

The Ski Link

Summer is flying by and before you know it we will be heading into fall. In the meantime, enjoy the outdoors, stay fit and healthy for the 2011/2012 season, and please pray for rain!

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Coordinator, Spanda's sails will take her on new adventures - but she will not sail away entirely :-)

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Other ASP Events

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Snow Ball 2011

The Snow Ball Blues With Soulman Sam was a fantastic gala event this Spring. The dance floor was packed till the very end and it was a wonderful celebration. Our thanks to all those who helped make the event possible.

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2010 / 2011

Despite the presence of a stubborn La Niña weather pattern, the Adaptive Ski Program (ASP) had a great season with many lessons and many smiles on the faces of happy students.

A La Niña Year

The ASP is so fortunate to provide lessons at Ski Santa Fe and Sandia Peak. When the temperatures are above average, and the snowfall below, we can all rest assured that the amazing snowmaking and grooming abilities of the ski areas will see us through. We had a few days of freshies, but when we did not, there was always perfect corduroy to enjoy all day long.

Despite Mother Nature's utter lack of cooperation, our students, volunteers, and visitors from out of state, consistently enjoyed the lovely groomed terrain all season long. How truly lucky we are that our program runs at the two mountains with the best snowmaking and grooming in New Mexico!!!

Thank you grooming and snowmaking teams!!!

2010 / 2011 Season Demographics

We had a BIG season this year. With even greater support from the ski areas, we added a fourth programming day at Ski Santa Fe. In all we gave 1103 lessons to 269 individuals.

Sandia Peak provided multi-week lessons on Fri/Sat/Sun, providing 408 lessons to 106 participants. Fridays were primarily reserved for the Albuquerque Public Schools with students from four schools participating. Unfortunately Sandia Peak had an early closure this year so students participated during the final week of the program at Ski Santa Fe.

Ski Santa Fe held multi-week lessons on Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun, providing 695 lessons to 163 participants. This included 75 lessons to 42 participants that scheduled private lessons outside of the multi-week program. Private lessons are scheduled mostly by visitors from out-of-state coming to Santa Fe for their ski holiday. Last season we had 7 students and their families return to Ski Santa Fe from the previous (2009/2010) season - because they just had to come back for some more fun!

Adaptive Ski Program Demographics for 2010/2011
***represents Friday for Sandia and NMSD & Friends Forever for Santa Fe

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

	SANDIA	SANTA FE	TOTALS
Six Week Session	67	98	165
School Program***	38	23	61
Private Lessons	1	42	43
TOTAL PARTICIPANTS	106	163	269

NUMBER OF LESSONS TO PARTICIPANTS

	SANDIA	SANTA FE	TOTALS
Six Week Session	302	564	866
School Program***	105	56	161
Private Lessons	1	75	76
TOTAL LESSONS	408	695	1103

AGES OF PARTICIPANTS

	SANDIA	SANTA FE	PRIVATES	TOTALS
Under 12	37	32	13	82
12 to 17	38	48	8	94
18 to 39	26	21	12	59
40+	5	20	9	34
TOTALS	106	121	42	269

PARTICIPANT'S GENDER

	SANDIA	SANTA FE	PRIVATES	TOTALS
MALE	76	88	30	194
FEMALE	30	33	12	75
TOTALS	106	121	42	269

DISABILITIES SERVED

	SANDIA	SANTA FE	PRIVATES	TOTALS
Autism	34	14	6	54
Amputee/Ortho	0	0	3	3
Asmatic	0	4	0	4
Brain Injury	3	7	0	10
CP/neurological	8	12	14	34
Cognitive/developmental	23	36	2	61
Critical Illness/disease	2	5	1	8
Down Syndrome	16	5	2	23
Hearing Impaired	2	15	0	17
Multiple Sclerosis	2	4	2	8
Spinal Cord Injury	1	6	4	11
Spina Bifida	2	1	1	4
Visually Impaired	4	4	3	11
OTHER	9	8	4	21
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Volunteers	Sandia	Santa Fe
	103	118

A NOTE FROM THE E.D.

Every summer as I wrap up the past season and start preparing for the next one I am always humbled by how many individuals and businesses are responsible for making the ASP the success that it is. Support comes from so many different corners of our communities and it is heart warming to experience it season after season. As we receive thanks for providing ski and snowboard opportunities, we in turn must thank so many in the community for making the ASP possible.

Without the tremendous support from Ski Santa Fe, Sandia Peak and the Abruzzo family, we would not have the ability to reach as many students (and students in need), as we do each season. Their support is without measure.

The ASP volunteer instructors are the most incredible group of people I know. They are the heart and soul of our program, giving so much more than just their lesson times. Most volunteer with the ASP for an average of 7-10 years, some even longer! They assist with teaching, training, fundraising, and whatever the program needs. They come back for the reward of sharing the passion of skiing and snowboarding.

It is also our amazing students that bring the volunteers back year after year. The chance to share in their excitement for accomplishments made on the slopes. Our students remain the most inspirational group I know.

Thanks must also go to the communities of Santa Fe, Albuquerque and Los Alamos, for consistently supporting our fundraising efforts with donations, grant awards and event sponsorships.

The generosity of everyone mentioned above has sustained us for twenty-six seasons and we are proud to partner with all of you again as we head into our twenty-seventh year of programming and the upcoming 2011/2012 season.

With Gratitude,



Katya Franzgen, ASP Executive Director

Thank You Spanda...

...and congratulations to you and Don on your recent nuptials. We wish you both a lifetime of happiness together!



After three seasons as our Sandia Peak Mountain Coordinator (a record!), our dear friend Spanda has resigned her position as she embarks on new adventures with her husband, Don Johnson. We are grateful to Spanda for the incredible job she has done for Sandia Peak and for all that she has done for the ASP. Although Spanda is stepping down as the Sandia Mountain Coordinator she will not become a stranger and plans to volunteer at Sandia Peak again next year. We are so excited for you and for Don and we are thrilled that you will be back. **THANK YOU SPANDA.**

Sandia Coordinator Position Open

The ASP is seeking candidates for the Sandia Peak Mountain Coordinator position. Our Mountain Coordinators are crucial to the successful implementation of our program and services. The ASP board and staff are adjusting the job descriptions for the mountain coordinators with the goal of brining consistency to the programs at Ski Santa Fe and Sandia Peak. If you are interested in learning more about the position or would like to submit an application please contact Katya at 505-995-9858 or director@adaptiveski.org

CONGRATULATIONS SPANDA & DON



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- Margaret Emrick — Chair**
- Ron Beauchamp — Vice Chair**
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- Joseph Sorroche — Secretary**

The Adaptive Ski Program is fortunate to have such a robust and active Board of Directors. Many of our board members are familiar faces on the hills of Ski Santa Fe and Sandia Peak, having volunteered as instructors for 10+ years. Our other gems have been instrumental in fundraising and helping to develop the growth of the ASP. Other members include: Anthony Brozena, Guillermo Duron, Chuck Haight, Doreen Hurtig, Tamera Moore, and Bob Peirce. Our Emeritus members are; Tom Kelley, Ken Ley (founder), Pat McGowan, Douglas Schneebeck, and Sherry Thompson-Miller.

IN MEMORY OF:

The Adaptive Ski Program relies on donations to keep the program accessible to everyone through low tuition and student scholarships. These donations come from many individuals and for many different reasons.

When the tragic loss of a family member or loved one occurs and the ASP is recommended for donations in lieu of flowers, the donations are all the more meaningful. We are so honored to be thought of during a difficult time of loss and we would like to acknowledge those instances here.

CHARLES KENT HALE

Charles (Charlie) Kent Hale, Age 47 was the beloved son of ASP volunteer Gabrielle Maher. Charlie was born on February 20, 1964 in Denver, CO and died of natural causes on May 9, 2011 in his home in Santa Fe. Charlie was a kind, generous and good natured friend to many. He was a multitalented artisan with a tender soul. Charlie was an avid skier, rock climber, bow

hunter, golfer, boater, fisherman and skateboarder who shared many adventures with his friends. He was a resident of Santa Fe since 1969. On behalf of the ASP we extend our heartfelt sympathies to Gabrielle and thank her for thinking of the ASP during this most difficult time.

RICHARD ALLYN VAILL

Richard (Dick) Allyn Vaill was bon on January 26, 1924 in Lakeville, CT and died on March 19, 2011 in Edmond, OK. He is survived by his wife, Adeline; six children; four grand-children and five great-grandchildren. Dick skied almost all of his life, even ski jumping in Connecticut during his much younger years. He loved to ski and taught his kids to ski at an early age. For years he organized the "Vaill Ski Unions" which were held in Santa Fe where he loved spending time with his children and grand-children. It was during these ski trips that Mr. Vaill saw the Adaptive Ski Program in action at Ski Santa Fe. He was very inspired by what he saw and we are very touched to be honored with donations in his memory.



HOLIDAY WREATH SALES DRIVE

Each year the ASP sells approximately 1600 holiday wreaths to support our operating/ program budget. Wreaths are sold to individuals, businesses and at retail locations in Santa Fe and Albuquerque. This monumental task is possible because of the efforts of ASP board members, volunteers and students.

Thanks to Chuck Haight

When holiday wreath sales begin during the fall, ASP board member Chuck Haight dives into action. Shortly after Thanksgiving and with the help of other volunteers, (thank you Ric and Jean), Chuck comes up with a trailer and multiple trucks to transport 1100 of those wreaths to Albuquerque. Then for the weeks leading up to Christmas he distributes, delivers and sells them all.

The holiday wreath drive is a crucial annual fundraiser for the ASP and is responsible for 10% of our budget each year. Without Chuck's leadership, and the efforts of so many members of the ASP community, we would never be able to keep this fundraiser a huge success.

Thanks to The ManKind Project

Thanks to Albuquerque volunteer John Renna and the ManKind Project for the efforts on behalf of the holiday wreath drive this year. Following is a message from John Renna about this group.

On a warm winter day in December a group of grown men stood in front of an Albuquerque grocery store and sold 53 wreaths in a 4 hour span to benefit the Adaptive Ski Program. The majority of these men did not ski, nor did they have family members in the program. They simply gave 4 hours of their lives to help someone else less fortunate than themselves. They belong to a men's organization called the ManKind Project (MKP). The ManKind Project® is a global not-for-profit organization 501(c)(3) in the US that conducts challenging and highly rewarding trainings for men at every stage of life. We help men through any transition, men at all levels of success, men facing almost any challenge. Our flagship training, described by many as the most powerful men's training available, is the New Warrior Training Adventure. The ManKind Project (MKP) is not affiliated with any religious practice or political party. Your beliefs are welcome. We strive to be increasingly inclusive and affirming of cultural differences, especially with respect to color, class, sexual orientation, faith, age, ability, ethnicity, and nationality.

Our vision is a safe world where all men are brothers, in relationship with one another. A world where conflicts are resolved peacefully, where torture, genocide, domestic violence and senseless war are only entries in the history books. A world where men are fully accountable and take responsibility for their decisions, where men stand tall and proud, secure in their role and deeply committed to nurturing one another, their families, their communities and their planet. MKP is changing the world, one man at a time.

Men are meeting in circles all over Albuquerque and NM. Join in on the conversation. For more info go to www.mankindproject.org www.mkpnm.org or contact John Renna jjrenna@lobo.net

"THE WAY I SEE IT"

On November 5, 2011 The ASP had two showings of Matchstick Production's "The Way I See It". A big thanks to event organizer, Tim Fowler, for his incredible efforts on behalf of the ASP. Both shows were well attended and many movie goers enjoyed winning the great loot provided by our sponsors. The ASP will be showing Matchstick Production's latest movie again next fall, and we hope to see you there.



THANK YOU MOVIE SPONSORS

- *Ski Santa Fe & Sandia Peak
 - *Hutton Broadcasting
 - *Kokopelli Rafting Adventures
 - *Sangre de Cristo Mountain Works
 - *Santa Fe Brewing Company
 - *Santa Fe Mountain Sports
 - *Santa Fe Reporter
 - *SnowCode.org
 - *Thomas Properties
- *Thornburg Investment Management

"Beats on the Basin"

This year Beats on the Basin brought five music events to Ski Santa Fe. Each of the on mountain concerts were held outdoors on the deck at Totemoffs from 12-3pm. The tunes were great and everyone on the mountain enjoyed the music and fun. Many thanks to event founder and promoter, Christopher Goblet, for his efforts on behalf of the program. Stay tuned to hear more about the 2011 / 2012 line-up.



THANK YOU BEATS SPONSORS

- *Ski Santa Fe & Sandia Peak
- *Bank of Albuquerque
- *Project 101.5
- *Santa Fe Mountain Sports

With Gratitude.....

Snow Ball 2011 - The Snow Ball Blues...was a fantastic evening celebrating the program and the snow making efforts of Ski Santa Fe and Sandia Peak. As always, the community support of the ASP and our most important fundraiser, was amazing and crucial to our success. To all of those listed below, THANK YOU!!!

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SUPPORT SNOWBALL 2012

Each year the Snow Ball is not only the best party around but it is responsible for 30% of the Adaptive Ski Program's yearly budget. It goes without saying that this is a very important fundraising event. If you would like to support the ASP and the Snow Ball there are many ways you can help.

*Join the steering committee and help plan Snow Ball 2012

*Help the committee find new and exciting items for the Live & Silent Auctions (Trips, Fine Wine,...TRIPS)

*Put together a table (or two) of guests to join us for the event (three course dinner including wine, dancing, silent & live auctions)

*Encourage local businesses that you patron to sponsor a corporate table