

American Airlines Ski & Snowboard Team

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2009 Schedule

Steamboat, Colorado - NAASF

January 11-16, 2009

Snowbird, Utah - NAASF

February 8-13, 2009

Björkliden, Sweden - IASF

March 8-13, 2009

Crested Butte, Colorado - NAASF

March 29-April 3, 2009

Trysil, Norway - IASF

March 7-12, 2010

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TOP TEN Things You Missed Last Month If You Weren't In Steamboat

10. The newcomer's Snow Shower.
9. Worst pick-up line ever.
8. A penny pinching pilot.
7. A lesson in what fat legs really look like.
6. The oldest group ever riding the rails in the park.
5. A solution for those on the "Do Not Rent To" list at Alamo
4. The traditional singing of "Rudolph, the Randy Reindeer"
3. Dark's distracting images at the Team Dinner
2. Introduction of the prototype for the Camel Back Porta-Potty

And the number 1 thing you missed.....the Chicken man falling out of the gate !!

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President

With Christmas bearing coming up soon, don't forget to make your plans for next month's ski week in Steamboat. All the Airlines will be here for racing fun. The hill has been getting non-stop snow all month with over 19" reported yesterday evening. The Wednesday Party theme is Space so fire up your jets and set your orbit for Colorado.

The December week was lots of fun and the instructors really went all out to make it a fun and valuable learning week. Big thanks to everyone in the Ski & Snowboard School.

See you on the Champagne Powder next month,
Earl

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Vice President

Hello Everyone!!

I would call this year's racecamp another success. Many of us learned a few new tricks to add to our repertoire. It was fun(ny) seeing so many older people in the terrain park!! Yes, there might even be a few pictures floating around

I received a Colorado Powder Alert in my email, today. It said that Steamboat received 20 inches of snow in the past 24 hours!! With more on the way! I am looking forward to seeing all of you next month for our first race of the season. Hopefully, there will be some Champagne Powder for all of us!! Please, be sure to let your Race Captain and the Room Mom know that you will be joining us.

Hope to see ya'll soon!

Jen

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A Team Captain

Greetings,

Looking forward to seeing all the A team racers at Steamboat, let me know who's coming and if you can race both days, appreciate it---see you in a couple of weeks. Congratulations to Elle and Ray on their recent retirements from AA.

Your A-Team Captain,

Liz Jones

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Snowboard Captain

Steamboat training camp... It was great. We had one of the best camps ever. The instruction was topnotch and we had a large number of snowboarders, almost as many as skiers. We are no longer a minority, but a group of very accomplished riders. The instruction went from back to the basics, carving techniques, gates, pow, trees and a very fun session at the terrain park. I believe we were the oldest group ever through the park with a combined age of over 400 years. The coaches had a comprehensive plan for the four days of the camp and the feedback from the participants has been very positive. The race on Thursday showed a very even group - the times were very close but once again Jim Tullos showed his magic and won. Jim, congratulations! You are a great rider but most of all a great racer. I will call the training camp a great success and a big part of this we owe to El Presidente, Earl Weintraub. Earl was able to communicate with the coaches - Earl is also a certified coach in Steamboat - and addressed most of the complaints and concerns from previous camps. Thank you Earl for all your hard work. It paid off big time. Also, I'd like to thank the room mom, Rachel, and everybody that spent time and effort putting the camp together. And, of course, to all the participants, you were a great, fun group. I am sure just like me, you are looking forward to meeting again.

January 11-16 will be the first NAASF meet. It is very important that you let me know as soon as possible if you are coming. This will guarantee a good seeding for the race. I believe this meet will be a lot of fun with a lot of snow. (Think powder - lots of it!)

As a team captain I am very pleased with what I saw during camp and I am sure we will have a great season.

Pedro Tirado

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American Eagle Captain

Hello Team Eagle

i am looking forward to next month. I'm excited to see some new faces on the mountain. Justin McGeachy will be joining us on the snowboard coarse, and Chris St. Hilaire will be skiing. Of course, our A team skier Bjorn Vandug will be racing for the first time as an old married man. Let's hope all of that happiness doesn't slow him down. As always, anyone interested in joining us, please let me know.

Wishing you all safe and happy holidays!

See you in Steamboat,

Candace

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Marketing Director

Hello former and new team members!

It was wonderful to see some familiar and not-so-familiar faces at this past training camp. I know how difficult it was to get that week off, as well as the holidays. Hopefully the effort was well worth it and that you all had a fun time. I know I did!

Jack Monahan, a long-time ski team member, lost his lovely wife, Pam a retired AA F/A, on Sunday, December 7. She was battling lung cancer. I'm sure Jack would love to hear from his Team mates. Send your notes to Jack Monahan at PO Box 200515, Arlington, TX 76066-0515. Jack is asking that donations be made to the American Cancer Society in Pam Monahan's name. The AA Ski & Snowboard Team is also sending a donation in Pam's name to the NAASF Scholarship Fund.

Thanks again to our room mom, Rachel. You rose to the challenge, and we appreciate it. Juggling everyone around, especially at the last minute, is not an easy task!

A special thanks goes to our uniform coordinator and webmaster, Pam Curran, for organizing the pub crawl and awards party. Your creativity and undying energy never ceases to amaze me! Muah!

Also, thank you, Earl, for your persuasive influence concerning our exceptional instruction at Steamboat. Your expertise proved to be invaluable. Bravo! for conducting an informative [AND humorous!] team dinner.

I look forward to seeing all of you at future meets. This winter is off to a snowy start! Merry Christmas and the best of health in 2009!

Paula Brown
Marketing Director
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International Meet

It's nearing the deadline for deposits for the World Airline Championships in Bjorkliden Sweden, and I haven't had many folks express an interest in attending. So, if you've been putting off committing to the trip, NOW is the time to contact me, Mark Ralston, at mralston2@earthlink.net or by phone at 860-355-4569. I will be locking in our room request and it's unlikely you will be able to attend unless I at least hear from you soon.

The northern lights are calling, and I intend to answer!!

Remember the deadline is 31 December. If you are sure you want to attend or have more questions contact your International Room Moms:

Mark Ralston and Louise McKee
internationalmom@aaskisnowboard.com

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Uniform Coordinator

Hello Everyone!!

Just wanted to welcome all the newcomers I met at training camp, as well as all of my old friends. It was good to get together again. I just completed an inventory of all of our uniform items. We have a pretty good selection of jackets, both in shorter insulated style, and in longer shell. We will not be able to get these any longer, so what we have is it. We did get in some XXS for all those tiny new girls that have been joining the team. :)

We will no longer be operating the team store as a separate site. We will have all the items listed on a page of the regular website, www.aaskisnowboard.com. Simply email me via the link on the team store page, or at uniforms@aaskisnowboard.com to order. You can still pay dues, prepay dinners etc., by credit card if you use paypal. Send your payment to uniforms@aaskisnowboard.com. Be sure to include comments as to what it is you are paying for. We should have pictures up of items soon. I have also had several requests for turtlenecks. I would prefer not too stock too much excess inventory, so please send me an email with your turtleneck requests, size, color etc., and I will put together an order. Hope to see you in steamboat next month!

Pam Blanchette-Curran

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Steamboat - NAASF Ski Week

Sunday 11 Jan 2009 to Thursday 15 Jan 2009

From the Steamboat Room Mom's -

Please let the roommom know you are coming. If you have extra space or need a room etc., we can help! Also, we are in need of a few "Amigos" to act as a contact person for those attending a meet for the first time. I need at least two for Steamboat. Email januarmom@aaskisnowboard.com if you are willing to help out. (Rumor has it the newbies are pretty hot!)
See you on the slopes!!

Pam Blanchette-Curran

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**AMERICAN AIRLINES SKI & SNOWBOARD 2008-2009 TEAM APPLICATION
ANNUAL DUES - \$30**

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EMERGENCY CONTACT (Name) _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

PHONE NUMBERS Cell or Home _____

Would you like your email address available on the "Private Forum": YES ___ NO ___
 (So other team members can contact you regarding rooms, etc.)

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Interest (Check all that apply):

Recreational Skier _____

Snowboarder _____

B-Team Ski Racer _____

A-Team Ski Racer _____

Nordic Skier (IASF Meet) _____

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This Years Weeks:

For planning purposes check the weeks you will try to attend. Team Dinners may be prepaid for \$22 versus \$25 at the door. If you would like to do that now, mark the number after the meet.

_____ Björkliden, Sweden - IASF.....March 8-13, 2009 (Dinner Included)

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