual event with astronomy and telescope orientated speakers, vendors, and workshops.

Meetings organized by various astronomical special interest groups are also welcome. This timing does not interfere with new



moon star parties and is a great opportunity for observers and armchair astronomers to

network with vendors ahead of the holiday season.

The Pacific Astronomy and Telescope Show offers a clean, modern, indoor venue suitable for many exhibitors who have difficulty with the outdoor conditions at the RTMC, Inc.'s original public astronomical event, the outdoor RTMC Astronomy Expo. The RTMC Astronomy Expo is held every Memorial Day Weekend at a YMCA camp near Big Bear, California. The Expo is one of the major astronomy gatherings in the country, and will continue in the future.



The Pasadena Convention facility contains adequate space for over 100 vendors as well as adjoining meeting rooms to accommodate workshops, lectures, and special events. It offers easy access from airports and other locales, with a variety of public transportation options.

Surrounding the facilities in Old Pasadena are numerous restaurants, hotels, a shopping mall, and Colorado Boulevard, site of the Tournament of Roses Parade. Nearby astronomical points of interest include Caltech, JPL, and Mt. Wilson Observatory. Several amusement parks and other attractions are within an hour's drive, making this an ideal location for everyone in the family.

Astronomy-related groups who wish to host their annual meetings at PATS should contact the organizers. Meetings held

during PATS will help magnify public exposure for these groups and may enlarge their attendance.

For more information on PATS, the Astronomy Expo, and Nightfall, log onto:

www.rtmcastronomyexpo.org/PATS.htm or www.rtmcastronomyexpo.org

AVIS NAMED OFFICIAL RENTAL CAR COMPANY OF U.S. SKI TEAM AND U.S. SNOWBOARDING

PARSIPPANY, N.J. (Oct. 10) – Avis Rent A Car System, LLC announced today that it has been named the official rental car company of the U. S. Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA), the national governing body for Olympic skiing and snowboarding. The alliance will benefit the national teams, the more than 30,000 member athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers as well as the 100,000-plus parents, supporters and devotees of the sport.

As the official rental car company through 2008, Avis will provide discounts and free day offers for USSA members and fans traveling to competitions throughout the United States and abroad. The program also features signage and giveaways at events in Colorado, including the Alpine World Cups, the men's Charles Schwab Birds of Prey race week and the women's Aspen Winternationl, as well as the Chevrolet U.S. Snowboarding Grand Prix.

"Avis is world-renowned for its 'We Try Harder' slogan," said Becky Alseth, senior vice president of marketing for Avis Budget Group, Inc., parent of Avis. "We're proud to support an organization whose members also work hard to achieve their goals and set standards for excellence."

"This alliance with Avis will assist us tremendously as we head to the Winter Games in Vancouver," said Ted Morris, vice president of sales and marketing for USSA. "Avis will be a great resource in helping USSA athletes, parents, fans and officials get to the mountains. We are excited to be working together."

For more information or to make a reservation, visit www.avis.com/ussa.

Pro Shooters Redefining Marksmanship

Military, Police Seek Training from Industry-Sponsored Competitors

NEWTOWN, Conn. -- Firearm industry leaders say more corporate money than ever before is flowing into sponsorship of pro competition shooters, creating an unprecedented class of marksmen now sought as trainers for U.S. military and police.

It's a trend that could turn a familiar sports marketing strategy into an unexpected boon for national security, says Chris Dolnack of the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF).

NSSF explores the impacts of modern competitive shooting in a new feature posted at www.nssf.org. Click [here](#) to go directly to the feature.

"Companies that make sports equipment, from golf clubs to tennis rackets to fishing rods to shotguns, are constantly improving their products. The best way to market these products is by getting them into the hands of professional competitors with a knack for winning tournaments as well as

brand loyalty among fans," explained Dolnack.

He added, "Across shooting sports, guns and gear have never been better. Ammunition is better. Training tactics are better. Purses and endorsements are more lucrative. All the commercial interests are working together to develop the finest shooters who ever lived."



Many industry-sponsored pros now moonlight as trainers for military and police, budget-strapped professions where marksmanship skills may be trending the opposite direction.

Police are required to periodically "qualify," proving that their shooting skills meet or exceed local standards. But how big is the gap between average qualifying skills versus average competition skills?

"It's really not even a gap -- it's more like a canyon. Today's competition shooter is a far superior marksman," said Dave Lauck, a Gillette, Wyo., law enforcement officer and shooting pro. Lauck also operates a training academy. Last year, he received a U.S. Army Special Forces Certificate of Appreciation for his work teaching competition shooting skills to soldiers.

Dave Seigny, a pro shooter-turned-trainer sponsored by Glock, agrees.

He said, "The difference in average skill levels is off the charts. Law enforcement qualifying skills, in most cases, require an understanding of how to line up the sights and deliver a good trigger press. To be a top practical shooter, on the other hand, requires shooting on the move, shooting at moving targets, strong- and support-hand shooting, and, above all, speed and accuracy."

Learn more about competitive shooting today by reading "Firearm Industry Builds Pro Shooters, and Vice Versa" online at www.nssf.org.

Another Record Season for Utah Ski Resorts

Winter 2006-07 snowfall may have been below average across Utah's Wasatch Mountains, but although locals were whining visitors were smiling, and Utah's ski and snowboard industry notched its fourth consecutive record-breaking season. Visits to Utah ski resorts totaled 4,082,094 skier days during the 2006-07 winter season, surpassing Vermont to become the third most skied state in the U.S. behind Colorado and California.

"We've seen some strong growth over the past five years. Momentum is definitely on our side," said Nathan Rafferty, President of Ski Utah, the marketing arm of the Utah Ski and Snowboard Association. "With the most consistent snowfall anywhere in the world and unrivaled access via an international airport that continues to add non-stop destinations, we're on the right path."

Despite snowfall totals pushing beyond the 400-inch mark, many considered last season a lackluster snow year, at least by Utah standards. Last year's skier-day count was 4,062,188, a difference of 19,906. The ski season began Nov. 15 and continued through May 20.

"There's no question we're spoiled here in Utah. With over 600 inches of snowfall the previous two seasons, we knew that a sub-500 inch year was going to have an impact. With Utah locals accounting for almost half our skier visits, they're a critical component to our success," said Rafferty.

Utah Resorts Shine in SKI Magazine Rankings

SKI Magazine's annual Top 50 Resort Guide, which hits newsstands Sept. 25, lists Deer Valley Resort as the #1 ski resort in North America and Park City Mountain Resort at #6. Utah resorts heavily dominate the lifestyle rankings as well, with Snowbird, Utah being voted the "Best Skier's Mountain" and Alta, Utah coming in as the "Best Weekend Escape."

Deer Valley captures the #1 spot for the third time in the survey's 20-year history, noted for its top notch service, grooming and dining. "It really is an incredible honor when you consider the company we keep among the resorts consistently voted in the top five," says Bob Wheaton, president and general manager of Deer Valley. "The award is truly due to all the hard work and dedication of the staff here at Deer Valley."

"Utah's resorts work really hard to provide the best ski experience available," says Nathan Rafferty, president of Ski Utah. "I'm happy to see our success recognized on so many different levels. It is becoming more and more apparent to skiers and riders everywhere that The Greatest Snow On Earth is being complemented by the world's greatest resorts."

Alta to Implement Automated Ticketing

After decades of traditional hand-printed lift tickets adhering to metal wickets, Alta officials have decided to implement a high-tech point-of-sale (POS) ticketing system and automated lift access controls in time for the coming winter season at the Utah skiing icon.

After several years of evaluation and analysis, Alta signed an agreement with Park City-based Axess North America to implement a new POS ticketing system and handsfree access control system. Axess Gates and radio frequency identification (RFID) tickets will be used to control access to the lifts while providing guests various web-based functions.

Alta spokesperson Connie Marshall indicates that the Alta access gate design will be unique. Instead of the turnstile design employed at other ski areas, Axess North America has designed for Alta a two-part gate that will open away from the skier, Marshall says, believing that it may be the first design of this type to be implemented at any ski area worldwide. A two-antenna system will be deployed to ensure adequate communication between the access gate and the user's lift ticket.

American Skiing to Sell The Canyons to Talisker

As part of its dissolution completed in September, American Skiing Company (ASC) has agreed to sell The Canyons Resort to Talisker Corporation. With this pending transaction, all of ASC's portfolio of 11 ski and snowboard resorts across the country will have been sold to various buyers. The purchase price to be paid for

American Skiing Company Resort Properties, Inc. (ASCRP) and ASC Utah by Talisker is \$100 million in cash, plus the assumption of resort debt.

"This sale will complete a necessary step for American Skiing Company to wind down its affairs," said ASC President and CEO B.J. Fair. "We at ASC and The Canyons have worked tirelessly to position the resort for success in the years to come. I am very proud of what we have accomplished, and look forward to the energy and vision that I expect Talisker to bring to the resort and community."

Talisker Corporation is a privately-held global real estate development company based in Toronto, Canada. Talisker has significant assets in Park City where it has been developing resort real estate since 2000. In 2003 it added to its portfolio in Park City by acquiring United Park City Mines. The firm is currently developing the Talisker Club, an ultra-luxury residential community in several neighborhoods surrounding neighboring Deer Valley Resort and the adjacent Jordanelle Reservoir.

New Chairlift Highlights \$9M of Summer Improvements at Deer Valley

A new high-speed chairlift and ground-penetrating radar are but two high-tech improvements coming to Deer Valley this winter, part of a \$9 million investment by the Utah ski resort to upgrade its facilities this year.

A new high-speed detachable quad chairlift, Lady Morgan Express, expands the ski terrain in Deer Valley's Empire Canyon area for the 2007-08 ski season. The area will include over 200 new skiable acres, 65 acres of gladed skiing and eight new runs.

Perhaps the most amazing change taking place at Deer Valley, however, involves new "Snow Scan Ground Penetrating Radar." Combined with a GPS system, the radar will provide color coded maps of snow depth on any part of the mountain, allowing ski resort staffers to manage snow more efficiently.

Upper and lower decks at the ski resort's Snow Park Lodge will be replaced with heated pavers. Additionally, new enhanced, energy efficient heater systems will be installed in all 22 chairlift terminals. The resort also replaced five snowcats and 21 resort snowmobiles, and purchased 51 new snow guns to expand its snowmaking arsenal with additional energy-efficient fixtures.

EPA Recognizes Snowbird's Efforts

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) officials recently presented the EPA Environmental Achievement Award to a number of recipients, including Snowbird Ski & Summer Resort, for their efforts in the American Fork-Pacific Mine site Good Samaritan cleanup.

Carol Rushin, EPA assistant regional administrator, presented the award to Ted Fitzgerald, Trout Unlimited (and retired U.S. Forest Service); Jim Baker, Bob Bonar and owner Dick Bass, Snowbird Corp.; and Sylvia Gillan and Kerry Goodrich, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service.

"These individuals took extraordinary steps to clean up a polluting, abandoned mine site, helping to save a watershed and in the process blaze a trail for other good samaritans to follow," said Rushin.

New Lifts, Skier Bridge to Connect Brian Head

Southern Utah's Brian Head Resort spent this summer installing its long-awaited interconnect lift and trail system that will join its two ski mountains, Navajo and Giant Steps.

Skiers and snowboarders of all abilities will now be able to enjoy both mountains by skiing or riding between them instead of driving or riding a bus. The Interconnect System consists of two new lifts and a ski-over bridge. Chair Lift #1 will cross over State Highway 143 to Navajo Mountain, replacing the historic Chair Lift #1 that was removed from service in 1993. A new second chair lift, Lift #8 will start near the bottom of the new Lift #1, and will transport skiers to mid-mountain of Giant Steps. Skiers will cross over Highway 143 via the skier bridge under Chair Lift #1.

The Interconnect System will expand the resort's existing trail capacity by nearly 35% and will allow skiers and snowboarders to circulate freely between Navajo and Giant Steps Mountains. The Interconnect System will also dramatically increase accessibility by creating expanded lift access to the entire resort.

Construction Underway on USSA Training Center in Park City

On July 18th, Utah Governor Jon Huntsman Jr. headed a list of distinguished

guests officiating at the historic groundbreaking for the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association's (USSA) Center of Excellence, the most significant project in the organization's century-long history. The first national training and education facility for competitive skiing and snowboarding in the United States, it will bring America's athletes and supporters together. In addition, it is a complement to the 2002 Olympic legacy and the growing winter sports industry in Utah.

USSA, the national governing body for Olympic skiing and snowboarding that has been based in Utah for more than 30 years, says its \$22.5 million facility will be finished in 2009, providing final training benefits for athletes headed to the 2010 Olympics, but will be in full-force for athletes aiming for the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

The 85,000-square foot Center is being built on a five-acre parcel at Quinn's Junction, east of Park City near the intersection of State Route 248 and U.S. Highway 40. It will blend the best of high-performance athletic facilities, including strength-training areas, a gymnasium, a climbing wall, ski and snowboard ramps, trampolines, a nutrition center, rehabilitation facilities, and educational areas for athletes, coaches and clubs.

New SoCal Flights to Utah Snow

JetBlue Airways just last Thursday announced the addition of one daily nonstop flight between Salt Lake City and Burbank, Calif., beginning December 15, just in time for the new ski season. With its new service, JetBlue will offer Southern California skiers access to Utah snow from two metro Los Angeles airports -- Long Beach and Burbank -- with a total of three daily flights. To celebrate its new nonstop service, the low-fare airline is offering an introductory fare of \$69 each way for flights between Salt Lake City and Burbank if booked online at jetblue.com with a 14-day advance purchase.

"Our customers keep asking for more service from more airports and we're happy to provide it," said Frankie Littleford, vice president of JetBlue's Salt Lake City-based reservations department. "With our service to Long Beach and now Burbank, JetBlue is making it even easier to jet between Los Angeles and Salt Lake, regardless of which airport you prefer to use."

Ski Utah Photo Contest Winners Announced

Ski Utah announced the winners of its fourth annual photo contest this summer. Nationally-recognized Utah photographer Lee Cohen of Cottonwood Heights topped the field of more than 800 submissions with his shot of Cody Barnhill launching off Rocky Point, near Alta.

For his efforts, Cohen earned an impressive prize package including two round-trip airfares on Delta Airlines, five nights of lodging for two, four days of skiing or snowboarding for two, a \$200 Hertz car rental certificate, and a \$500 gift certificate good towards the purchase of a Canon digital SLT camera. Some winners of Honorable Mentions are featured in Ski Utah's Winter Vacation Planner this fall.

FISHING REPORT FOR SOUTHEASTERN AND CENTRAL UTAH

BOULGER'S RESERVOIR: Fishing was fair with chartreuse PowerBait.

GIGLIOTTI POND: Good fishing is expected until ice-over. Try red & white daredevils or worms and PowerBait.

GOOSEBERRY RESERVOIR: Fishing was fair with size 16–18 beadhead nymphs or #8 leech patterns in brown or olive. Baitcasters have had poor success.

HUNTINGTON CREEK: This past weekend, good fly patterns included a #14 hares ear, pheasant tail with attractor, #18 Griffith's gnat, and may fly. Good spinners included Panther Martin and lil Jake's.

LAKE POWELL: Visit www.wayneswords.com for the fishing report, provided by Wayne Gustaveson, DWR project leader.

SCOFIELD RESERVOIR: Fishing was good this past weekend with worm/PowerBait combinations. Good PowerBait colors included chartreuse, rainbow, orange or lemon twist. Other anglers did well with worm/marshmallow



Four-year-old Katie Jones at Kids' Fishing Day at the Gigliotti Pond in Helper on September 22.

combos or worm/salmon egg combos. In the dam cove, shoreline anglers had good success with dead minnows, where some 19-inch tiger trout were caught. Most of the catch consists of two age classes of rainbows. They are 12- to 15-inchers and 18- to 20-inchers. Good fly patterns have been wooly buggers or leeches in red or brown. Aquatics Biologist Justin Hart reports that the lake has turned over. The aquatic vegetation is dead and the water is clear.

AMERICAN FORK RIVER: (Oct. 10) Pretty fall colors in the canyon. Fair success by using flies or worms. Light fishing pressure.

BURRASTON PONDS: (Oct. 10) Fair to good fishing success.

DEER CREEK RESERVOIR: (Oct. 10) Gillnets were just pulled today and results were very good. More perch were found this year. All fish were in good health and a couple of 31-inch walleye were even in the nets. Anglers report fair to good success. State Park Ranger reports that boats can still be launched from the Island boat ramp but at your own risk. You may want to reconsider using large boats since you have to back into the water quite a ways to reach deeper water. Call State Park for boat launching information at (435) 654-0171. Trout and bass anglers report fair to good success from both shoreline and from boat by using traditional methods and baits. Remember bass limit is six, but immediately release all bass over 12 inches long. Walleye limit was increased this year to 10 but only one over 24 inches may be kept.

DIAMOND FORK RIVER: (Oct. 10) Recent electro-shocking surveys show that last year's treatment project had no effect on the lower 10 miles of diamond fork. "Fair" success by using flies, lures or bait on the first 10 miles of stream below the treatment area (beginning at turnoff to Dmd. Frk and 10 miles upstream). Remember that first through sixth water creeks were not treated last year and fishing was great on these tributaries. Diamond Fork, from Springville Crossing to its headwaters, is artificial flies and lures only, and it is closed to cutthroat trout possession.

HOBBLE CREEK & CATCH BASIN: (Oct. 10) Best fishing on Hobble Creek is in the early morning or evening with flies, small spinners or lures.

JORDANELLE RESERVOIR: (Oct. 10) Fair to good success for trout from both shoreline and boat. Bass are still being cooperative to date. Trout prefer trolled pop gear, rapalas or other flashy lures. Bait anglers are having at least "fair" success from shore or by bottom fishing from a boat. Gillnet were pulled this morning and

fish are in good health! Bass limit is six, but immediately release all bass over 12 inches long.

MILL HOLLOW: Drained! No fishing until 2009!

PAYSON LAKES: (Oct. 10) Gorgeous scenery! Fair to good fishing for both rainbow and brook trout.

PROVO RIVER: (Oct. 10) Success continues to be good for trout by using traditional small surface or subsurface flies or nymphs. Spinners are having some success as well. Read the fishing proclamation for the different regulations on the river—some areas allow bait and others do not. Size restrictions and reduced limits (two brown trout under 15 inches) are in place in some stretches.

SALEM POND: (Oct. 10) Good success for trout! The park closes at 10:00 p.m. each night. Remember that regulations include: limit of four fish (daily bag and possession limit is a total of four fish in the aggregate for all species, for example: one trout, two channel catfish and one bluegill.

SALT LAKE WATERS: (Sept. 27) Good News! Urban ponds will continue to be stocked for several more weeks (rather than the traditional labor day cutoff for stocking). Anglers report fair to good fishing by using traditional baits at most waters.

SPANISH OAKS RESERVOIR: (Oct. 10) Fishing success is good by using traditional baits and lures.

SPRING LAKE: (Oct. 10) Good success for both trout and catfish. Worms and PowerBait work best. Lots of vegetation, so cast into the open water pockets.

STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR: (Oct. 10) Kokanee run is over. Fishing for trout was reported as fair to very good. Pointer minnows cast toward shoreline or by weed beds or jigging with tube jigs have been effective techniques. Dark wooly buggers, minnow imitating lures or simply traditional baits are working as well. Simply gorgeous in the Strawberry Valley right now—take the whole family!

Regulations for the reservoir include an aggregate limit of four trout or kokanee salmon. No more than two of which may be cutthroat trout under 15 inches and no more than one may be a cutthroat over 22 inches long. All cutthroat between 15 and 22 inches must be immediately released (any trout with cutthroat markings is considered a cutthroat). Don't feel compelled to harvest fish on every trip. Please

do your part to ensure the future of this heavily utilized fishery by voluntarily releasing fish!

THISTLE CREEK: (Oct. 10) Low Pressure, with fair to good success.

TIBBLE FORK RESERVOIR: (Oct. 10) Fair to good success by using traditional baits.

UTAH LAKE: (Oct. 10) The Utah Department of Health recommends consumption of carp fillets from Utah Lake be limited to one four-ounce meal per month for adults. Children, pregnant women and women that may become pregnant should not consume any carp fillets from Utah Lake. Utah Department of Health recommends consumption of channel catfish fillets from Utah Lake be limited to one four-ounce meal per month for adults. Children, pregnant women and women that can become pregnant should not consume any channel catfish fillets from Utah Lake. The offal (all tissue except the fillet) of any fish species tested from Utah Lake in this study (i.e. black bullhead, channel catfish, common carp, walleye, and white bass) should not be consumed due to high levels of PCBs.

Eating more than these amounts over a long period of time could result in an intake of PCBs that exceeds the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency health recommendations. Any health risks associated with eating carp and channel catfish from Utah Lake are based on long-term consumption and are not tied to eating fish occasionally. There are no health risks associated with PCBs for other uses of the lake, such as swimming, boating and water skiing.

Black bullhead, white bass and walleye fillets were also tested and found to be safe for human consumption. Catfish and white bass success is reported as fair this week. A few walleye have been caught by anglers using minnow imitating lures. Walleye limit was changed this year to 10 but only one can be over 24 inches. There is no limit on white bass. Largemouth and smallmouth bass limit is six, but immediately release all largemouth and smallmouth bass over 12 inches long. For more information on conditions call Utah Lake State Park at (801) 375-0731.

VERNON, GRANTSVILLE & SETTLEMENT CANYON RESERVOIRS: (Tooele Co.) (Oct. 10) Fair fishing success at Grantsville and Settlement. Vernon Reservoir is very low!

YUBA RESERVOIR: (Oct. 10) Slow success for walleye and northern pike. An occasional trout is being caught and, of course, perch are being caught but they

must be immediately released. For more information call the State Park @ (435) 758-2611.

If you'd like to see reports of waters around the state, visit the following Division website: <http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/fishing/reports.php>

Industry budgets \$1,040,000 for Pioneering Study

Now more than halfway complete, this 3-year scientific study,

<http://www.projectwildbird.org> sponsored by the [Wild Bird Feeding Industry](http://www.wbfi.org) <http://www.wbfi.org> and WBFi Research Foundation, is designed to answer fundamental questions about seed and feeder preferences of wild birds and how they are influenced by geographic region and season of year.



There are five specific questions to address:

1) What are the seed preferences of wild birds that use feeders in the USA and Canada?



2) Are seed preferences identical in different regions of the USA and Canada?

3) Are seed preferences the same at different times of the year?

4) What are the feeder preferences of wild birds in the USA and Canada?

5) Is there an interaction between seed preferences and feeder preferences (e.g. when a particular type of seed is available, do wild birds go to feeders they would not normally visit?).

WBCA is a major supporter of PROJECT WILDBIRD¹. The scope and goals of PROJECT WILDBIRD² are now under consideration!

"OPTICS FOR THE TROPICS" INITIATIVE LAUNCHED!

Wild Bird Centers Partners with Alpen Optics



The goal of this initiative is to help provide new binoculars and spotting scopes to school children, teachers and birding organizations throughout developing Latin America regions who want to learn more about their local birds and habitats.

Wild Bird Center stores are now central points for donations and funds collection to connect students, families and communities in the Americas to develop an increased awareness of migratory wild bird conservation issues and habitat preservation.

"[Optics for the Tropics](#)" coordinates the program while providing international birding expertise and [Alpen Optics](#) supplies new binoculars and spotting scopes as ordered by "Optics for the Tropics" with funds raised by [Wild Bird Center stores](#).

"OPTICS FOR THE TROPICS" CONNECTS PEOPLE WITH WILD BIRDS



**Many Wild
Birds Require
Habitat in
both North
and South
America for
Survival!**

Dear Friend of Tread Lightly!,

Tread Lightly!® would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the Friend of Tread Lightly! program. We appreciate the commitment you've made to responsible recreation and hope you have found our email update "Treadlines" to be both helpful and educational.

You are receiving this letter because we need your help. Severe government budget cuts and damage caused by irresponsible recreation behavior are threatening the closure of trails, campgrounds and waterways across the country.

No one wants to lose the ability to recreate on public lands, and there are no easy fixes to the problems, but there are solutions. That's where Tread Lightly! and you come in. Recognized by the federal government as a partner actively engaged in working to implement solutions to the problems associated with irresponsible recreation, the Tread Lightly! program is long-term in scope with a goal to balance the needs of the people who enjoy outdoor recreation with the needs to maintain a healthy environment.

Tread Lightly! relies on annual contributions made by our members to achieve our mission to proactively protect recreation access and opportunities in the outdoors through ethics education and stewardship initiatives.

Contributions received as unrestricted funds are used to: Replenish, promote and distribute educational materials; Recruit members; Communicate with state and federal agencies, youth organizations, other environmental groups, members and the general public; Raise funds; Restore degraded recreation sites; Create and promote Public Awareness Campaigns; Develop youth programs; Meet the needs for payroll and general overhead.

The ultimate goal is to have healthy, open, and accessible outdoors for many generations to come and education is the key for sustainability.

I encourage you to take a moment and visit the [individual member page](#) to become an official member of Tread Lightly! (\$25 tax-deductible) today.

Upon doing so you will receive a membership package containing a gift, an educational piece, a decal and a chance to win a great prize package from Goodyear, Warn, Adjustagrill, Coleman, or Cabela's worth up to \$800!

Most importantly, you will have the great feeling of knowing you are making a difference.

If you have any questions regarding Tread Lightly! or our programs please contact us at 800-966-9900.

Sincerely,

Tracey Hackworth

Tracey Hackworth
Member Services Specialist

DEER VALLEY TO HOST BLOOD DRIVE ON HALLOWEEN

Fourth Annual "Transylvania Tea Party" Takes Place October 31, 2007

DEER VALLEY, PARK CITY, UTAH (October 8, 2007) – Employees of Deer Valley Resort will host their fourth annual "Transylvania Tea Party" blood drive on Halloween (Wednesday, October 31, 2007). The Transylvania Tea Party Blood Drive is the creation of Deer Valley staff who wanted to help local health care facilities augment their blood supplies. Members of the public are also invited to donate blood at Deer Valley on Halloween.

"Our Transylvania Tea Party Blood Drive is more successful each year," says Peter Panos, Human Resources Manager. "Last year, 113 people showed up to donate blood and we collected 83 units of blood. Because the technicians are able to separate blood into different components, up to 166 total units of blood product were made available to patients who need it." Panos continues, "We love the fact that the Blood Drive is something our staff and the public do together. Since our 'Tea Party' falls on Halloween each year, donors often dress up in costume to make it fun. We thank the community and our staff for their continued support."

Deer Valley's Transylvania Tea Party Blood Drive will take place Wednesday, October 31 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the 2002 Room located on the main level of Snow Park Lodge. All current Deer Valley staff is being encouraged to participate and the Blood Drive is open to any community members who wish to donate blood. Walk-ins are accepted, but because of the popularity of the event Deer Valley organizers encourage donors to make an appointment by calling 435-645-6654. Light refreshments will be provided.

Donors must come to the Blood Drive with a photo ID, be 18 or older and weigh at least 110 pounds. To find out if you are eligible to give blood, please consult the ARUP Blood Services Web site at utahblood.org. ARUP Blood Services, a division of ARUP Laboratories which is an enterprise of the University of Utah and the Department of Pathology, will be conducting the drive and is proud to be the sole blood provider to University of Utah Hospital, Huntsman Cancer Hospital, Primary Children's Medical Center and Shriners Hospital for Children.

For more information on the 2007 Transylvania Tea Party Blood Drive, please contact Resort Communications Manager Erin Grady at 800-424-DEER (3337), (435) 645-6522 or view the Resort Web site at www.deervalley.com .

DEER VALLEY RESORT 2007/08 WINTER CALENDAR LISTING

NOVEMBER

Friday - Sunday, November 9 – 11: The 18th Anniversary Navajo Rug Show & Sale. This year's theme is "A Mother's Legacy, The Male Weavers" which will feature the extraordinary work of many top male weavers. A benefit fundraiser takes place on Friday night from 6 to 10 p.m. at Snow Park Lodge and will feature a rug preview and sale, live auction of donated items and packages, entertainment and hors d'oeuvres. The Rug Show and Sale continues on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Admission to the Rug Show on Friday night is \$30 for adults and \$10 for children under 12, and on Saturday and Sunday is \$5 cash and/or \$5 worth of donated canned goods per day. For further information on the weekend activities please call 435-649-0535 or visit anelder.org.

Sunday, November 18: Celebrate the 25th Annual Nouveau Beaujolais Festival. The Wasatch Mountain Food and Wine Society presents the 25th anniversary of the **Nouveau Beaujolais Festival** at Deer Valley Resort in the Silver Lake Lodge. Featured wines will include Nouveau Beaujolais served in casks with traditional Burgundian food. The cost is \$80 per person with one seating from 3 – 6 p.m. Reservations are required and can be made beginning November 1, 2007, by mailing a check to Deer Valley Resort, c/o Kris Anderson, P.O. Box 889, Park City, UT 84060. For further information please call 435-645-6640 or 800-424-DEER (3337).

VISITORS AT FIVEMILE PASS CAN NOW HAVE A RESTROOM

The Salt Lake Field Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has just installed four new vault toilets at the popular Fivemile Pass Special Recreation Management Area bordering Utah and Tooele County. Utah State Parks generously helped to

meet the demand for the facilities with a \$50,000 grant, covering nearly half the cost for the project.

“Our partnership with Utah State Parks has leveraged this project from request to a response of voiced visitor needs,” said Field Office Manager Glenn Carpenter. “By offering facilities at Fivemile we are preparing for the increasing numbers of public land users seeking preservation and enjoyment.”

The Fivemile Pass Special Recreation Management Area provides a variety of OHV opportunities as well as equestrian and mountain biking opportunities. The area has a diverse history including mining, military use, Pony Express, and historical Native American use.

For more information or a map of Fivemile Pass visit <http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en.html>.

Wasatch Front Chapter Upcoming Events and Trial Rides

OCTOBER

20th-Dimple Dell Trial ride—details page. 3.

Trailmaster: Jan Duffin 801-745-9642.

23rd-Final Middle Fork Clean Up – Clean up starts 3:30-4:00pm or whenever you can get up there and burgers @ 5:30pm.

NOVEMBER

3rd-Don Bradshaw ride-meet at the Weber canyon rest stop @ 10:00 Sharp. Details page 3.

13th– Monthly Meeting 7:30



17th -Annual Dinner and Elections at the Timbermine. Details page 3.

DECEMBER

NO Monthly Meeting

New Years Steak Burn-TBD

JANUARY '08

18th-19th State Meeting— TRaILS—WHERE TO RIDE IN UTAH—

Davis County Legacy Center , Farmington—Tentative Plans & details page 4-5.

Check out the Integrated Calendar for 2007 at <http://www.BCHU.com> , for month to month, meetings, work projects, activities, rides from all the BCHU chapter across the state.

Curtain call for warm water fish

Don't miss it: some of the year's best warm water fishing is happening now.

As the year progresses, open water fishing for warm water fish closes down. But just like in a good play, the cast (in this case, the warm water fish) always comes out for a final curtain call or two.

And when that curtain call happens, the fishing can be fast and furious.



Warm water fishing is excellent at Jordanelle Reservoir.

Photo courtesy of Scott Root

In northern Utah, the curtain calls are usually in October while in southern Utah, they might stretch into November.

Look near the surface and in the shallows

As the weather cools the surface of the water in the fall, bass, walleye, bluegill and other warm water predators move back into the shallows to feed on minnows, the last of the summer insects, crayfish and other prey.

This gives anglers one last opportunity for some fast fishing for warm water fish.

"By the end of the summer, the surface waters on many of our lakes and reservoirs are a bit too warm," says Ron Stewart, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) regional conservation outreach manager. "Fish usually respond by going deeper to reach cooler waters. And that makes it more difficult for anglers to find them.

"In the fall, the surface waters cool again," Stewart says. "That allows these fish to come back up to the surface and makes them more accessible to anglers.

"These fish are generally quite aggressive as they search for food. You can often find them in the shallow water, searching for their prey.

"The combination of an aggressive predator, in close to shore, is an opportunity for anglers of all ages."

Tips:

- Baits, lures and flies can all work well during the fall.
- Look for signs of fish activity along the shoreline. This includes viewing fish as they cruise along the banks, fish jumping, swirls where a fish is feeding or seeing minnows scatter among the shallows (when minnows do this, it often looks like someone threw a handful of sand into the water).
- If possible, try and match what the fish are feeding on. Then cast your line out into the general area where the fish are, or out in front of the fish.

"Make sure you get out and take advantage of this great fall fishing," Stewart says. "It's often a play worthy of a standing ovation."

Best waters

Utah has many good warm water fisheries. And right now, several of them are providing great fishing.

"The warm weather this fall has produced some great warm water fishing at several waters. As long as the weather doesn't get outrageous [as far as getting cold and stormy], it should stay good," says Drew Cushing, warm water fisheries coordinator for the DWR.

"October is a great month to fish for warm water fish. They're feeding aggressively right now as they try to put on an extra layer of fat before the winter."

Cushing says the following waters are providing some of the best warm water fishing in Utah right now. To stay updated on fishing throughout the fall, visit the DWR's fishing reports page at wildlife.utah.gov/fishing/reports.php:

Northern Utah

Water	Fishing is best for:
Mantua Reservoir	Largemouth bass, bluegill
Pineview Reservoir	Black crappie, smallmouth bass
Willard Bay	Wiper
Rockport	Yellow perch

Central Utah

Water	Fishing is best for:
Utah Lake	White bass
Jordanelle Reservoir	Smallmouth bass, yellow perch
Yuba Reservoir	Walleye

Northeastern Utah

Water	Fishing is best for:
Pelican Lake	Largemouth bass, bluegill
Starvation Reservoir	Walleye, yellow perch
Red Fleet Reservoir	Bluegill
Steinaker Reservoir	Bluegill

Southeastern Utah

Water	Fishing is best for:
Lake Powell	Striped bass
Recapture Reservoir	Largemouth bass, Northern pike
Huntington Reservoir	Largemouth bass

Southwestern Utah

Water	Fishing is best for:
Newcastle Reservoir	Wiper, smallmouth bass
Sand Hollow Reservoir	Largemouth bass, bluegill
Gunlock Reservoir	Largemouth bass
Quail Creek Reservoir	Black crappie