

# American Airlines Ski & Snowboard Team

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## 2009 Schedule

### **Snowbird, Utah - NAASF**

February 8-13, 2009

### **Björkliden, Sweden - IASF**

March 8-13, 2009

### **Crested Butte, Colorado - NAASF**

March 29-April 3, 2009

## 2010 Schedule

### **Location TBA - AA Team**

December (requesting 6-10) 2009

### **Winter Park, CO - NAASF**

January 10 - 15, 2010

### **Northstar, Lake Tahoe, CA - NAASF**

February 7-12, 2010

### **Trysil, Norway - IASF**

March 7-12, 2010

### **Telluride, CO - NAASF**

March 28 - April 2, 2010



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## Snowbird, Utah

February 8-13, 2009. The details are after the Captain's Reports. Scroll to the bottom and make your reservations. Rooms wanted and Roommates wanted contact your Room Mom (Dad)

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## President

The meet here in Steamboat was a lot of fun and I want to thank everyone for getting their stuff out of my garage. A Big Thank You to Pam Blanchette-Curran for her tireless Room Mothering and setting up the great team dinner at the Ore House. We tried some different activities with the Snowboarders, which turned out to be a lot of fun and we learned a lot about planning and executing new fun races and clinics. If you didn't participate, you should read what the Snowboard Captain, Pedro, has to say about how it went. If you want more of these things for different groups, please contact your Team Captains or myself. This is your team, and we can make it as fun as you want, but you have to speak up.

As your webmaster, am slowly changing over the website to more sophisticated software. The good news is that we can bring everything onto one site, including the forums and photo upload. Because it will be database driven, team members can manage their own email addresses on the website. The bad news is that the webmaster likes to spend his days out on the slopes and the learning curve is steeper than an out-of-bounds double black diamond. Expect some bumps along the way. <http://www.aaskisnowboard.com/drupal/> is the new private section which will slowly become the entire site, both the public and private. Most of the biggest changes will occur after the ski season to minimize disruptions.

Make your room reservation now for Snowbird. Then email Mike and your team captain.

See you in Utah next month,  
Earl  
[president@aaskisnowboard.com](mailto:president@aaskisnowboard.com)

## Vice President

The snow was very, very nice for our first meet of the season in Sunny Steamboat Springs! We had a good turnout of folks participate in the races, parties, and general playing in the snow. I know that I had a hard time recognizing some of the folks dressed up for the Wednesday night party. I am sure there are a few pictures floating around for those of you that missed that party. Don't miss the next one, at Snowbird! Its going to be MASQUERADE! Be sure to email or call your room mom, soon, and let us know you are coming. On another note, be sure to keep those applications coming in. We need to keep our numbers up in order to defend our CUP!

I hope you are out there enjoying the snow!  
Jen  
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## A Team Captain

The A racers had a good turn out in Steamboat----good snow conditions with no injuries. Rachel Rueter made her A-team skiing debut on some steep and challenging courses and did a great job....congrats. The new "Delta Empire" will be harder to beat this year, but our A-teamers are still very close in team points-----so if we have a good turn out at Snowbird, we'll be very competitive.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Snowbird,

Liz

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## B Team Captain

(Editors Note: John raced in Steamboat and is currently in DFW attending B-777 school. He will be sending the seeding to NAASF before Snowbird. Also I've been told that several more female B-Skiers could have earned points just for participating. Even coming in last.)

See you soon,

John

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## Snowboard Captain

Steamboat week in one word – Pure Fun! oops, that's two words. We could not have asked for better conditions. Lots of pow, amazing tree runs, a great group of snowboarders, and a week chock full of activities.

The first part of the week we got new snow – lots of powder and good tree runs plus good groomers, and a practice race course on Monday. The NAASF race on Tuesday we had a total of 14 snowboarders (2 females and 12 males) on a very nice race course. We had very good overall results in both female and male races. However for the female races we had only two boarders – Jennifer Naylor and Pam Curran. They did a great job but as you can see, they need some help - we need more female boarders. I'd like to ask for your help in recruiting new female members and bringing back previous riders.

For the men, the top three racers were Jim Tullos, David (Dark) Hrdlicka and Earl Weintraub. Great job guys! We also had a couple of new boarders – Russ, Kurt & Justin . They got to race and did great.

On Tuesday afternoon we had what I consider the highlight of the day, we called it the Boarder-X-Air-Extreme-Awesome-Super Race or boardercross for short. We had most of our boarders come and ride the course. We had a great time riding with each other in groups of 4, 5 and then everyone at

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once, down a very nice boardercross course. No carnage, no collisions but a lot of smiles, good comments and excited chatter. We learned a lot about this type of racing and we would like to explore the possibility of including this kind of event in future NAASF events.

On Wednesday afternoon we had a half-pipe clinic on the Maverick's super pipe – 450 feet long with 18 foot icy walls. At the beginning it was very intimidating and everyone was wondering what the heck they were doing there but after some excellent instruction from Sean, the Steamboat Springs instructor, and a few runs down we were starting to get the hang of it and the pipe seemed to shrink a little bit. It was super fun. Everybody that participated was excited and would like to do it again.

As you can see, it was a fun week for the snowboarders with different activities and a chance to learn new skills in addition to doing the NAASF race. I hope we can keep this trend going for the future meets and get other airlines to involved.

Your feedback is very important. If you participated in any of these events and you have any ideas or suggestions please let me know. If you couldn't make it, feel free also to give me any thoughts and comments. I hope you can make it to the next meet. We will do our best to plan some good activities for the week in Snowbird.

I'd also like to thank Earl Weintraub who put a lot of work into coordinating the extra events. Lastly, remember to let me know if you're coming to Snowbird next month. It's very important so I can send the seeding list to NAASF.

Hope to see you soon!

Pedro

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## American Eagle Captain

Hello Team Eagle

I am sorry I missed the Steamboat meet. I heard everyone had a great time. I will see you all at Snowbird.

Our "A" racer, Bjorn Vandug, did extremely well in the Giant Slalom. He placed 2nd, so we will look for him at the top spot in Snowbird. No pressure Bjorn, great job, as usual.

Our "B" racers, were returning David Sedlak, and newcomer, Shaun Walker. David did well in both races and made some good points for the team. Shaun won the Slalom and Giant Slalom!! Welcome to the "A" team Shaun!

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Our Snowboard racers were both newcomers, and faired quite well for their first race. Chris St.Hilaire and Justin McGeachy both made some points for team Eagle!

I'm very excited for our growing and evolving team. I will see you all at Snowbird.

Candace

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## International Meet

It's a month before the World Airline Championships in Bjorkliden Sweden. He have a group ready to go, and if you have more questions contact your International Room Mom:

Mark Ralston

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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](http://www.aaskisnowboard.com). Simply email me via the link on the team store page, or at [uniforms@aaskisnowboard.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 turtle necks. I would prefer not too stock too much excess inventory, so please send me an email with your turtle neck 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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## Snowbird - NAASF Ski Week

Sunday February 8th to Thursday February 13, 2009

### From the Snowboard Room Mom:

Please let me know you are coming. If you have extra space or need a room etc., I 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 Snowbird. Email [februarymom@aaskisnowboard.com](mailto:februarymom@aaskisnowboard.com) if you are willing to help out.

See you on the slopes!!

Mike Treece

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### Snowbird 2009

Hi everyone and welcome to what we hope is going to be a killer ski season. As coordinators of this year's Snowbird NAASF event, Andre Guillemot and myself, Will Hairston, want to invite you all to an amazing resort (if it weren't we wouldn't be doing the 'Bird for a third year in a row).

With the cooperation and amazing support of Scott Appleman and the entire crew at Snowbird, we hope to make this an event to remember. We have three night parties and a lunch set up for you that won't disappoint. Monday night we are looking for the best of the best playlists on your iPods, so charge'em and bring'em. There is a Tuesday lunch after the Snowboard race, the usual (which tends to be unusual) Wednesday night theme party, and Thursday night awards dinner. The theme for the Wednesday night party this year is MASQUERADE!! We want to see your wildest, craziest, goofiest masks and costumes. Keep everyone guessing who you are.

As you know, this is the closest full-service resort to a major international airport (SLC), so make it a priority to be here. Transportation discounts to and from Snowbird, as well as many others, are in this mailing so please read through it. This looks to be another great snow year, so don't forget your powder skis. We measure good Utah storms in feet, not inches. So, quit talking about coming and call in your reservations. NOW!!

### Lodging

150 rooms will be held for NAASF until January 8, 2009. Rates are \$139.00/night for [The Cliff Lodge](#) (standard room) & Lower Village efficiency studios. Lower Village 1 Bedroom condos are \$299.00. A 3 night minimum stay is required for these rates. If making less than a 3 night reservation, rates are \$154.00 & \$349.00. A one night deposit at reservation will be taken & is fully refundable up to ten days prior to reservation. If you cancel inside ten days, a one night deposit will be forfeited. Also, if you leave sooner than what your room was booked for, the unused days are nonrefundable. When making your reservations don't forget to mention your affiliation to NAASF. Reservations and other contact information is below.

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Make reservations early to be guaranteed a room at these rates. Rates do not include 11.55% state tax and a \$6.00 per night resort fee.

## Transportation

Please mention if you need transportation to and from the resort when making your lodging reservations. The normal roundtrip rate for [Canyon Transportation](#), the resorts contracted shuttle service, is \$68.00. This rate is reduced to \$62.00 round trip, or about a buck a mile. This discounted price is only available through Snowbird reservations, not Canyon Transportation. You will need to give your inbound and outbound flight information. Due to the fact that we travel on a space available basis you can change this information up to two days prior to arrival. If you get "bumped" from your flight, call Canyon Transportation and let them know your updated itinerary. Their contact information is listed below.

## Lift Tickets

Tram & Chairs lift tickets will be \$41.00/day for 1-4 days & \$39.00/day for 5 days. These are great lift ticket rates discounted 43%. Normal rates are \$72.00 for the tram & chairs! Sorry, partially used lift tickets are non-refundable.

So, that's the facts as of fifteen minutes ago. I will update this as new information comes to me, so don't be afraid to check this every few days. We are trying to arrange some type of deal for Après-Ski, but keep in mind this is Utah.

Can't wait to see all of you here,  
Will

## Contact Information

Snowbird Reservations  
800 232 9542  
[www.snowbird.com](http://www.snowbird.com)

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

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JOB \_\_\_\_\_ BASE \_\_\_\_\_ EMPL # \_\_\_\_\_ AA or AE \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Steamboat, Colorado - AA Team.....December 7-12, 2008 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$22 = \_\_\_\_\_

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