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Winter 2011-12



Dear Friends!

Last winter was one to remember: widely varying conditions led to numerous severe avalanche cycles. On several occasions the SNFAC issued avalanche warnings for widespread high danger. The warnings, the daily stream of avalanche advisories via web, email, phone hotline, facebook, and radio, and the educational outreach to students, backcountry/sidecountry skiers, and snowmobilers have reached an ever growing audience of people. Despite a few close calls, I attribute increased awareness and skills in our backcountry community to the fact that there were no fatalities.

NO FATALITIES! That's our goal again this season!

Please help us to achieve that objective by supporting our efforts with a financial contribution. This will help us to make a great service even better – because one thing is for sure: there will be avalanches across our mountains again this season!

Sincerely,
Wolf Riehle, President

Support avalanche safety in our community!

2011-12 Fundraising Goals

Your support is as important as ever!

Help us:

- Provide Advisories through mid-April
- Pay an additional educator to help expand SNFAC classes
- Raise funds for a website redesign

From Chris Lundy, Avalanche Center Director

After significant staffing changes last season, the full crew is returning this winter and we're hitting our stride. We look forward to keeping you "on top" of backcountry avalanche conditions through the Daily Advisory, and this season our expanded class lineup is more diverse than ever!

In a small mountain community like ours, avalanches affect nearly all of us – if you're not out in the backcountry, then you probably have friends or family that are. Most of us know someone who's had a close call or worse. **In such a tight-knit community it's up to all of us to watch out for each other, and the Avalanche Center is proud to lead that charge.**

The Avalanche Center's partnership with the Friends of the SNFAC is critical to fulfilling this mission. **With the Friends supplying 50% of our annual budget, we truly could not provide the services we do without their help and the generosity of our community.** On behalf of everyone at the Avalanche Center, I want to express our sincere gratitude to all of you for your continued support. We will work hard this season to earn it!

Please consider a tax-deductible donation to the Friends!

NEW!!

Avalanche Basics for Sidecountry Skiers

Saturday, January 21st, on Bald Mountain

See SawtoothAvalanche.com for more details!

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During the 2010-11 winter, the SNFAC...

- Offered Daily Advisories Dec. 4th through April 10th, a week longer than in the past.
- Had unprecedented public outreach – utilizing social media and the local newspaper and radio to get our message out.
- Over 200 people responded to our online survey, providing invaluable feedback.
- Laid the groundwork for tackling the out-of-bounds avalanche problem on Baldy. Over 120 people attended an informal discussion hosted by the SNFAC and the Sun Valley Ski Patrol to discuss how to prevent a sidecountry accident.
- Reached 700 people through a wide variety of avalanche education programs.
- Taught an avalanche safety program to over 200 local middle schoolers, and with the help of a grant, a Friends educator taught 300 kids in Salmon and Fairfield.

Winter 2011-12 Education Schedule

<u>Time & Date</u>	<u>Class/Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
6-8 pm, Tuesday, December 6th All day Saturday, December 10th	Avalanche Basics Optional Field Session	Ketchum, Hemingway Elementary School
5-6 pm, Thursday, December 8th	Avalanche Awareness	Stanley, Sawtooth Hotel
6-8 pm, Tuesday, January 3rd All day Saturday, January 7th	Avalanche Basics Optional Field Session	Hailey, WR High School, Distance Learning Lab
7-9 pm, Wednesday, January 11th All day Saturday, January 14th	Avalanche Basics for Snowmobilers Optional Snowmobile Field Session	Hailey, Woodside Motorsports
9am-4pm, Saturday, January 21st	Sidecountry Avalanche Basics	Bald Mountain & River Run Base Area
7-9 pm, Friday, February 17th All day Saturday, February 18th	Avalanche Basics for Snowmobilers Optional Snowmobile Field Session	Carey, TBD—check SNFAC website

6th Annual Avalanche Awareness Week, January 29th — February 4th

<u>Time & Date</u>	<u>Class/Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
7-8 pm, Tuesday, January 31st	Avalanche Awareness Program	Hailey Community Campus, Rm 903
1-3 pm, Saturday, February 4th	Avalanche Rescue Clinic	Avalanche Rescue Training Park
6 pm, Friday, February 3rd 6 pm, Saturday, February 4th	Best of Banff Film Festival Fundraiser and Incredible Raffle	NexStage Theater, Ketchum

For more information about classes:

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