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## November '08 Message from the President

It's the time of year when I really start to look forward to skiing again; the time when I start to actually do something about preparing for the next trip. Checking out the equipment and wardrobe to see what might be needed before the next trip. Checking out the destination ski areas on the web to see what the trail map looks like and what the town has to offer. (Snowmass is looking fantastic!) Doing a bit more exercise to prepare for the activity on the slopes. Another thing I look forward to this time of year is seeing more Ski Jammers at meetings. Folks I may not have seen since the last ski trip. Maybe you are thinking more about skiing, too. Hopefully you're planning for one (or more) of our trips this year, but whether you are or not, come to a meeting and at least renew some old acquaintances.

The weather is finally cooling off and we're getting into the holiday season. Halloween has just passed and Thanksgiving is not that far off. If you haven't seen any Christmas decorations or advertisements yet, I bet you will by the end of the week. Being somewhat shorthanded, not to mention light in the bank account, the Executive Board has not made plans for a holiday celebration yet. We are still looking for some ideas on how we might get together for a special social event, so if you have any ideas on what we could do, come share them at the next meeting or contact one of the Board members with your suggestion. Keep in mind that we have limited funds to work with and need support from the membership to make for a successful event.

I realize that Houstonians have a lot on our minds these days, with some of us still recovering from Hurricane Ike, worrying about how the economic crisis will affect us, and all in the midst of a historic election campaign. I don't know how the election will turn out, but it will be over by the time of our meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Take a break and come see us.

*Bruce Stewart, President*

## NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

**Date: Wednesday, November 5, 2008**

**Time: 7:00pm**

**Maggie Rita's Tex Mex Grill & Bar**

2800 Sage Rd. A-100  
Houston, TX 77056

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

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## Advertise Your Business In The Jammer Report

Are you a business owner or have a service you'd like more people to know about. Looking for an economical way to spread the word? The Jammer Report is now accepting ads from members and businesses.

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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## 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 under signed 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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## Ski Jammers Executive Board

### President

Bruce Stewart  
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### Vice President

Chris Mason  
[Christine.mason26@yahoo.com](mailto:Christine.mason26@yahoo.com)

### Secretary

Neoma Harris  
[ngaynor130@yahoo.com](mailto:ngaynor130@yahoo.com)

### Treasurer

Wil Galleaud  
[Wilbert.Galleaud@mms.gov](mailto:Wilbert.Galleaud@mms.gov)

### Parliamentarian

James Williams  
[jameswildboy@yahoo.com](mailto:jameswildboy@yahoo.com)

### Trip

Vacant

### Public Relations

Treynell Gibson  
[borntowint@sbcglobal.net](mailto:borntowint@sbcglobal.net)

### Texas Ski Council Rep

Vacant

### Membership

Florine Edwards

### Fundraiser

Vacant

### Safety

Bruce Stewart

### Youth

Craig Brown  
[cbrown@consultant.com](mailto:cbrown@consultant.com)

### At Large

Vacant

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## Skier's Checklist

### FASHION ITEMS

Ski Jacket	Ski bib/stretch pant	Powder jacket/powder pant
One piece ski suit	Ski sweater	Ski hat/headband
Turtleneck	Thermal underwear	Gloves/mittens (Pair)
Warm-up suite	Swim suit (Hot Tubs)	

### ACCESSORIES

Glove liners (pairs)	Ski Tote	Ski socks (pairs)
Fanny Pack	After-ski boots	Carry all bag
Goggles	Sunglasses	Neck gaiters/funnels
Chapstick	Leg gaiters (pairs)	Sunscreen
Face mask		

### EQUIPMENT

Comfortable ski boots	Ski & boot bags	
Sharpened/waxed skis	properly adjusted bindings	Correct length poles

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## 2008 – 2009 SKI TRIPS

**Winter Park, Co - [www.winterpark-info.com](http://www.winterpark-info.com)**

**Fall Roundup TSC Camp**

**November 25 – 30, 2008**

**Trip Leader – William Jackson, III (832) 368-6462**

**Mail sign-up sheet and payments for WinterPark, CO to:**

**William Jackson, Trip Leader**

**14803 Tilley Street**

**Houston, TX 77084**

**(832) 368-6462**

**2009 NBS SUMMIT**

**SNOWMASS, CO**

**JANUARY 31, 2009 - February 7, 2009**

**TRIP LEADER - Dechander Brown (832-785-7000)**

**email: DechanderBrown@yahoo.com**

**PLEASE CONTACT TRIP LEADERS FOR ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THESE TRIPS**



A promotional card for Rockyfest 2009. The card has a light blue background with snowflake graphics. At the top, it says "SAVE THE DATE" vertically on the right and "MARCH 18 - 22, 2009" vertically on the left. The main title "ROCKYFEST 2009" is in the center. Below the title is a photograph of a snowy mountain landscape with a ski lift. To the right of the photo is a logo for "BIG SKY MONTANA". At the bottom, there are two white boxes with text. The left box contains: "Location: Big Sky Resort, Montana", "Date: 03/18 thru 03/22 2009", "Lodging will be at the Big Horn Condominiums", and "(Photos and more details will be released soon)". The right box contains: "NBS Rocky Mountain Region", "RMR Vice President", "Kim A Bentley Sr.", "22829 E. Alamo Lane", "Aurora, CO 80015-6670", "Phone: 720-870-5783", and "E-mail: mmvp@comcast.net".

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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 "Thanks-giving 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**

Travel Guard 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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**National Brotherhood of Skiers 2009 Summit**  
**January 31 – February 7, 2009**  
**Snowmass, Colorado**

## **VENDOR PACKAGE**

**PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY November 15, 2008**

The 2009 National Brotherhood of Skiers Summit will be held at the Snowmass Village Ski Resort in Snowmass, CO January 31 – February 7, 2009. This event will offer several spaces for social activities and meetings but we have identified a prime space for vendors to display products to sell and/or provide information to our participants at the 2009 Summit. With over 1000 participants registered and many more joining us for this week of skiing/riding and celebrating 36 years as the largest ski organization in the country. The National Brotherhood of Skiers hopes you will join us.

Below is a schedule of the possible vendor opportunities for the week of January 31 – February 7.

**Cost:** \$350.00 for an opportunity to be present for the week as a vendor. Cost includes a skirted 6' x 30" table, 2 chairs and a wastebasket.

The location for our vendors will be the lobby of Wildwood Hotel. This is the same location that our registration, NBS Central, and media room. This is also an active hotel with guests coming and going daily. The lobby also has a fireplace and a bar and we believe this will be an active social gathering place during our event week.

The numbers of vendors that can be accommodated are limited due to space. Reservations will be honored on a first come, first serve basis. To secure your space, please send the form and a check for \$350.00 made out to the **National Brotherhood of Skiers** attn:

**Michael Moore**  
**2650 Perry Street**  
**Denver, CO 80212**

Once payment is received and spaces are confirmed, you will receive shipping instructions (if needed). Any questions please email Michael Moore @ [mobetterdenver@hotmail.com](mailto:mobetterdenver@hotmail.com) or call 303.949.2556

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## **National Brotherhood of Skiers Vendor Request Form 2009 Summit Snowmass, Colorado**

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Register with us now and secure a prime location. Share your products, sell your goods – Join Us!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Product: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Check here</b>
January 31 – February 6	Registration, NBS Central & Media Rm	Wildwood Hotel Lobby	9 AM – 8 PM	

- Fee covers a full week of vendor opportunity
- Registration begins Saturday, Jan. 31 @ 9AM
- NBS Central closes Friday, Feb. 6 @ 5PM

Mail form & check made out **National Brotherhood of Skiers** to:

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