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E-NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 2009

We're just weeks away from the 2009-2010 season, and I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest board members: Eileen Casey (Burlington), Mary T "Punkin" Holland (Killington), Sarah Narkewicz (Rutland), and Pete James (Charlotte). Additionally, the Board of Directors nominated and elected Rich Reisner to the position of Honorary Board Member. Congratulations, Rich!

We thank retiring board members Liz Schick and Rich Reisner for their time and active service in addition to thanking Mary T "Punkin" Holland and Rob Zimmerman for their service as Volunteer Representatives.

For all of you volunteering your time this upcoming year, your time and talent will be very much appreciated as we embark on yet another winter filled with skiing, snowshoeing and other outdoor pursuits.

As you know, fundraising is an integral part of our organization, and our [Annual Fund Drive](#) allows us to provide wonderful recreational experiences for individuals, school groups and families to enjoy on a year round basis throughout Vermont. Please be on the lookout for our Annual Fund Drive appeal brochure in your "real" mailbox the first week in December and consider [making a donation](#) this year.

Every dollar we receive through our annual fund drive allows another child or adult with a disability to ski, snowboard, snowshoe, sail, kayak, canoe, cycle, horseback ride, and just enjoy the outdoors as easily as people without disabilities do; without barriers.

Think Snow!

[Erin Fernandez](#)
 Executive Director

Winter, Winter, Almost Here!

Our winter locations are ready for winter! This month volunteers will start their training off-snow in preparation to provide all of Vermont Adaptive's winter programming, which officially begin at Pico, Sugarbush and Bolton Valley on Dec. 26. On-snow training for volunteers will be held in December.

More than 400 trained volunteers will teach lessons for Stand-up Skiing, Snowboarding, 3 & 4 Track Skiing, Mono-Skiing, Bi-Skiing and Snow-Slider. Begin to make your plans and reservations now!

Two weeks advance notice is required for all lessons and you may prepay with a credit card to hold your reservation or pay upon your arrival. To make your reservations, view lesson prices and options or for more information, visit the [Winter Programming Page](#) on our website.

Deadline to win a trip to the Paralympic Games is December 1.

Only a few weeks left to enter to win this fantastic trip! U.S. Paralympics will be hosting 12 student-athletes with physical disabilities (ages 14-19) and six adults, made up of coaches, teachers and program leaders at the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games in Vancouver, Canada, March 12-21.

Participants in the [Paralympic Experience Vancouver](#) will have the opportunity to meet U.S. Paralympic Team members, attend Opening Ceremonies and athletic competitions and build camaraderie with other potential Paralympians.

Student-athletes and coaches will be selected based on leadership, community service and how they show the positive impact sport has had on their lives. The deadline to apply for this experience is December 1. [Fill out your application today!](#)

WISH LIST

Vermont Adaptive is in need of the following:

- Gently used shaped Adult Skis, size 140-160
- New helmets for the Bolton program
- Gently used adult and kids bikes
- Office supplies, a paper shredder

Please [email us](#) if you have something you would like to donate. Thanks!

Great holiday gift idea courtesy of U.S. Freestyle Ski Team moguls athlete David Babic and Silver Bean Coffee.

A great holiday gift idea that also benefits Vermont Adaptive! David Babic is one of a handful of athletes who has a signature blend of coffee through teammate Shannon Bahrke's company Silver Bean Coffee which benefits him and Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports. For every bag of coffee sold one dollar goes back to the athlete and also the charity they have chosen. Thanks to David and Silver Bean Coffee for creating this program!

To learn more about David Babic and Silver Bean Coffee, or to start your holiday shopping, visit [Silver Bean Coffee's](#) website today!

Ask a friend to volunteer with you at Vermont Adaptive!

We are always looking for new volunteers to join us at Vermont Adaptive, and there's no better way to recruit them than by you! If you know of someone who might be interested in volunteering this season, please consider forwarding this e-newsletter to them. Or send them the link to the [volunteer information](#) on our website. Thanks!

CALENDAR - VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR EVENTS!

Nov. 14	Volunteer Training begins for the winter season
Dec. 26	Winter Programs begin at Pico Mountain, Sugarbush and Bolton Valley
Jan. 15-17	USABA Winter Festival at Pico Mountain
Jan. 30	Ski-A-Thon at Bolton Valley

"HIGH FIVE"

This month we send out High Fives to our recipients of the Jim Hutchinson Volunteer of the Year Award: Kristy Hart, Pete James, John LaJoie, and The VT100 Race Committee. Thank you to all of you for all you do and for the time you dedicate to Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports. We are what we are as an organization because of people like you!

A huge High Five goes to Mike Silverman and the dedicated race committee and volunteer crew for executing another awesome Vermont 50. Thank you everyone!

Editor's Note: We'll feature an individual, group or business in each newsletter who we believe deserves a "High Five." If you would like to nominate someone, please let us know.

ABOUT US: [DONATE NOW!](#)

[Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports](#) is the only year-round disabled sports program with daily programming in the state, which is committed to empowering individuals with disabilities. The organization promotes independence and further equality through access and instruction to sports and recreational opportunities including alpine skiing, snowboarding, and other winter sports; kayaking, canoeing, sailing, rock climbing, horseback riding, and more. More than 400 volunteers serve clients from all over the world in three locations in Vermont - Pico Mountain at Killington; Sugarbush Resort in Warren; and Bolton Valley Resort in Bolton. Main Office: 802.786.4991.

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