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# Devil's Thumb Ranch Resort & Spa 2013/14 Winter Calendar

# Tommelfest, Skijoring clinics, New Point to Point Cross Country Race & Tour, and winter horseback trail rides offer fun and variety for all ages and ability levels

TABERNASH, Colo., Oct. 31, 2013...Skip the crowds and lift ticket prices and enjoy winter in a natural setting that's not only good for health and fitness but also the environment and pocket book. Devil's Thumb Ranch Resort & Spa, 65 miles west of Denver and 15 minutes west of Winter Park Ski Resort, makes this fun and enjoyable for people of all ages and ability levels with a varied menu of winter events and recreation options, including 125km of groomed and tracked cross country ski and snowshoe trails.

## New Point-to-Point Classic Cross Country Race & Tour

New to the events calendar this season and replacing the former Governor's Cup Race is the Stagecoach Classic Point-to-Point cross-country ski race on Jan. 25, 2014, with 15km and 30km classic-technique only options. The more recreation-minded also have a 15km option. The race and route pay homage to the area's Nordic history and the former Idlewild Nordic Center, with the course starting at Devil's Thumb Ranch, traversing along the Idlewild Trail System that connects Tabernash, Fraser and Winter Park, where the course finishes. A portion of the race and tour proceeds will be donated to the Trout Unlimited Campaign to protect and preserve the Fraser River.

## **Trail System & Equipment**

Located on 6,000 acres of privately owned wilderness, Devil's Thumb Ranch Resort & Spa offers 125km of groomed track and cross-country ski/snowshoe trails, including 2km of lighted trails for night skiing and 10 km of trails that are open to skiing with your dog. Additional on-site recreation options include an outdoor ice skating rink, sleigh and winter horseback trail rides and tubing hill. Lessons and equipment for all Nordic sports and ice-skating are available through the Adventure Center, including skijoring harnesses and leashes and chariots for parents who want to trailer toddlers on the ski trails.

# Ongoing Community Programs at Devil's Thumb Ranch Resort & Spa

Every Friday, Jan 3-Mar 14, 2014 - Grand County Public Schools' Kids Fun Days

# 2013/14 winter events calendar follows

# Devil's Thumb Ranch Resort & Spa 2013/14 Winter Events Schedule

#### **NOVEMBER 2013**

Nov. 22

Ski trails open (conditions permitting)

2013/14 Trail pass fees:

\$20 day pass

\$8 Kids under 12 or seniors over 65 years of age

#### Season Passes:

Adults: \$180/person by 12/14/13; \$240 thereafter

Kids under 12 and seniors over 65: \$80 by 12/1/12; \$120 after

Punch Card: 5 days for \$80; 10 days for \$150

Family passes, Ski Club Member rates, Local Business Passes and Joint Snow Mountain Ranch passes also available

#### **DECEMBER 2013**

Dec. 14

Holiday Gift Market Time: 9 am-5 pm

Kick off your holiday shopping season at this special evening featuring gifts from local and regional artisans and crafts people and a lot of holiday cheer! Also a great time to purchase gift cards for loved ones and your Nordic trails season pass before the price increases on Dec. 15, 2013.

# Dec. 14 Tommelfest Time: 8 am-4 pm

Fun for all ages, this season kick-off celebration includes free skate ski and classic ski lessons, Short Track Laser Biathlon Relay, grog & beer garden, keg toss, BBQ, Live Entertainment from FLIPSIDE, Denver's premier cover band, retail specials and prizes. Cowpoke Camp for children also available with advance registration. Last day for pre-season discounts on season passes (\$180, savings of \$60 from regular season price of \$240).

Trail pass \$20; Rentals \$20; free lessons; no fee for Laser Biathlon Relay/Team Sprints

#### Dec. 14

# VIP Reception for Season Pass Holders Time: 4-5 pm, Heck's, upper level loft

Complimentary reception and gift for all season pass holders and VIPs who make Devil's Thumb Ranch Resort & Spa Nordic Center a success through their support (Season Pass purchasers that day are also invited).

#### Dec. 21

# **Hands-on Waxing Clinic Happy Hour**

**Time: 3-4 pm** 

Learn how to wax your skis for different conditions and get them ready for the season. Individual stations will be set up for participants to get hands-on waxing time and tips, from beginners to advanced level skiers. Includes wine refreshments for some added holiday cheer!

# **IANUARY 2014**

Jan. 5

Skijoring Clinic Time: 10 am-noon

Learn to ski with your dog!

Cost: \$30 with own leash, harness; \$45 package that includes clinic, harness and trail pass; \$10 ski rental equipment

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Jan. 19

Skijoring Clinic Time: 10 am-noon

Learn to ski with your dog! Cost: \$30 with own leash, harness; \$45 package that includes clinic, harness and trail pass; \$10 ski rental equipment

Jan. 25

Stagecoach Classic Point-to-Point Cross Country Race & Tour

Register: www.active.com/tabernash-co/stagecoach-classic-2014

Times: 8:30/Rachel's Stomp kids race; 9:00 am 30km race mass start; 10:30 am 15km race mass start; 10:35 am 15km ski tour start; 10:45 am snowshoe tour start (times subject to change)

Replacing the former Governor's Cup Race, the Stagecoach Classic Point-to-Point cross-country ski race is classic-technique only. The more recreation-minded also have a 15km ski or snowshoe tour option. The race and route pay homage to the area's Nordic history and the former Idlewild Nordic Center, with the course starting at Devil's Thumb Ranch, traversing along the Idlewild Trail System that connects Tabernash, Fraser and Winter Park, where the course finishes. A portion of the race and tour proceeds will be donated to the Trout Unlimited Campaign to protect and preserve the Fraser River. 1km kids race also available

Cost: \$40-\$45 (15km race or tour/30km race) before \$12/15; prices increase to \$60/\$65 until 1/24 and \$85/80 same day registration

**What it includes:** Race/tour, trail pass, feed stations along course, post-race BBQ, live entertainment for all registered racers, and DTR after party; additional BBQ tickets will be available for purchase for spectators, friends and family members.

## **FEBRUARY 2014**

Feb. 2

Skijoring Clinic Time: 10 am-noon

Learn to ski with your dog!

Cost: \$30 with own leash, harness; \$45 package that includes clinic, harness and trail pass; \$10 ski rental equipment

Feb. 8

Ski, Sip & Spa

Time: 8:30 am-5:00 pm Register at <u>www.active.com</u>

**Cost: \$110** 

This is women's day to take advantage of professional ski instruction from Devil's Thumb Ranch ski instructors with skate and classic ski equipment available. Also includes lunch at Devil's Thumb Ranch, a Boulder Center for Sports Medicine lecture on training, Yoga for Athletes class, ski waxing clinic with wine & cheese, and day use of the sauna, steam room and hot tub. Small class sized individual instruction. Ski gear plus other items will also be raffled off during the day. Space is limited and event typically sells out so register early!

Feb. 15

**Hands-on Waxing Clinic Happy Hour** 

Time: 3-4 pm

Learn how to wax your skis for different conditions. Individual stations will be set up for participants to get hands-on waxing time and tips, from beginners to advanced level skiers. Includes wine refreshments for some added season cheer!

#### Feb. 23

# **Skijoring Race Intro Clinic**

Time: 10 am-noon

Learn to ski with your dog!

Test your and Fido's team skills with a one -hour introductory skijoring clinic, an hour practice session then a skijoring race at noon.

Cost: \$30 with own leash, harness; \$45 package that includes clinic, harness and trail pass; \$10 ski rental equipment

# **MARCH 2014**

Mar. 15

**Hands-on Waxing Clinic Happy Hour** 

Time: 3-4 pm

Get your skis and tuning skills ready for spring skiing and crust to slush conditions. Also includes how to prepare and store your skis during the off-season. Individual stations will be set up for participants to get hands-on waxing time and tips, from beginners to advanced level skiers. Includes wine refreshments for some added spring season cheer!

# **APRIL 2014**

Apr. 13

**Tentative Closing Date, conditions permitting** 

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