

The Boston Ski Party
“REDEFINING THE THRILL, Connecting Friends, Family and the Outdoors”
2008 BSP Youth Program

About the Boston Ski Party

The Boston Ski Party is a local chapter of the National Brotherhood of Skiers — one of 84 predominantly African American ski clubs across the country. Committed to the NBS mission our goal is: to identify, develop, and support athletes of color who will win international and Olympic winter sports competitions representing the United States. The club also seeks to support the social and recreational needs of greater Boston families and its more than 150 members through year round activities. Towards these ends, the Boston Ski Party hosts a range of activities for its members, and operates a youth development program to introduce and help youth excel at the sport of skiing and snowboarding. As one of the top youth ski programs in the country, the Boston Ski Party Youth Program has been featured on the WGBH's Greater Boston with Emily Rooney Television Show, and helped Pat's Peak Ski Area in Hennicker N.H. receive a national award for promoting diversity on the slopes and received the 2007 Eastern Region Award as the "Best Youth Program".

About the Boston Ski Party Youth Program

The goal of the BSP youth program is to introduce youth to the sport of skiing, develop youth confidence and skills, and to develop a high quality race program for youth who excel at the sport.

The BSP Youth Program will host three core programs:

Skier Development Outreach Program (Learn 2 Ski Program)

Through this program youth will be introduced to the sport of skiing and snowboarding through a series of 2 Learn 2 Ski Day Trips at Pat's Peak. On selected Sunday's up to ten pre-registered youth can participate in this series of three lessons which include lessons, ski/snowboard rentals, and lift tickets. There will be two 3-day sessions. Club members, friends and family will travel by car pool and receive discount lift lesson and rental packages (Cost TBD). The Clubs goal is to improve your skiing ability, and keep families and club members skiing together. **Membership in this outreach program is not required.** A limited number of slots may be available for youth ages 8 to 15 to participate in school vacation ski camps at the New Blue Hills Ski Area. These are week-long camps that operate from 10:30- 3:30pm during Christmas and February school vacation weeks. Advanced registration for the Boston Ski Party Youth Program and membership is required for those who receive these scholarships. See attached registration form or Richard Ward youth@bostonskiparty.org or call Richard at 617-504-7843

Race Development Program

The Boston Ski Party Youth Race Development Program has become one of the most highly regarded instructional and recreational race programs in the country. Through a unique partnership with Youth Enrichment Services and Pat's Peak (www.patspeak.com) in Hennicker, N.H. more than 40 youth will participate in a 12-week structured introduction to racing program for skiers and snowboarders. Instruction is provided by experienced Pat's Peak race instructors and coaches. The program will take place on select Sunday's from mid December through March. Youth will participate in "dry land" and "on mountain" training facilitated by race coaches from Pats Peak. "Dry Land" training dates are 11/17 and 12/8. "On mountain" dates are Sundays from 1/06/08 through 3/09/08. Youth are expected to participate in at least six of these scheduled dates. Cost of the program without transportation is \$250 for the first child, \$225 for the second, and \$200 for the third. For those youth who register before November 3, 2007 and who make final payment prior to November 9th, the cost of the program will be reduced by \$50 per youth – a significant savings! Space will be limited.

Transportation to the Mountain is the responsibility of the Parents although parents may choose to work together by using car pools. This has worked well in the past. If transportation is needed or if a parent is unable to participate on a given weekend, a limited number of seats may be available each week on buses/vans provided by Youth Enrichment Services. There will be an additional cost of \$15 to \$20 per seat. Reservations for seats on the bus must be made in advance through the Youth Director at least two weeks before the weekend transportation is needed. PARENT PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROGRAM IS REQUIRED.

Race Program Participants will be encouraged to participate as a team in Tri-State Race events at New England area mountains. Race dates to be determined.

Race Team

Experienced racers can challenge themselves and other youth in the region by participating on the "Varsity" Boston Ski Party Race Team. Youth members will represent the club at races at local mountains. The cost of this program will be \$350 and include all benefits and training of the Race Development Program as well as entry fees and lift tickets for four USSA races.

Winterfest

All Boston Ski Party members and all BSP Youth members from all three programs (Learn 2 Ski Program, race Development, and the Race Team) are eligible and encouraged to participate in the National Brotherhood of Skiers Eastern Region Conference at Mont-Sainte-Anne, QUEBEC, CANADA - February 28th - March 2nd. Advanced registration and membership in the Boston Ski Party is required. See attached registration form or contact Richard Ward, Youth Director at 617-504-7843.

Youth/Adult Racing

Throughout the season youth and adult members can participate within a series of "Fun" or more "Competitive Fun Races" on select ski trips. These races will occur at selected events that include races at Pats Peak, the Massachusetts Snow Challenge to benefit Youth Enrichment Services, and Winterfest.

How to Register

To participate in the Boston Ski Party Youth Program you must be a registered member and complete a Youth Program Registration Form. Guests of youth members can participate in the "Skier Development Outreach Program". Scholarship support and free skiing offers are for registered members only. For more information on membership, please contact www.info@bostonskiparty.org. To register for the Youth Program(s) please complete the enclosed registration form and return to youth@bostonskiparty.org or call Richard Ward at 617-504-7843.

Parent Participation/Volunteers Needed

The Boston Ski Party Youth Program has enjoyed tremendous success in large part to a host of committed parents and volunteers who actively participate in the program. Parents and volunteers help out with transportation, serve as coaches, instructors, "lodge leaders" and assist with a range of other efforts. They are truly the heart of the program. As a club that is dedicated to serving youth, and families we welcome your active participation. You can help out even if you do not ski! We can also train you to instruct youth and to help out while skiing on the mountain. For more information or to volunteer please contact Richard Ward at 617-504-7843.

Important Youth Program Dates (all dates subject to change)

November

3rd **Parent/Youth/Volunteer Orientation (1:00PM – 3:00PM @ Yawkee Boys & Girls Club (formerly the Roxbury Boys & Girls Club), 115 Warren St, Roxbury, MA)**

17th Race Development Program (Dry Land Training, Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center)

December

8th Race Development Program (Dry Land Training, Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center)

24- 28th **Vacation Ski/Board Camp @ The New Blue Hills (Advance Registration Required/Limited Slots for BSP members)**

15th – 16th **Early Season Out for youth participants @ Pat's Peak (Beginner Lessons, Season Pass Pick-up, Ski on your own)**

January

6th Race Development Program (8:30AM – 3:30PM @ Pat's Peak) Note: (Actual Race Training is from 10:00AM – 12:00PM)

13th Race Development Program (8:30AM – 3:30PM @ Pat's Peak)

[Learn 2 Ski \(8:30 – 3:30 @ Pat's Peak\) \(Session 1\) \(10 slots pre-registration required!\)](#)

20th Race Development Program (8:30AM – 3:30PM @ Pat's Peak)

[Learn 2 Ski \(8:30 – 3:30 @ Pat's Peak\) \(Session 1 continued\)](#)

27th Race Development Program (8:30AM – 3:30PM @ Pat's Peak)

February

3rd Race Development Program (8:30AM – 3:30PM @ Pat's Peak)

[Learn 2 Ski \(8:30 – 3:30 @ Pat's Peak\) \(Session 2\) \(10 slots pre-registration required!\)](#)

9th **Saturday Night POP @ Pats Peak (4:00PM to 10:00PM)**

10th Race Development Program (8:30AM – 3:30PM @ Pat's Peak)

[Learn 2 Ski \(8:30 – 3:30 @ Pat's Peak\) \(Session 2 continued\)](#)

17th Race Development Program (8:30AM – 3:30PM @ Pat's Peak)

[Learn 2 Ski \(8:30 – 3:30 @ Pat's Peak\)](#)

24th Race Development Program (8:30AM – 3:30PM @ Pat's Peak)

18 – 22nd **Vacation Ski/Board Camp @ The New Blue Hills (Advance Registration Required/Limited Slots for BSP members)**

28th - 3/2 **Winterfest @ Mont-Sainte-Anne, QUEBEC, CANADA**

March

- 8th Saturday Night POP @ Pats Peak (4:00PM to 10:00PM)
- 9th Race Development Program (8:30AM – 3:30PM @ Pat's Peak)
Learn 2 Ski (8:30AM – 3:30PM @ Pat's Peak) (Session's 1 & 2 Continued)
- 30th Youth Program Awards (TBD)