

POLAR BEAR SIGHTINGS AT ANTELOPE ISLAND STATE PARK- WATER TEMPERATURES AT 27 DEGREES

Utahns don crazy costumes and brave frigid air and water temperatures to raise funds for the Utah Special Olympics.

DATE: Saturday, February 16
TIME: 10 a.m.

LOCATION: Antelope Island
State Park Marina Exit 332 off
I-15

Antelope Island State Park Assistant Manager Chris Haramoto reports water temperature at approximately 27 degrees. Due to salinity content, Great Salt Lake rarely freezes. Air temperature is expected to be near 40 degrees.



Great Salt Lake State Marina hosts the 2008 Polar Plunge to benefit the Utah Special Olympics. Participants donate \$25 for the privilege of jumping into the icy water, all to benefit a great cause.

Wildlife viewing events for 2008

The DWR hosts several free wildlife-viewing events each year. The events provide a great opportunity for people to get outdoors and enjoy the state's wildlife!

The events also provide great stories for the media and a chance to capture some awesome footage and photographs.

More information is available in the latest Wildlife Review story titled "Get more than a glimpse -- Attend a Watchable Wildlife activity." Please click here to read the story: <http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/wr/>

Fishing volunteers still needed

Training for adults who want to serve as volunteers in Utah's youth fishing clubs continues through mid-March. You can learn more by listening to the latest "Discover Utah Wildlife" radio shows. They're available at <http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/radio/>.

Big Game Hunters: You Can Still Apply for a Bonus Point or a Preference Point

Applications accepted until Feb. 29

Even if you won't be hunting big game in Utah this fall, you can increase the chance you'll be chasing big game in the future by applying for a bonus point or a preference point.

You can apply for a point until Feb. 29. Applications are being accepted through the Division of Wildlife Resource's Web site (wildlife.utah.gov). You can apply through the site until 11 p.m. on Feb. 29.

You can also apply over the telephone until 5 p.m. on Feb. 29. The telephone number is (801) 538-4700.

Two reminders

- If you're eligible, you can apply for up to three points – one preference point, one limited entry bonus point and one once-in-a-lifetime bonus point.

- You must have a valid Utah hunting or combination license before you can apply for a point.

"A hunting license allows you to hunt small game, while a combination license allows you to hunt small game and fish," says Jim Karpowitz, director of the DWR. "We hope you'll get out and enjoy these activities this year."

Karpowitz provides some advice to help you decide which license to buy: the hunting license, which costs \$26 for residents, or the combination license, which costs \$30. "I'd encourage you to buy the combination license," he says. "It costs \$4 more than a hunting license, but it also allows you to fish."

Hunting and combination licenses are available at www.wildlife.utah.gov. You can also obtain one from DWR offices and more than 350 hunting license agents across Utah.

Keep building those points!

Every time you obtain a bonus point, the chance you'll receive a low random draw number



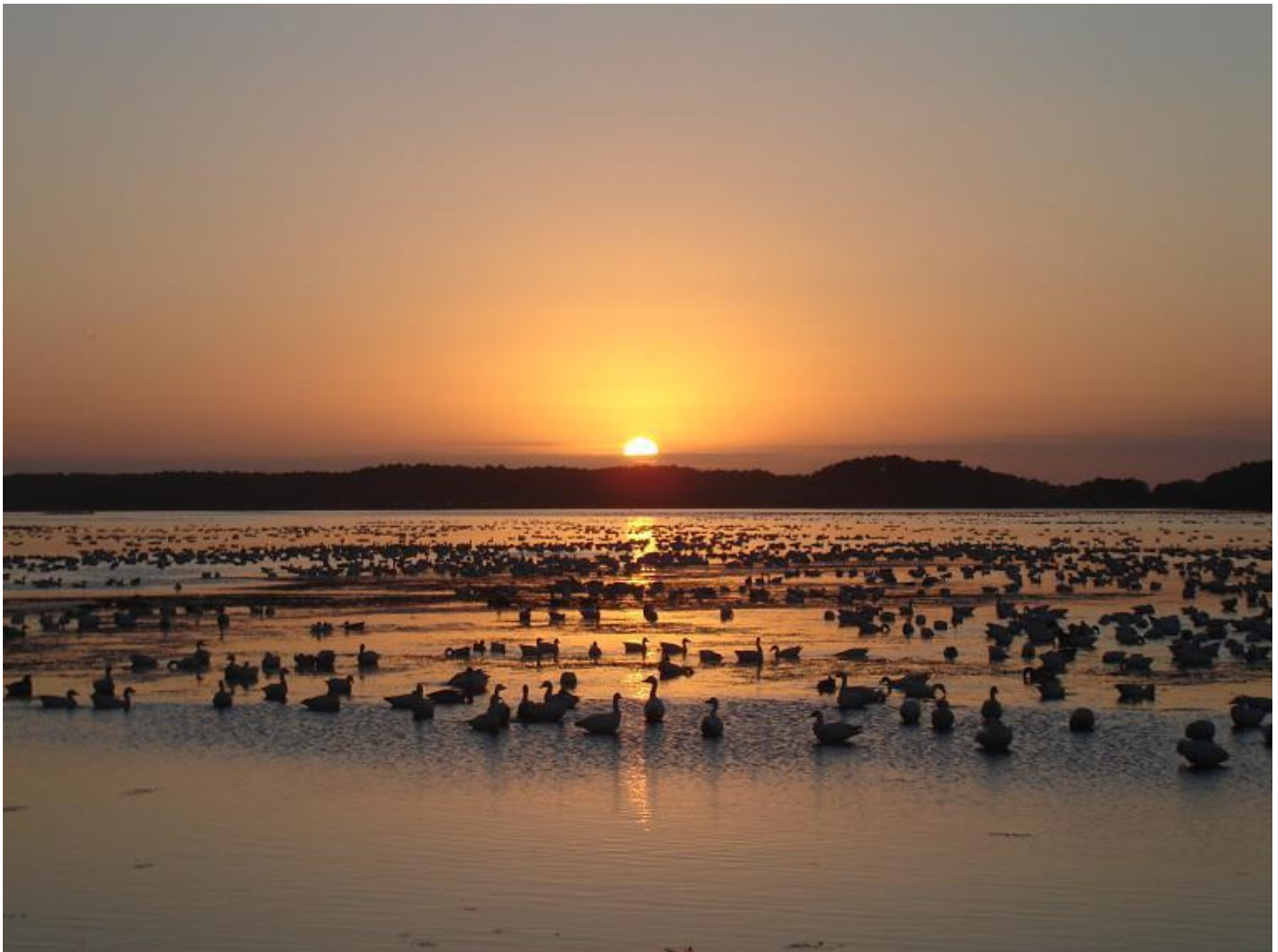
in the limited entry, once-in-a-lifetime and Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit drawing increases. (Hunters with the lowest numbers have the best chance of drawing a permit.) And every preference point you obtain increases the chance you'll draw a general season buck deer permit.

“Even if you won’t be hunting big game in Utah this fall, keep building your points up,” advises Judi Tutorow, wildlife licensing coordinator for the DWR.

For more information, call the Utah Wildlife Administrative Services office at 1-800-221-0659, the nearest Division of Wildlife Resources office or the DWR’s Salt Lake City office at (801) 538-4700.

Snow Goose Festival set for Feb. 29 and March 1 and 2

Delta -- Those who have watched snow geese fly in and out of Gunnison Bend Reservoir call it one of the greatest spectacles of nature.



You can see that spectacle Feb. 29, and March 1 and 2, at the Eleventh Annual Snow Goose Festival. The festival will be held at and near the reservoir, just west of Delta.

Admission is free.

As many as 10,000 snow geese have been at the reservoir during past festivals. Except for the black tips on their wings, snow geese are pure white.

“Spotting scopes will be available so you can get a close look at the geese. We’ll also be available to answer any questions you have,” says Bob Walters, Watchable Wildlife coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources.

Free wildlife seminars, and arts and crafts and photography exhibits, will also be offered on Saturday, March 1.

The best times to view

The areas where you can see the geese vary according to the time of the day. “Early in the morning, the geese are usually feeding in fields that surround the reservoir. They usually stay in the fields until about 10:30 a.m. Then they take off and fly back to the reservoir,” Walters says.



“They usually spend the next few hours on the reservoir. Then, between about 4 to 6 p.m., they take off again and fly out to the fields.”

DWR biologists will watch

which fields the geese fly to. If you arrive after the geese have left the reservoir, the biologists will direct you to the fields where the geese are.

Festival tips

- Use binoculars or a spotting scope to view the geese. If you get too close to the geese, you could scare them away.

- If you pull off the road to view the geese, pull as far off the road as you can and watch for cars.

- The weather could be cold or wet. Make sure to wear the proper clothes.

For more information about the 2008 Snow Goose Festival call Walters at (801) 538-4771; the Division of Wildlife Resources' Southern Region office at (435) 865-6100; or the Delta Area Chamber of Commerce at (435) 864-4316.



11 Deer Killed-- Does and fawns

Price -- Felony charges are among the penalties two men face after allegedly killing 11 deer -- all does and fawns -- last October near Price.

Ethan Johnson, 19, and Levi Bradford, 18, both of Price, were charged recently in Seventh District Court. A trial is pending.

The men were charged with two felony and four misdemeanor counts. The charges stem from a two-day shooting spree near Price that resulted in the death of at least 11 deer.



On Oct. 26 and Oct. 29, 2007, at least 11 does and fawns were shot and killed in the Gordon Creek area near the steel bridge west of Price. After killing them, the poachers left them to rot.

Conservation officers were notified by a hunter who saw magpies feeding on the ground and left his vehicle to investigate. After seeing two dead deer, he called the Division of Wildlife Resources.

Conservation officers responded and found that at least 11 deer had been killed. Evidence collected at the scene and information provided by the hunter who found the deer led to the arrest of Johnson and Bradford.

If you have information about a possible wildlife crime, please call the Utah Turn-in-a-Poacher hotline at 1-800-662-DEER (3337). You can remain anonymous. In many cases, rewards are available to those who provide information that leads to the arrest and conviction of someone for a wildlife crime.

Conservation Tip: Brush your teeth!

Yes, continue to keep your dentist happy by brushing at least twice a day, but do it with a mind towards water conservation. Don't let the water run while your getting to those hard to reach back teeth, turn it off. And when it comes time to rinse, use a cup. Your dentist will be happy, and so will Utah's rivers.

11th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count coming up this weekend from Friday, February 15 - Monday, February 18

Join bird watchers across the continent in counting birds from wherever you are, beginning this Friday, February 15, through February 18, 2008. You can spend as little as 15 minutes or as long as you like on one or more of the count days. Enter your tallies at

<http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/> so the birds you see become part of a historic record for this winter. Everyone who submits a checklist is automatically entered in a drawing for birdy prizes. Check out the photo contest too!

Here are just a few quick reminders and updates:



- To enter your bird count checklists, go to <http://www.birdcount.org> and click on the big “Enter your Checklists” button at the top of the page.
- Don’t forget to send in your photos through the GBBC website! You can submit photos from February 15 through March 1, 2008. A select number of photos will be posted during GBBC weekend.
- Check out the GBBC blog at <http://www.birdcount.org/blog>, run by Audubon’s Senior Scientist, Rob Fergus, and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology’s Science Editor, Laura Erickson.

Each year, your discoveries enlighten and inspire us. And last year, you sent in more than 80,000 checklists, a record-breaking number. Together we can set a new record in 2008!

INTRODUCING LIVINGBIRD.ORG



We're pleased to share our latest web site with you: <http://www.livingbird.org>, the online version of our Living Bird magazine for members of the Lab. Check out the latest articles in this inaugural online issue, including sounds and video of arctic birds. In the future, current issues will be accessible to Lab members, with the archives available to the public.

2008 SCOPE REVIEW

Our long-awaited scope review is now online. Get the latest tips from Conservation Science director Ken Rosenberg.

<http://www.livingbird.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=272&srcid=274>

BIRD NEWS: FOLLOWING BIRDS AT THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Cornell Lab of Ornithology scientist Irby Lovette explains what two radar studies reveal about migratory patterns over the Bering Strait and across the Sahara Desert.

http://www.birds.cornell.edu/Publications/Birdscope/Winter2008/following_birds.html

NEW: HOMESCHOOLER'S GUIDE TO PROJECT FEEDERWATCH

Here is a fun way to engage homeschoolers in hands-on science and bird study. Project FeederWatch has released a free science module for homeschoolers, now in trial phase. You can download a copy at

<http://www.birds.cornell.edu/pfw/Members/EduHomeSchoolResources.htm>.

GET YOUR SUET READY, WITH THESE TIPS FROM LAB DIRECTOR JOHN FITZPATRICK

On January 8, John Fitzpatrick was a guest on the Martha Stewart show. He talked about suet feeders, landscaping, and the Great Backyard Bird Count. You'll find links to the show on our Living Bird web site.

<http://livingbird.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=304&srcid=274>

FOR FUN

Snapshot Adventures--Secret of Bird Island

This video game puts you in the shoes of an aspiring bird photographer. The character "Greg Macaulay" was modeled after Greg Budney, curator of the Macaulay Library's audio collection at the Lab. A finalist in this year's Independent Game Festival, it's now up for an "Audience

Choice" award. Try out a free demo (PC only) at

<http://www.largeanimal.com/games/deluxe/snapshot-adventures-secret-of-bird-island>, and put in your vote at <http://www.igf.com/audience.php>.

FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

Buy flowers from Organic Bouquet for someone special this Valentine's Day--it's a beautiful gift, and 10 percent of the purchase price will help the birds through support of the Lab. <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds/valentine>

UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

February 22 - March 22 Camp Floyd/Stagecoach Inn State Park Museum - Fairfield

First Annual High School Student Art Show: Visit the Commissary to view the works of area students and vote for your favorite. The exhibition theme focuses on Camp Floyd and the historic events occurring in the Utah Territory during the 1850s and 1860s. (801) 768-8932

February 22 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

Full Moon Snowshoe Hike: Join Friends of Wasatch Mountain State Park at 7 p.m. for a snowshoe hike under the light of the full moon. Hikes are available for all skill levels.



Friends Group members are free and \$5 for non-members. Snowshoe rentals are available for \$5/pair. Registration is required. (435) 654-5150

February 23 Jordanelle State Park - Heber

Moonlight Snowshoe Hike: Join park staff at Hailstone Recreation Area for a snowshoe hike under the full moon. (435) 649-9540

February 26 - June 1 Fremont Indian State Park and Museum - Sevier

Art Show and Reception: Enjoy the artwork of Eric Blonquist, Finn Murdock and Bo Earls. Their flintknapped knives, tomahawks, spears, bolo ties, shadow boxes, lamps, and rock art wall hangings are on display and available for sale. Enjoy a reception and meet the artists February 26 from 4 to 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served. This event is free

and open to the public. (435) 527-4631

USA-ALL Rally scheduled

Here is a last minute reminder to attend our rally. We **MUST** have a good turnout for this. Please make every effort to be there. It will be a great use of your time! Even if you don't agree 100% of the time with USA-ALL or our partners, we are still on the same side and we share many common beliefs. The purpose of this rally isn't to support USA-ALL it is to support each other and unite the motorized community and bring beneficial change in the way government deals with public land related issues.

The Utah Shared Access Alliance (USA-ALL) is formally inviting you to attend our second annual rally at the Capitol. The event will take place on Friday Feb 15th at 12:30 P.M. It will be held just outside of the capitol building in the north courtyard by the reflecting pool. If the weather is bad we will bring it indoors. It will last 30-45 minutes. We will hear a brief summary of the relevant legislative items that affect you and you will have a chance to hear from a couple of state legislators and others. And if you haven't had a chance to see the newly renovated capitol building you really should come and see it. It is beautiful.

This is your chance to unite your voice with ours and many others and send a loud and clear message to Utah legislators, Governor Huntsman, and our federal congressmen and

senators. That message is that we are tired of politics as usual were there are always excuses for sidestepping issues regarding public land and the publics access to it. There are a number of state bills and resolutions and one federal bill that if passed will be beneficial to the entire motorized community.

We want our elected officials to realize we are a serious block of voters and our issues need to be taken seriously. A strong showing will reflect our resolve and strength; a poor showing would be very detrimental. This is one event that is worth taking the day off of work, bring your ENTIRE family, and check your kids out of school. We can't stress enough the importance of showing what a family oriented activity motorized recreation truly is. USA-ALL and others will be on hand before and after the rally to meet with anyone interested in helping our efforts or who have questions about legislative items. PLEASE UNITE with us and let's make a difference. We wouldn't ask you to come if it wouldn't truly have a positive impact on achieving our goals of protecting public access to public land in Utah. Spread the word, and we will see you on the 15th. If you need additional info please call our office at 801-798-6996.

Posted By USA-ALL to [USA-ALL's 2008 Utah General Legislative Session](#) at 2/13/2008 01:32:00 PM Here is a quick run down on the bills we are tracking and where they are at in the legislative process.

Legislative Update:

Here is a quick run down on the bills we are tracking and where they are at in the legislative process.

SB 181 Passes the Senate:

The Street Legal ATV bill passed the Senate this morning and will move on to the House of Representatives. Last Years HB 425 passed this body nicely. However there are many differences between last year's bill and the current bill. USA-ALL favors last year's version considerably over SB 181. In order to get it to pass there have been substantial changes. We are hoping to see some additional amendments made on the House side to get the bill back to where it will be more beneficial to the public. USA-ALL has appreciated the effort of Senator Scott Jenkins who is the Senate bill sponsor. We recognize that although OHV related issues may not be life and death for many they do tend to be emotionally charged. Senator Jenkins has done a good job, and he will yet play a roll in the final outcome of this bill.

HB 291 Off-Highway Vehicle Amendments:

This bill simply defines and requires that OHVs operated by persons under the age of 16 be directly supervised by a responsible adult. It has passed the House and is working its way through the Senate. It will most likely pass.

HB 362 Motor Fuel Tax - Off-highway Vehicle Refund Amendments:

This bill will lift a cap on funding that State Parks and Recreation would receive for their OHV program. If it passes it will result in an increase in funding for this excellent program. It is nearly done in the House and it will then go to the Senate.

HCR 005 Concurrent Resolution Urging Congressional Approval of R.s. 2477

Rights-of-way Recognition Act:

This Resolution will send a unified voice from Utah's legislature and Governors office in support of an important piece (HR 308) of legislation in Washington D.C. that would help resolve the issues regarding State and County rights of way across federally managed land. It is in the House and has yet to go to the Senate.

HJR 010 Joint Resolution Opposing Designation of Public Lands Currently Urged by Congress and the Bureau of Land Management:

This Resolution will send a message from Utah's Legislature to congressmen from other states to stop trying to designate excessive land in Utah as Wilderness. It is in the House and has yet to go to the Senate.

SB 181 S01 Off-highway Vehicle Use on Public Highways:

This bill would allow the operation of ATV's properly equipped and driven by licensed operators to be used on certain public roads in the State. It would also reciprocate the privileges with states that have similar privileges.

For those not familiar with the capitol you can park most anywhere on the streets along the Capitol property. The best parking is along East Capitol Blvd. which is the street just east of the Capitol. You can park on this road for a long way north of the Capitol complex. There are also shuttles from the various downtown locations but you would need to get there extra early. Here is the link for UTA Shuttle service to the Capitol

<http://utahstatecapitol.utah.gov/visitors/resources/utatranstohill.pdf>

You can also check this link out for more parking info

<http://utahstatecapitol.utah.gov/visitors/parking.html> And if all else fails go to www.mapquest.com type in your destination as "Utah Capitol" Salt Lake City, Utah. It will produce a map for you. Good luck and don't let the silly things like you have never been to the Capitol stop you from coming. We need you there, and you can take a free tour of the capitol and enjoy how beautiful it is. It's a good educational and cultural experience.

Tomorrow Friday Feb 15, 2008 12:30 In the Middle of the Capitol Complex, by the fountain/reflecting pool.

Tourism Advertising & Marketing Contest now Accepting Entries

The Utah Office of Tourism and the Utah Tourism Industry Coalition are now accepting entries for the Third Annual Utah Tourism Advertising & Marketing Contest.

The contest will celebrate Utah's best in tourism marketing, and winners will be announced at the Utah Tourism Conference on Friday, May 14, 2008, at the Hilton Salt Lake City Center.

Each entry will cost \$25 and organizations may submit a total of five entries. The contest is open to Arts/Cultural Organizations/Businesses, Destination Marketing Organizations (CVBs, County Travel Councils, Travel Regions, etc.), Hotels/Motels/Bed & Breakfast Inns, Ranches/Lodges, Restaurants, Shopping/Specialty Stores, Ski Areas/Mountain Resorts, Sports/Recreation/Guides & Outfitters, and Transportation Services.

The entry form for the Advertising and Marketing Contest can be found online at or by contacting Rebecca Katz at the Utah Office of Tourism at (801) 538-1479 or or rkatz@utah.gov.

BLM and Forest Service Announce 2008 Grazing Fee

The Federal grazing fee for Western public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service will be \$1.35 per animal unit month (AUM) in 2008, the same level as it was in 2007. The fee, determined by a congressional formula and



effective on March 1, applies to nearly 18,000 grazing permits and leases administered by

the BLM and more than 8,000 permits administered by the Forest Service.

The formula used for calculating the grazing fee, established by Congress in the 1978 Public Rangelands Improvement Act, has continued under a presidential Executive Order issued in 1986. Under that order, the grazing fee cannot fall below \$1.35 per AUM, and any increase or decrease cannot exceed 25 percent of the previous year's level. An AUM is the amount of forage needed to sustain one cow and her calf, one horse, or five sheep or goats for a month.

The annually adjusted grazing fee is computed by using a 1966 base value of \$1.23 per AUM for livestock grazing on public lands in Western states. The figure is then adjusted according to three factors – current private grazing land lease rates, beef cattle prices, and the cost of livestock production. In effect, the fee rises, falls, or stays the same based on market conditions, with livestock operators paying more when conditions are better and less when conditions have declined. Without the requirement that the grazing fee cannot fall below \$1.35 per AUM, this year's fee would have dropped below one dollar per AUM because of declining beef cattle prices and increased production costs from the previous year.

The \$1.35 per AUM grazing fee applies to 16 Western states on public lands administered by the BLM and the Forest Service. The states are Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. The Forest Service applies different grazing fees to national grasslands and to lands under its management in the Eastern and Midwestern states and parts of Texas. The national grassland fee will be \$1.35 per AUM, down from \$1.37 in 2007, and will also take effect March 1. The fee for the Eastern and Midwestern states and parts of Texas will be out later this month.

The BLM, an agency of the U.S. Department of the Interior, manages more land – 258 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western states, including Alaska.

The Forest Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, manages 193 million acres of Federal lands in 44 states, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

DEER VALLEY RESORT 2007/08 WINTER CALENDAR LISTING

FEBRUARY

Every day, conditions permitting, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Snowmobiling. Summit Meadows Adventures offers a variety of guided snowmobile tour options for individuals as well as groups. Located on the beautiful Garff Ranch and operated by Deer Valley Resort, Summit Meadows Adventures is just a 5 mile, ten minute drive from Main Street in Park City. Beautiful scenic views of the Wasatch mountain range and canyons make this an

adventure you won't want to miss. Complimentary transportation from Park City is available. For more information or reservations please call 800-424-DEER (3337) or 435-645-SNOW (7669). Guided tours use single or double capacity machines.

Every day, conditions permitting, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.: NASTAR Medalist Challenge.

Race against the daily time posted by Deer Valley's NASTAR pacesetter on our mid-mountain race course. Deer Valley's Ambassador of Skiing Heidi Voelker, who is also a three-time Olympian and 12-year U.S. Ski Team veteran, sets the pace on Saturdays (schedule permitting). Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze or participant medals are awarded based on time, gender and age. \$6 for one chance to medal or \$10 for two chances to medal. Racers can pre register at nastar.com or at the Race Hill start building. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for the initial registration. Check race results and rankings throughout the season at nastar.com. For information call the Race Hill at 435-645-6876 or 800-424-DEER (3337).

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Friday - Sunday, February 29 - March 2: Women's Weekend. Enjoy the excitement and camaraderie of skiing with other women of the same ability, while improving your skills. These clinics are specifically designed for women and are conducted by Deer Valley's top female Ski Instructors. The cost is \$470, and does not include lift tickets. Advance reservations are necessary; please call 888-SKI-TIPS (754-8477) or 435-645-6648 for details.

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AAA MEMBERS ENJOY VALENTINE VALUE

Tow Their Heart Away with Discounts on Flowers, Gifts, Romantic Trips

SALT LAKE CITY, February 8, 2007 – When you think of AAA, you probably don't think of romance. You may think of emergency road service, insurance, maps, and traffic safety information, but never candlelit dinners or love letters.

However, it's a fact that AAA's 165,000 members in Utah can take advantage of major savings on flowers and gifts for Valentine's Day, and AAA Travel can make your daydream of a romantic weekend escape a reality.

Here are a few of the ways AAA can help you make your valentine feel special for less:

- Surprise someone special with a bouquet of fresh flowers. AAA members get 20 percent off from FTD at www.aaa.com/ftd when you use the exclusive AAA ordering code.

- There's something exciting about receiving a mysterious package in the mail. Take advantage of a huge selection of gifts and discounts of 20 percent with the special AAA ordering code at Gift Sense. Go to www.giftsense.com/aaa1.
- Set the mood with a book of love poetry, a romantic CD or DVD at 5 percent off online from Barnes and Noble at www.aaa.com/barnesandnoble.
- The very last minute is the perfect time to plan a sentimental journey to an unforgettable destination. Make some new memories with one of AAA Travel's "Last Minute Deals" under \$250 per person for this weekend or next. Visit www.aaa.com/travel for details. Or stay in town but get out of the house and use your AAA discount at a luxurious local hotel.

Visit www.aaa.com/savings to get AAA Member ordering codes and find out more about participating retailers.

"Many AAA members don't realize their card entitles them to hundreds of dollars in savings throughout the year," explained spokesperson Rolayne Fairclough. "Your AAA membership can save you money on everything from your next set of new tires to 6 percent on a Dell computer to prescription drugs. Members save an average of \$87 each year by using their AAA discounts."

AAA Utah offers a wide array of automotive, travel, insurance, financial services and consumer discounts 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.

What is Utah going to do with all this Snow?

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH- It is no secret to Utahns that this winter has been gifted with a tremendous amount of snow. Park City has seen 44 powder days this season and Powder Mountain has had eight days with 10 inches or more of new snow since Jan. 1. Alta tied their snowiest January on record with 179 inches and has already seen over 400 inches of the greatest white stuff on earth. As the snow continues to pile higher, it appears that there may be no end in sight to this wonderful winter.

So what is Utah going to do with all this snow?

- 1.) Burn more calories! A 150 pound adult burns approximately 205 calories for every half hour spent shoveling snow.
- 2.) Drink more water. Utah Ski resort snow totals measure approximately 140% of average with a water forecast of approximately 115% runoff volume for the spring in the northern half of the state and as much as 140% in southern Utah.
- 3.) Breathe. This winter we have had a total of 4 air quality alert days compared to 27 last

year at this date in time.

- 4.) Improve your circulation. Sit in a hot tub for 30 minutes and then make snow angels.
- 5.) Turn Salt Lake City into Utah's largest terrain park.
- 6.) Increase Utah's population by building families of snowmen.
- 7.) Rev up your engine and go snowmobiling.
- 8.) Snowshoe in Sugarhouse Park.
- 9.) Ski and snowboard at one of Utah's 13 great resorts.
- 10.) Invite your friends and family to come ski Utah. They will thank you.

For more information visit www.skiutah.com.

BLUERIBBON COALITION ANNOUNCES ITS 10TH ANNUAL BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS

POCATELLO, ID (February 7) -- On Sunday, February 17, 2008, at 7:00 am, the BlueRibbon Coalition will host its annual Breakfast of Champions event. This year

marks the tenth iteration of this popular event, and everyone is invited!

The event will take place in the Hyatt Regency Ballroom, at the Indianapolis Powersports Dealer Expo.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS EVENT!

This year's event features a return of the renowned Hall of Famer, Larry Maiers, the original host of MOTOWORLD. Larry will interview our champions in the unique and entertaining way that only the legendary Larry Maiers can.

There is no Charge For Admission, but you'll want to be there early to get the best seat!

With the host of returning champions such as Malcolm Smith, Bob Hannah, Scot Harden, Chuck Sun, and many more, the 10th anniversary Breakfast of Champions IS the place to be on Sunday morning at the 2008 Dealer Expo.

Along with all our great champions, Larry Maiers will be interviewing this year's exciting feature champions. That's right! This year we are featuring two Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum inductees: Danny Laporte and Tony DiStefano.

Don't miss the awesome collectables and memorabilia we will auction off as a fundraiser to help protect access for motorized recreation, including Michael's Action Art.

The BlueRibbon Coalition is a national recreation group that champions responsible use of public and private lands, and encourages individual environmental stewardship. It represents over 10,000 individual members and 1,200 organization and business members,

for a combined total of over 600,000 recreationists nationwide. 1-800-258-3742.
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The BlueRibbon Coalition 10th Annual BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS

Sunday, February 17, 2008 — 7:00 am
Hyatt Regency Ballroom at the Indianapolis Powersports Dealer Expo

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS EVENT!

This year's event features a return of the renowned Hall of Famer, **Larry Maiers**, the original host of *MOTOWORLD*. Larry will interview our champions in the unique and entertaining way that only the legendary Larry Maiers can.



No Charge For Admission!
But you'll want to be there early to get the best seat!

With the host of returning champions such as **Malcolm Smith**, **Bob Hannah**, **Scot Harden**, **Chuck Sun**, and **many more**, the 10th anniversary Breakfast of Champions *IS* the place to be on Sunday morning at the 2008 Dealer Expo!

Along with all our great champions, Larry Maiers will be interviewing this year's exciting feature champions. That's right! This year we are featuring two Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum inductees: **Danny LaPorte** and **Tony DiStefano**.

Don't miss the awesome **collectables** and **memorabilia** we will auction off as a fundraiser to help protect access for motorized recreation, including **Michael's Action Art!**



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REI COMMUNITY CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH

SANDY CITY - The following presentations are offered free of charge to the public at the Sandy City REI store. REI is located at 10600 South & 230 West in the northwest corner

of the South Towne Mall property. For more information, please call (801) 501-0850 or visit our website at www.rei.com and click on the *stores & events* link.

TRIATHLON 101

Thursday, March 6th, 7pm

Calling all prospective triathletes! Join David Pruetz, USA Triathlon Certified Coach, Ironman Triathlete, owner/coach with In Training LLC, this evening for an introduction to the sport. This clinic is intended for anyone interested in getting involved in the sport of triathlon and will cover the evolution of triathlon, equipment needs, nutritional needs, triathlon training programs/process, open-water swimming vs. pool swimming, transition training, race categories, race distances, and much, much more!

GPS 101

Thursday, March 13th, 7pm

A Global Positioning System is a fun and accurate tool that can help you navigate through backcountry terrain or even down city streets. Join REI navigation experts as they unveil the mysteries of this fun and fascinating piece of technology. This presentation will cover an introduction to the GPS system, types of receivers and their common use, and basic GPS functions. An excellent primer for people looking to get started with GPS use.

THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS: A WORLD WITHIN ITSELF

Thursday, March 27th, 7pm

In the Pacific Ocean, 650 miles off the coast of Ecuador is situated an archipelago of desolate volcanic islands. Exceptionally remote yet not difficult to access, the Galapagos are populated by a fascinating array of anomalous birds, mammals and reptiles that possess virtually no fear of humans. This evening, enjoy up-close shots of specially-adapted animals, plants and terrain that inspired Charles Darwin on his first theories of evolution. Join REI's Eric Spreng for images and accounts of his ten day tour to these isles that are home to unique species such as equatorial penguins, flightless cormorants, marine iguanas, and giant tortoises!

SALT LAKE CITY - The following presentations are offered free of charge to the public at the Salt Lake City REI store. REI is located at 3285 East & 3300 South. For more information, please call 486-2100 or visit our website at www.rei.com and click on the *stores & events* link and select Salt Lake City.

CLIMBING ACOGCANGUA

Tuesday, March 4th, 7pm

Come see what it's like to climb Aconcagua (22,840 feet) in the Argentine Andes. Known as the Stone Sentinel, Aconcagua is the highest mountain in the Americas and the highest mountain outside Asia. Penitentes, 75 mph winds, windchill factor of minus 40, it's all there. Local mountaineer Carol Masheter will show her slides of her trip to Aconcagua from her expedition in January, 2007.

SNAP SHOTS FROM THE PAST: UTAH'S FASCINATING SKI HISTORY

Tuesday, March 11th, 7pm

Alan Engen and Dr. Gregory C. Thomson co-authored "First Tracks- A Century of Skiing in Utah". From old-time flip-flop skis to modern-day snowboards, from miners to Olympians, from Park City to Snowbasin, Alan Engen and Gregory Thompson capture the rich legacy of skiing in Utah's indomitable Wasatch Mountain Range through upbeat informative text and fascinating vintage and recent photographs.

BACKPACKING SKILLS FOR YOUTH

Tuesday, March 18th, 7pm

How do you prevent your hiking boots from causing blisters? What is the best way to load up your pack? What do you do if you encounter a moose on the trail? For answers to these questions and more, join the experts from REI tonight for some fun and useful tips on backpacking and camping. This evening's presentation, designed for the next generation of outdoor enthusiasts, will cover the ins and outs of gear essentials such as packs, tents, sleeping bags, stoves, footwear, and clothing layers. A special section titled "Respect It!" will highlight the seven principles of Leave No Trace outdoor ethics. Families, youth groups and scout troops are encouraged to attend!

A RETROSPECTIVE ON FREESTYLE SKIING

Thursday, March 20th, 7pm

Alan Schoenberger is a featured pioneer athlete of the Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation. Born in Denver, Colorado, he grew to become a world champion skier. As a professional skier for over 30 years, he has taught skiing, competed and performed internationally, and has written, photographed and published technique on alpine skiing. In 1974, he began training for freestyle skiing competition. He received an invitation to perform a freestyle ballet piece during an Intermountain PSIA spring clinic. From there he catapulted into international freestyle competition. For three years, he dominated freestyle competition in Europe, Canada and the U.S., winning or placing second in most all ballet contests, and finished several top five mogul and aerial contests. Schoenberger placed second overall in the world (moguls, aerials, and ballet skiing combined) in 1975, and in 1976 earned the coveted World Trophy in Ski Ballet. His skiing was featured on ABC, NBC, CBS and PBS, and in books, magazines and film.

GPS 101

Tuesday, March 25th, 7pm

A Global Positioning System is a fun and accurate tool that can help you navigate through backcountry terrain or even down city streets. Join REI navigation experts Paul Vernon and Patrick Killoran, as they unveil the mysteries of this fun and fascinating piece of technology. This presentation will cover an introduction to the GPS system, types of receivers and their common use, and basic GPS functions. An excellent primer for people looking to get started with GPS use.

MOUNTAINS & DRAGONS

Thursday, March 27th, 7pm

Join 7-summiter and Boulderite, Bob Guthrie as he recounts his most recent adventure climbing Carstenz Pyramid on the western part of the island of New Guinea, Papua. Considered by many to be one of the 7 summits (the highest point on each of the 7 continents) and highest point in the Australia-New Guinea continent as well as the highest island peak in the world. A technical climb, just getting to base camp was a clandestine logistical ordeal involving sneaking through the one of the largest open pit Cu/Au mines in the world nestled in the remote Guinea highlands. From impersonating mine engineer, to umbrella welding mountaineer, and finally Komodo Dragon tracker on the remote island of Rinca. This is a full spectrum adventure with an array of amusing anecdotes and augmented with wonderful images and video.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT REI:

REI'S ADULT CLIMBING NIGHT

Thursday, March 6th, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

We would like to invite you to attend Adults-only (16 & up) climbing night at REI Salt Lake. This is a perfect opportunity for beginners as well as experienced climbers to climb our one-of-a-kind wall on routes ranging from 5.5 to 5.13 in difficulty. You are welcome to invite your friends & family to attend. Climbing harnesses of all sizes will be available at no charge, and climbing shoes can be rented for the evening for \$2.00. Whether you are looking to start climbing, train for next summer, or meet people with similar interests come enjoy an evening of climbing & camaraderie with your friends at the Salt Lake City REI. No RSVP required.

REI EMPLOYMENT OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, March 22nd, 9:30am-1:30pm

When FORTUNE magazine measured REI against a broad spectrum of organizations across the U.S., we were saluted! In 2008 REI placed #34 among the "100 Best Companies to Work for in America." This is the tenth consecutive year REI has made the list of the 100 Best. We also top the list of companies acknowledged for encouraging employees to balance their work and personal life, and received the "Pride" award thanks to REI employees' community involvement and the company's commitment to stewardship. REI is a leading retailer of outdoor gear and clothing, dedicated to inspiring, education, and outfitting our members, customers, and the community for a lifetime of outdoor adventures. What drives our business is our employees' passion for the outdoors. If you would like to work for a leader in the industry, be rewarded for initiative and creativity, and balance working smart with time off to play, come join us! You are invited to attend our job fair where you can learn about the retail jobs at REI and growth opportunities. You can also take this time to fill out an application as we will be hiring following this event. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

RADICAL REELS

Thursday, March 6th, 7pm at Kingsbury Hall

Faster, steeper, higher, deeper! Want to see the hottest collection of high adrenaline films in your town? The Radical Reels Film Tour complements the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour, and focuses on dynamic, high-adrenaline films featuring sports such as skiing, climbing, kayaking, BASE jumping, snowboarding and mountain biking. Held at Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah, proceeds benefit the U's Outdoor Recreation Program (ORP) Tickets go on sale February 22nd for \$7.50 at REI locations in Salt Lake & Sandy. Call 581-8516 for more information.

CLASSES:

STAY SAFE IN THE OUTDOORS: BASIC WILDERNESS LIFE SUPPORT CLASS

Saturday, March 8th, 9:30am at REI Salt Lake City

Created for all outdoor enthusiasts, the Basic Wilderness Life Support certification is a one day course designed to help you prevent and treat injuries and illnesses common in outdoor activities. Developed at the University of Utah, School of Medicine the course will teach you to prepare for your outing, assess injuries and scene safety, decide whether to evacuate or treat a patient, and methods of evacuation. The curriculum was developed from our advanced course used to train medical professionals and will be taught by one of our certified instructors. The course includes morning lectures at REI and an afternoon outdoors (weather permitting) participating in hands on scenarios. At the end of the day you will receive your BWLS certificate. Tuition is \$95. Please contact REI's customer service department at 801-486-2100 to register or visit www.bwls.org.

WINTER WILDLIFE TRACKING CLASS

Friday, March 28th, 6pm-9pm in the classroom & Saturday, March 29th, 9am-3pm in the field

The vast and ever-present array of wild "signatures" scattered about our local landscapes offer us an underused encyclopedia of behavioral, ecological, and evolutionary information. Through the mind of an animal tracker, we can make discoveries about animal behavior, adaptation, and inter-species relationships. Learn about animals' feet and how they move, when and where they rest, what they eat, and how animals in the wild make a living in their own specific way. Indoor and field sessions focus upon wildlife adaptations, diversity, and sign types complemented by firsthand explorations of the animals' habitats on or off-trail in various uneven terrain. Field session will be done on snowshoes (provided by REI at no extra charge). Appropriate footwear, warm clothing, a day pack, lunch, and a filled water bottle will be needed for field sessions. Field guides and cameras welcome. The class begins in REI's Wasatch room at 6:00pm on Friday, then

goes out into the field for Saturday. The field portion will be taught in Big or Little Cottonwood Canyon, exact location(s) will depend on conditions and will be announced during the evening portion of the class. Class size is limited to 12. Proceeds benefit the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation. Tuition is \$60 for REI Members, \$65 for non-members. To register, please call REI at 486-2100 and ask to speak to our Customer Service department.

CLUB & ORGANIZATION MEETINGS: The following meetings are open to the public and take place at REI Salt Lake.

UTAH NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

Wednesday, March 5th, 7pm

The Utah Native Plant Society is dedicated to the appreciation, preservation, conservation and responsible use of the native plant and plant communities found in the state of Utah and the Intermountain West.

UTAH ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday, March 12th, 7pm

The Utah Statewide Archaeological Society (USAS) is an organization conceived for the individual who is curious about or wants to learn more about archaeology and the state's prehistoric cultures. It is dedicated to the study and preservation of Utah's past.

THE WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB

Wednesday, March 19th, 7pm

The Wasatch Mountain Club provides a social vehicle to the outdoor enthusiast who seeks others of similar interests while providing an opportunity to develop organization skills and knowledge of the various outdoor sports. This evening, the WMC hosts Dr. Michael Layton, who will reveal his secrets that allowed him to become a professional alpinist. Dr. Layton will be showing slides and telling stories from his notable first ascents that were published in Alpinist, Climbing, and Rock & Ice Magazines. Do not miss this extraordinary opportunity to listen to a top climber and doctor speak about his adventures, how to achieve peak performance, and stay injury free!

Fishing Reports for the larger lakes & reservoirs in the Central Region

DEER CREEK RESERVOIR: (Feb. 13) Many anglers on the ice this week and most ice anglers report "fair" success for trout. Small Jigs tipped with bait is most popular method. Most anglers report at least six inches of ice but shoreline can get soft if weather warms up. Yellow perch limit is 10 but you must keep all perch you catch from January 1 through April 30. Remember that the bass limit is six, but immediately release all bass over 12 inches long. Walleye limit is 10 but only one over 24 inches may be kept.

JORDANELLE RESERVOIR: (Feb. 13) Lots of anglers now using both sides of the reservoir. Slush can be a little thick at times so wear tall waterproof boots. Success for perch and trout was reported as fair to good. Some ATV's have even been using the ice but please use caution if on foot—ice conditions can change. Some snow

and slush on the surface so use waterproof boots. Though bass fishing is very slow during winter, bass limit is six, but immediately release all bass over 12 inches long. Perch limit is 50! Please remember not to fillet bass or remove heads or tails because of the size restriction (for law enforcement purposes).

STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR: (Feb. 13) (Hotspot!) Snowmobiles have been a preferred method on many parts of the reservoir but please use caution, especially with 4-wheelers because slush conditions can change and can be a problem for these vehicles. A lot of snow on the surface (over 20 inches) and several inches of slush between the ice and snow. Ice is generally over 14 inches thick. Fishing success ranges from spotty to very good—move or change techniques if fishing is slow. Most anglers are using small- to medium-size jigs or plain bait. Plowing is occurring at Chicken Creek East, the ladders area and at Strawberry Marina. UDOT is plowing some pulloffs as well. Please reconsider going up to fish on snowy days because the plows can't plow too well with vehicles in the way. Vehicles can't drive on the West side of the reservoir beyond the turnoff to the Strawberry Marina.



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!

UTAH LAKE: (Feb. 13) Most anglers are sticking close to docks at the marinas. Success for white bass, bluegill and crappie was reported as fair. Most anglers are using very small jigs tipped with bait (bluegill require a small lure). Walleye limit is 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.

YUBA RESERVOIR: (Feb. 13) (HOTSPOT!) Fishing for perch was very good and many anglers are catching their limit of 10 perch within a couple of hours. At least eight inches of ice in most areas reported by anglers. Most anglers are still ice fishing on the Painted Rocks portion of the reservoir (eastern/HWY 28 side of the reservoir). Many report catching perch with most going over eight inches long. New regulations on perch began on January 1 which now allow anglers to keep 10 perch. However all perch must be kept from January 1 through April 30. For more info call the State Park at (435) 758-2611.

Smaller lakes, reservoirs & ponds

BURRASTON POND: (Feb. 6) Open water. Slow to fair fishing success using traditional baits and lures.

MILL HOLLOW: Drained! No fishing until 2009!

PAYSON LAKE: (Feb. 6) Gate to Payson Canyon (Nebo Loop) is now locked, therefore no access to the lakes.



SALEM POND: (Feb. 13) Mostly open water. Slow to fair success for trout. Slow

success reported for catfish and bass. The park closes at 10:00 p.m. each night. Remember that regulations include: limit is 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 COMMUNITY WATERS: (Feb. 13) No reports this week but expect many ponds to have unsafe ice so stay away until ice has melted off! Light pressure and slow to fair fishing success in the open water.

SPANISH OAKS RESERVOIR: (Feb. 13) Gate closed and City states that it's closed for the season.

SPRING LAKE: (Feb. 13) Don't venture onto any formed ice. Slow success for trout and catfish in open water.

TIBBLE FORK RESERVOIR: (Feb. 13) Trout are still being caught at the inlet to the reservoir. Though there is ice on the reservoir it has many soft spots where you can fall in due to warm springs. Ice fishing is not encouraged.

VERNON, GRANSTVILLE & SETTLEMENT CANYON RESERVOIR: (Tooele Co.) (Feb. 13) Catchable rainbows are the main catch on Settlement. Grantsville Reservoir was reported as slow to fair. No report from Vernon this week.

Rivers & streams

AMERICAN FORK RIVER:

(Feb. 13) Snowy canyon—be wise when looking for a parking spot. Some nice new fishing holes created at the newly decommissioned power plant (brown trout



seen in the newly-constructed clear pools of water). Light fishing pressure and fair success.

DIAMOND FORK RIVER: (Feb. 13) Snowy conditions. Light fishing pressure and fair success by using flies, worms or lures. Most cutts are similar in size on the newly-opened stretch (about 10 to 12 inches). The previously closed area above three forks opened up to angling on January 1.

HOBBLE CREEK & CATCH BASIN: (Feb. 13) Fair fishing success. Worms are bait of choice. Don't ice fish on the catch basin ice is unsafe.

PROVO RIVER: (Feb. 13) Anglers came out on the warm days last week and reported fair to good success. Most anglers using small nymphs bounced along the bottom (with a strike indicator). Parking areas in canyon are limited with snow. 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.

THISTLE CREEK: (Feb. 13) Low pressure due to the snow and cold weather. No report this week but expect fair success. Snowy conditions so wear waders and stay dry.

Southern Region Fishing Report offered

BAKER RESERVOIR: Previous ice should break up with the warmer weather. Winter is a good time to target large brown trout at Baker, as long as there is open water. Try minnow-imitating lures and flies, or dead minnows.

BARKER RESERVOIRS, NORTH CREEK LAKES: All lakes except Barker and Lower Barker Reservoirs are closed to fishing through April 20. Dougherty Basin is closed until July 12. All lakes are frozen over. Access is limited to snowmobile and ATV. Special regulations on many of the Boulder Mountain waters include a trout limit of four of which only two may be over 14 inches.

BEAVER MOUNTAIN LAKES: All lakes are frozen over. Access to most lakes by snowmobile only.

BEAVER RIVER, LOWER: Mostly open water. Still iced up just above the fairgrounds, though this should open up if the weather keeps warming up. One report of fast action for rainbows and browns dead-drifting wooly buggers through the deep holes. Much of the river is on private property, so please treat the area with respect. Much of the private land



is open to walk-in access, but some is closed to trespass so watch for signs.

BEAVER RIVER, UPPER: Most of the river is iced over, making fishing difficult. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease* by cleaning mud from waders and equipment. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

BOULDER MTN LAKES: Most Boulder Mtn. lakes are closed to fishing through April 20. Check the Utah Fishing Guide (proclamation) for which lakes are still open. Access on most of the mountain is limited to snowmobile and ATV. No recent reports. Special regulations on many of the Boulder Mountain waters include a trout limit of four of which only two may be over 14 inches.

CHALK CREEK: Small stream east of Fillmore. Access can be difficult in winter. Wild rainbows are abundant and can be caught with spinners and flies. Best fishing is away from the campground and more heavily fished spots. The North Fork provides a good spot for those willing to hike. Meadow Creek and Pioneer Creek are other small streams in the area that contain populations of small, wild trout.

CLEAR CREEK: Water is clear and low. Though trout get sluggish during the winter, stream fishing can be very productive throughout the colder months. Successful winter tackle includes nymphs, spinners, and natural baits.

CORN CREEK: Access can be difficult in winter. Wild brown trout are abundant and can be caught with spinners and flies. Though trout get sluggish during the winter, stream fishing can be very productive throughout the colder months. Successful winter tackle includes nymphs, spinners, and natural baits.

DUCK CREEK SPRINGS/ASPEN MIRROR LAKE: Closed to fishing until April 20. This closure includes Duck Creek stream.

EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER KINGSTON CANYON: Some open water in the private sections, but the river is still iced over in the public-access areas. The ice should begin to clear within the next few weeks, if the weather continues to warm up. There is public access on a section of Kingston Canyon midway through the canyon that was purchased through the Blue Ribbon Program. Look for the signs. Most of the remainder of the canyon is private and posted, so ask permission first.

EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER BLACK CANYON: Unlike Kingston Canyon, the river here doesn't freeze over and can provide some good winter fishing. Though trout get sluggish during the winter, stream fishing can be very productive throughout the colder months. Successful winter tackle includes nymphs and spinners. For the section of river from the BLM property boundary (about four miles south of Antimony) upstream to the confluence with Deer Creek, special regulations include the use of artificial flies and lures only and a limit of two trout. Some private land is closed to trespass, so watch for the signs.

EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER ABOVE TROPIC RES: Much of the river is covered with ice, making fishing difficult. Access is limited.

ENTERPRISE RESERVOIR: (Upper and Lower): The upper reservoir was drained for dam repairs. A fish consumption advisory was issued for rainbow trout in Upper Enterprise Reservoir due to elevated levels of mercury. It is recommended that adults limit their consumption to one eight-ounce portion per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one two-ounce portion per month. For further details, visit www.fishadvisories.utah.gov.

FISH LAKE: 10 to 12 inches of ice with some snow on top. Some slushy spots near the edges. Splake fishing continues to be hot for 12- to 18-inch fish. Jig on the bottom just off the weedline in 15 to 25 feet of water. If fishing in deeper water, fish are suspended at about the same depth. Tip your jigs with sucker or perch meat for best success. A few rainbows also being caught while jigging for splake. Perch fishing can be fast around the weedline using small jigs tipped with meal worms or perch meat. Remember that the perch limit here is 50 and harvest of perch is encouraged. A few lake trout are being caught by very patient anglers. Note: A few tiger muskies have moved up from Johnson Reservoir. The general statewide limits on tiger muskie apply here—one fish, which must be over 40



inches.

FORSYTH RESERVOIR: State Road 72 is closed just past the Mill Meadow turnoff. No word on when the snow will be plowed. Access by snowmobile and ATV. Very little fishing pressure and slow to fair success for splake. Slow for tiger trout. Try jigs tipped with sucker meat. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

FREMONT RIVER: Access is closed past Mill Meadow Reservoir. Though trout get sluggish during the winter, stream fishing can be very productive throughout the colder months. Successful winter tackle includes nymphs, spinners, and natural baits. The lower sections of the stream can be good at any time of year if the water is not turbid. Much of the lower stream is on private land. Ask for permission before fishing on private land. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease* by cleaning mud from waders and equipment. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

GUNLOCK RESERVOIR: Fishing is slow. Remember special regulations for bass: four bass under 10 inches and two over 20 inches. A fish consumption advisory was issued for largemouth bass from Gunlock due to elevated levels of mercury. It is recommended that adults limit their consumption of largemouth bass to two eight-ounce portions per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children



should limit their consumption to one four-ounce portion per month. For further details, visit www.fishadvisories.utah.gov.

JOHNSON RESERVOIR: Musky fishing will be nonexistent until spring. The reservoir contains an abundance of suckers, Utah chubs, and small yellow perch. Special regulations: Whole fish and amphibians are not allowed as bait. Cut bait must be no longer than one inch in any dimension and only one piece per hook. Limit one tiger musky over 40 inches all tiger muskies less than 40 inches must be immediately released.

KOLOB RESERVOIR: Access is limited to snowmobile and ATV. No recent reports. Special regulations include artificial flies and lures only, with a limit of one trout, which must be over 18 inches. Scented jigs are not allowed. Tributary streams are closed to fishing until July 12. Please call the poaching hotline (1-800-662-DEER) to report violations.

KOOSHAREM RESERVOIR: Plenty of ice, but fishing is slow.

LOWER BOWNS RESERVOIR: Limited access due to snow. Fishing could be good if you can get there.

MAMMOTH CREEK: Flows are generally low and clear. Though trout get sluggish during the winter, stream fishing can be very productive throughout the colder months. Successful winter tackle includes nymphs and spinners. Public access is possible on some of Mammoth Creek west of Highway 89 please watch for and respect private property postings. Special regulations apply to a section of Mammoth Creek check the proclamation for details. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

MILL MEADOW RESERVOIR: Ice is 12 inches thick. Fishing continues to be good for nice-sized perch in 20 to 25 feet of water with some anglers finding fast fishing. If action is slow, try moving around. Try small jigs tipped with worms, meal worms, or perch meat. Action is also fair to good for trout, mostly browns, with an occasional rainbow or splake. Remember that the perch limit is 20. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

MINERSVILLE RESERVOIR: Ice is 10 to 12 inches thick with some slushy spots on the edges, especially on warm days. Pressure is moderate on weekends. Fishing continues to be fair to good for 16- to 21-inch rainbows and a few cutthroat. Fish are being caught in eight to 12 feet. A variety of jigs (marabou to plastics) in 1/8 ounce or 1/16 ounce are producing well. Color varies with the day, but at times any color seems to work. The key seems to be almost constant action. Best times are morning and afternoon. Special regulations include artificial flies and lures only, with a limit of one trout, which must be over 22 inches. Scented jigs are not allowed. Please call the poaching hotline (1-800-662-

DEER) to report violations. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

MONROE MOUNTAIN LAKES: Snow limits access. These lakes typically don't get much ice fishing pressure. Manning Meadow Reservoir is closed to fishing until July 12.

NAVAJO LAKE: The gate is closed access by snowmobile. Ice is safe. Ice fishing is a good way to target splake. Try jigs tipped with sucker meat or stillfishing dead minnows.

NEWCASTLE RESERVOIR: Ice may be getting soft with recent warm temperatures, so use caution. No recent fishing reports. Note: Dead golden shiners are no longer legal to use as bait. See the Utah Fishing Guide (page 27) for details. A fish consumption advisory was issued for rainbow trout in Newcastle Reservoir due to elevated levels of mercury. It is recommended that adults limit their consumption to two eight-ounce portions per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one four-ounce portion per month. For further details, visit www.fishadvisories.utah.gov.

OTTER CREEK RESERVOIR: Ice is 14 inches thick. Lots of pressure on weekends. Fishing is excellent for 15- to 20-inch rainbows in eight to 10 feet of water. Best success with white jigs tipped with mealworm, fished on the bottom or suspended halfway up. Also good success reported using white tube jigs tipped with minnows. Fish are very fat and healthy. Many anglers have reported catching three- to four-pound fish. Fishing slows down in the afternoon. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

PANGUITCH LAKE: Ice is 14 inches thick. Lots of pressure on weekends, little on weekdays. More cutthroat trout are being caught lately. Fishing is fair to good for rainbows and cutthroats. Rainbows are 14 to 16 inches and cutthroat are running 17 to 21 inches. Fish are being caught on the bottom in 10 to 25 feet. Best success with white or light-colored jigs tipped

with mealworms, night crawlers, or minnows. Stillfishing with PowerBait is not as consistent and is not recommended because it is more likely to injure fish that you need to



release. All fish are very fat and healthy but most are in the slot, so don't plan on keeping a limit.

Special Regulations: Limit is four trout, which must be less than 15 inches or over 22 inches. All trout 15 to 22 inches must be released. Trout caught at Panguitch Lake cannot be filleted, or the head or tail removed, until you get home. Some tributaries are closed until July 12 check the Utah Fishing Guide for which streams are closed. **TIPS FOR RELEASING FISH IN THE SLOT (15 to 22 inches):** If a fish swallows the hook, please cut the line to avoid mortality. A fish can pass a swallowed hook and survive, while digging the hook out will almost certainly kill the fish. Also try fishing with single hooks instead of treble hooks.

PARAGONAH (RED CREEK) RESERVOIR: Access is limited to snowmobile or ATV. Larger vehicles are not recommended some people have got stuck trying to drive to the reservoir. Ice fishing could be productive, if you can get there. Tributary streams are closed to fishing until July 12. Rainbows are very abundant. Harvest is encouraged to allow fish to stay in balance with the food base. Bait is not as successful for wild fish, so try flashy lures or flies.

PINE LAKE: Should have safe ice. The road is not maintained in the winter, so you may need a snowmobile, ATV, or 4WD. Fishing could be good, if you can get there.

PINE VALLEY RESERVOIR: No recent reports.

PIUTE RESERVOIR: Ice is 14 to 16 inches thick. Much less pressure than at Otter Creek. Fishing is fair to good for 15- to 20-inch rainbows using light-colored jigs tipped with mealworms or night crawlers. Fish near the bottom in 10 to 20 feet. Best success if you get away from the crowds by the boat ramp.

QUAIL LAKE: Not much pressure. Fishing is good for rainbows both for recently stocked catchables as well as quite a few larger fish held over from last year. Bass fishing is slow. Remember the special regulations for bass: four bass under 10 inches and two over 20 inches.

SAND COVE RESERVOIRS: Slow.

SAND HOLLOW RESERVOIR: Bass fishing slows down during the colder months though it is still possible to catch fish during cooler weather. The keys to success are a slow retrieve (often "deadsticking") and moving around to find the fish. Also fish deep. New regulations bass limit is six, with one over 12 inches. Public access to the reservoir is available only through the State Park.

SEVIER RIVER (UPPER), ASAY CREEK: Ice often forms and melts off and on in this stretch. Whitefish will be concentrated in some of the deeper pools and runs through the

winter and will take a nymph pattern or wax worm on a dead drift. Most of the trout water on the upper Sevier is located upstream (south) from the town of Hatch. Intermittent sections of good habitat are present above Hatch and easily accessible from Highway 89. Asay Creek west of Highway 89 is on private land and access is restricted.

SEVIER RIVER MARYSVALE CANYON: Ice covers much of the river, making fishing difficult.

THOUSAND LAKES MTN: Access is limited by snow. Ice fishing can be productive in the Solomon Basin lakes.

TROPIC RESERVOIR: Ice should be safe, but the road is not maintained in the winter, so don't try it without at least 4WD (may need ATV or snowmobile). There may be a few catchable rainbows left, though most would not have survived the previous low water levels. Winter is a good time to target large brown trout. The local favorite technique is a dead minnow fished on the bottom.



URBAN PONDS: Washington County ponds: Trout have been stocked several times since early November in all the ponds. Fishing should be good with any technique, though adults are encouraged to use flies or lures. Stratton (Hurricane) Pond was refilled and fish have been stocked. Also, the pond has a fishing pier now.

WIDE HOLLOW RESERVOIR: The state park reports that the ice is safe and fishing is good for trout, bass, and bluegill.

YANKEE MEADOW RESERVOIR: Ice is 12 to 14 inches thick. Access is limited to snowmobile and ATV if the ground is frozen with no new snow. One report of fair fishing with PowerBait.

Junior Ranger Essay Contest Announced

Winner to Receive Family Vacation and Other Prizes

(Washington, DC) – The winner of this year's 2008 Junior Ranger essay contest will receive an all expense paid family vacation to one of the country's most remarkable national parks and a starring role in an electronic field trip seen by millions of school children across the country.

The essay contest is open to children between 9 and 12 years old. Each person must

express his or her thoughts on “What can you do now to turn over a new leaf for the environment and help preserve our national parks?”

National Park Service Director Mary A. Bomar, First Lady Laura Bush, and National Park Foundation President and CEO Vin Cipolla announced the details of this year’s contest during a recent visit to Everglades National Park in Florida. A group of local 5th graders joined them to help plant native trees in a park restoration project prior to the announcement. “Children throughout the country, like those here today, are more interested and involved in environmental issues than ever before,” said Bomar. “They can make a difference, both now and in the future, on the impact of humans on the land. I can’t wait to hear all of the wonderful ideas that will come from this essay contest.”

The grand prize winner will receive a trip for four to Everglades National Park where he or she will appear in an electronic field trip about invasive species in national parks. The prize includes round trip air transportation, car rental, hotel accommodations, meal expenses, a \$1,000 Macy’s shopping spree, and an America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass.

Essays must be 500 words or less and received on-line or by mail by March 14, 2008. Each entry will be judged on originality, clarity, and understanding of the issue. Additional contest information is available at www.nps.gov.