

“Put Your Disability On Ice”...

IN FLIGHT

EAGLE MOUNT-GREAT FALLS

Eagle Mount is a non-profit organization providing therapeutic & recreational activities for children and adults with physical, developmental, mental and/or behavioral challenges, striving to improve the quality of life for them and their families.

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Bill Macfadden and Adam Page

Eagle Mount hosted a sled hockey clinic at the Great Falls Community Ice Plex on November 6th-8th, sponsored by USA Disabled Hockey. The clinic was held for children and adults with disabilities and encouraged all to come out and try.

Sled hockey, a form of ice hockey, is a fast growing and internationally recognized sport and a key event in the Paralympic Games. It provides an outlet for disabled individuals to play a team sport where everyone is at the same level. Players take to the ice on a custom designed sled fitted with skates and use shortened hockey sticks with picks on the end to move along the ice and control the puck.

Eagle Mount was especially thankful to Norm and Adam Page of NY and with USA Disabled Hockey. Adam Page is the youngest member of the 2008-09 National Sled Hockey Team. Adam is from Buffalo, NY and has traveled all over the world playing sled hockey. Norm, Adam's father, is working with USA Disabled Hockey throughout the US to show communities the benefits of sled hockey.

Eagle Mount's goal for bringing this clinic to Great Falls is that in the near future we would like to be able to have a recreational sled hockey program for our disabled community. The success of this goal will depend upon grants, sponsorships, and private donations. Eagle Mount is asking for your help in supporting this unique program.



Mable Looby with volunteer, Ty Loney.

The clinic was worth it just to see the smiles on Mable's face, especially when she tried knocking us all over!

Eagle Mount is thankful for our wonderful community and its outreaching support - Great Falls High School Hockey, Great Falls Selects Men's Hockey League, Great Falls Fire Fighters Local 8, Great Falls Lion's Club, Okotoks Spoilers, Al Faechner, Hockey Night Great Falls, Eric Borggard and the many others that volunteered their support and time to this clinic.



Deb Sivumaki, Jill Van Son, Heather Martin
“You just had to be there!”

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Mountains Accommodate Everyone!



Stephanie Richardson, Ski Program Coordinator

Ski Volunteer Training

January 14, 2009

Dry-Land at the Eagle Mount Activity Center
6:00pm - 8:00pm

January 16 & 17, 2009

On-Hill at Showdown
9:00am - 3:30pm

Sign up to volunteer or participate in the ski program by completing a Ski Volunteer or Participant Application. All applications and schedules can be downloaded from our website at www.eaglemount.net or call 454-1449 and we will mail one to you.

The regular ski program will run January 20 - March 28. We hope to see you on the snow!

Gravity doesn't care if you are sitting or standing.

We are very excited to introduce our new Ski Program Coordinator, Stephanie Richardson. Stephanie is a NARHA certified riding instructor and also volunteered in the ski program for Eagle Mount Bozeman. She and her husband moved to Great Falls this summer and we were lucky enough to snatch her up! She has already been and will continue to be a great asset to the Eagle Mount programs.

"Since beginning in therapeutic recreation in the fall of 2004 as a volunteer in Iowa, I have had the pleasure of seeing the benefits that an organization like Eagle Mount has in many participants' lives, and the lives of their families. I have been an active backpacking guide, sport climber, skier, horseback rider, mountain biker and more for many years and personally know the healing power recreation can have on one's soul.

What a thrill to have the opportunity to join the Eagle Mount team as the new Ski Program Coordinator and how fortunate to be surrounded by a strong staff, and solid group of volunteers dedicated to providing a safe and positive experience for all. It is exciting to be involved in making dreams come true for many of these participants.

A huge thank you to all the veteran volunteers that have made a difference to this ski program and a thank you to all the new volunteers just learning how cool this recreational activity really is.

I look forward to meeting everyone that is a part of this big ski family!" *Steph*



Eagle Mount volunteers cruising up the chairlift with a student from Montana School for the Deaf & Blind.

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Kelly Stoick
We will miss you!

Wish List GIFT CARDS

- * Big R *
- * Sam's Club *
- * Staples *
- * Office Max *

For the past two months we have been adjusting to getting through each day without hearing the "news of the day", funny stories, and cheerful comments provided by our dear friend Kelly Stoick. Kelly passed away on September 5th, at the age of 34, surrounded by her wonderful family.

She had been active in our Eagle Mount programs from the very day we began in 1990. Her life was filled with one malady after another calling for medications, treatments and varied forms of pain and suffering. Midst all of that, it seems that Kelly's heart focused on making other people happy. She did just that and we find comfort in missing her.

Programs

Check out our website www.eaglemount.net or call 454-1449 to find out how you can get involved in these fun programs!

- * Skiing
- * Tippy Toes
- * Gymnastics
- * Senior Day Programs
- * Bowling
- * Karate
- * Friday Night Out
- * Horsemanship



Eagle Mount Equestrians

"Thank you to all of our new as well as veteran volunteers who attended our October training. We had a wonderful turnout and look forward to working with all of you. We are so proud to see the caring and compassion our volunteers bring to the barn. Because of all of you, I will never lose my passion for our equestrian program or our Eagle Mount mission." *Val Clark, Program Coordinator*



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Margarita Meltdown

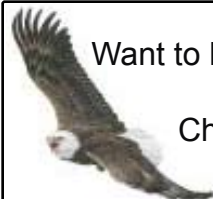
January 29, 2010
Four Seasons Arena
5:30 p.m. - Midnight
Party with "The Land Sharks"!

* **Check out the band at www.landsharksband.com**

General Admission: \$20 (limited general seats/tables available - first come, first served)
Food/Beverage Tickets: \$1 each - sold inside event.
Must Be 21 - I.D. checks at the door.

- * Reserved Tables (8 tickets): \$250
- * Reserved Buddy Bars (8 tickets): \$250
- * Cabanas (8 tickets): \$1500

Reserved Tables, Buddy Bars & Cabanas sell out quickly. Contact Deb at 454-1449 for more information.



Want to learn more about Eagle Mount?

Check out our new website!

www.eaglemount.net

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