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## DECEMBER '08 Message from the President

The holiday season is upon us. It can be a really stressful time of year with a lot of special events on our schedules and many demands made on our budgets, both for time and money. It can also be a time of great joy, love, and miracles. This month's message is intended to focus on some of the positive things that we can be thankful for and look forward to with hope. There is no priority to the following list, just a few things that crossed my mind.

- We have a break from the summer heat for a few months
- The United States has elected a Black President; times must be changing for the better
- Premium gas for less than \$2.00/gal – never thought I'd see that again
- The holiday season means seeing and hearing from friends and family that you haven't heard from in a while
- Progress continues in recovering from the impact of a major hurricane
- Christmas decorations seem to bring brightness and cheer to my life – I hope they have the same effect on you
- Holidays mean time off from work
- And, of course, it's a new ski season

Please include the Ski Jammers in your busy schedule. I want to see you at an upcoming meeting or ski trip. Whether I get to see you or not, I would like to wish all the Ski Jammers a fabulous holiday season.

*Bruce Stewart. President*

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## Ski Jammers Executive Board

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Vacant

### At Large

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## Ski Jammers Membership Application

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN NAME(S) & AGES: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDAY(S) Initials (MM/DD): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY STATE Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

(Only Ski Jammer related info, meeting reminders, etc. will be sent to this email address)

HOME PHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ BUS. PHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

RENEWAL: \_\_\_\_\_ NEW MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ REFERRED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**SKIING Ability:** Never Ever \_\_\_ Beginner \_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_ Advance+ \_\_\_

**Committee Interests:** Membership \_\_\_ Trip \_\_\_ Fundraising \_\_\_ Public Relations \_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_

\_\_\_ No, I do not want to be listed in Club Directory

\_\_\_ Yes, I do want to be listed in Club Directory, but

\_\_\_ Exclude Home number \_\_\_ Exclude Address \_\_\_ Exclude Business number

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### WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM OF LIABILITY

Ski Jammers Ski Club of Houston, Texas, Inc. (CLUB), is a non-profit organization, which promotes recreational skiing trips and activities. The undersigned releases the CLUB from any and all liability, loss, damages or injury to persons or property which may arise out of or be connected in any way with such services. I understand that the CLUB acts only as an agent and accepts no responsibility in connection with the services or accommodations being offered on all ski trips and/or activities. The CLUB accepts no responsibility in whole or in part for any delays, delayed departure, or arrival, missed planes or other carrier connection, or mechanical defect or failure of any nature, howsoever, caused or for any substitution of hotels or of common carrier, with or without notice of for any additional expenses occasioned thereby. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the CLUB, its officers, directors and agents or contractors from any loss, cost or expense incurred by or attributable in any way to me in connection with any ski trip, other activity or sponsored event, in full or in part, by the CLUB. I agree to abide by the Bylaws, rules and regulations of the CLUB and rulings of the Trip Coordinator in connection with all Trips. I have read and understand the above.

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**MEMBERSHIP DUES is \$50/Adult, Children 18 & under is Free:**

**Subscription Only: \$12 per Season**

**Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Make Check Payable to: SKI JAMMERS**

**RETURN TO: SKI JAMMERS SKI CLUB**

**P.O. BOX 1362 Houston, TX 77251**

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TAKE THE TIME TO READ THIS MONTHS NEWSLETTER!

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**&**  
**SKISATETY.COM**



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We'll accept everything from a business card to a full page, camera ready ad.

**The rates are:**

Business Card	\$15.00	1/4 Page	\$25.00
1/2 Page	\$50.00	Full Page	\$100.00

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## 2008 – 2009 Upcoming SKI TRIPS

### 2009 NBS SUMMIT SNOWMASS, CO

JANUARY 31, 2009 - February 7, 2009

TRIP LEADER - Dechander Brown 832-785-7000

email:DechanderBrown@Yahoo.com

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**MARCH 18 - 22, 2009**

**ROCKYFEST 2009**

Location: Big Sky Resort, Montana  
Date: 03/18 thru 03/22 2009

Lodging will be at the Big Horn Condominiums  
(Photos and more details will be released soon)

NBS Rocky Mountain Region  
RMR Vice President  
Kim A Bentley Sr.  
22829 E Alamo Lane  
Aurora, CO 80015-6670  
Phone: 720-870-5793  
E-mail: [mrvp@comcast.net](mailto:mrvp@comcast.net)

PLEASE CONTACT TRIP LEADERS FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THESE TRIPS

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### AIRLINE BAGGAGE FEES

Continental	First checked bag \$15	Second checked bag \$25	Overweight bags 51-70 pounds, \$50	Oversize bags 63-115 inches, \$100	Ticket change fee \$150
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## HOUSTON SKI JAMMERS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!

**RED ROOSTER**  
Night Club & Bar  
4937 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd,  
Houston, TX. 77021  
(713) 847-7757

Date: 12/19/2008 (Friday)  
Time: 8:00 P.M.

Located on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. (MLK )  
at  
Old Spa

Dec Brown: 832-785-7000

Oh, come all ye faithful...  
&  
Be prepared to make merry!

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### Skier's Checklist

#### FASHION ITEMS

Ski Jacket  
One piece ski suit  
Turtleneck  
Warm-up suite

Ski bib/stretch pant  
Ski sweater  
Thermal underwear  
Swim suit (Hot Tubs)

Powder jacket/powder pant  
Ski hat/headband  
Gloves/mittens (Pair)

#### ACCESSORIES

Glove liners (pairs)  
Fanny Pack  
Goggles  
Chapstick  
Face mask

Ski Tote  
After-ski boots  
Sunglasses  
Leg gaiters (pairs)

Ski socks (pairs)  
Carry all bag  
Neck gaiters/funnels  
Sunscreen

#### EQUIPMENT

Comfortable ski boots  
Sharpened/waxed skis

Ski & boot bags  
properly adjusted bindings

Correct length poles

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## TEXAS SKI COUNCIL

### **TSC Bid Fest**

The TSC Ski Bid Fest will be held April 17-19, 2009 at the Omni Park West Hotel, in Dallas. This is when the delegates select the ski resorts for the 2010 trips. If you are interested in attending, make your hotel reservations by January 31, 2009 to get the TSC \$99.00 rate. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with Bid Fest should contact: Anne Myers, [amyers@satexas.com](mailto:amyers@satexas.com) or 210-494-7444, home 210-241-7444, cell.

### **Texas Youth Foundation**

A decision cannot be made as to the amount of the reimbursement for the children attending Fall Roundup, the "Thanksgiving Ski Trip" at this time. It will depend on the amount of children attending and the amount of money the Youth Foundation has.

Sandy Ellison said that they may have a Guitar Hero Contest as a fundraiser. They are thinking about using a WEI program and maybe a WEI dance. The kids are to get pledges by September 1st. She said that possibly the club that sells the most pledges will get a prize.

They are also working on a packet with foundation information. This will be helpful for approaching organizations and corporations with a philanthropy program. Please contact James Mershon ([tuff\\_tx@msn.com](mailto:tuff_tx@msn.com)) if your company will help our kids.

The Foundation will get 10% if you order Spyder online ([www.texas-ski.org](http://www.texas-ski.org))

### **Bylaw & Standing Rules changes**

A harder stand will be taken on anyone staying in non-TSC lodging.

Option: Shadow fee= higher participation and activity fee.

Exception: Member using their property or staying with a friend.

Delegates voted to increase Participation fee to \$10 and Activity fee to \$45 Adult and \$35 per child 4-12years old.

### **Final Showdown- Big Sky, Montana**

The NBS is joining the TSC on this trip as our Rockyfest (half week trip). There is a major airline transportation problem. Frontier airlines has filed chapter 11. They may or may not be in business. The Ski Jammers are looking for a trip leader.

### **Baggage Options**

This year will have new challenges of getting ski gear to mountain. I will have a chart of number of bags airlines are allowing, next month.

### **Trip Insurance**

ALG Insurance available on [www.texas-ski.org](http://www.texas-ski.org) for 5% on ski trips only. It must be ordered within 14 days of trip deposit. It's best to order it as soon as you place your deposit. The TSC receives \$10 from each order.

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