



Howelsen Hill's 108th Winter Season Starts Saturday, Nov. 25

Popular Ski Free Sunday Program Kicks Off November 26

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-November 22, 2023-Crews at Howelsen Hill are excited and thankful for opening day and looking forward to Mother Nature kicking winter into overdrive soon. Howelsen Hill will be opening for its 108th winter season this Saturday, November 25.

"Despite unseasonable weather lately, our team has been working hard to get the ski area ready for opening day and we're excited to officially take to the slopes this weekend," said Howelsen Hill Ski & Rodeo Supervisor Micah Ness. "The historic ski area continues to strengthen its reputation as the community gathering place during winter. We have a boatload of activities and a schedule full of events to make this another season to remember."

The historic ski area will welcome the 2023/24 winter season at 10am on Saturday over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend and host the first Ski Free Sunday the following day. This season, the hill will again have lifts turning seven days a week, running 11am to 8pm Monday through Friday and 10am to 4pm on weekends. The season is set to go through March 24, 2024.



On opening day, the ski area expects to have beginner terrain in Pony Land with service from the Boardwalk conveyor and expert terrain on The Face (exit 2 down) with service from the Poma Platter lift.

The Outrun Snack Bar is back to fuel your day on the slopes and will be serving up familiar favorites and introducing several new menu options including a unique lineup of tasty big city hotdogs and grill items. The newly expanded seating in the Fireplace Room offers the perfect place to cozy up and unwind. Don't forget to take advantage of Happy Hour at Howelsen Hill (Monday – Friday: 4pm-6pm). The Outrun will be offering several opening weekend specials, including free hot chocolate all day Saturday, and all-day Happy Hour on Sunday.

Ski Free Sunday shares the slope absolutely free every Sunday of the season. After each Ski Free Sunday, continue your Free Spree at Mountain Tap with a free beer (*certain beers excluded*) or a cauldron of popcorn from 2pm to 4pm by simply showing your Ski Free Sunday lift ticket.

As the ski area moves towards the end of the year, the free community sledding hill will return for another season of enjoyment. Until the free sledding hill is ready, please leave your sleds at home as sledding is not permitted within ski area boundaries.

Tube Howelsen will slide its way into your essential winter activity list with its planned opening in early December. The two-lane tubing hill, served by a fully enclosed conveyor lift, will be open from 11am to 7pm seven days a week. Reservations for Tube Howelsen will open soon, and more information can be found at steamboatsprings.net/tube.

Howelsen Hill is owned and operated by the City of Steamboat Springs and is a skiing institution across the Yampa Valley, Colorado, and the nation. Skiing since 1915, the ski area has served as the training ground for 100 Olympians. More importantly, the historic hill has firmly established itself as the community gathering place and has shared the love of snow for more than a century.

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