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Steamboat's First Ski Camp for People with Disabilities Taking Place March 10th

Five-Day Event Combines Instructor And Volunteer Training, Adaptive Ski Clinics, & Backcountry Powdercat Trip With Some of The World's Best Adaptive Skiers

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, CO (Feb. 20, 2006): Beginning Friday, March 10th, Adaptive Adventures, Access Anything, Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp. and Steamboat Powdercats have joined together to create, sponsor and host Steamboat's 1st Annual All-Mountain Adaptive Ski Camp and Powdercats Trip; an event that will combine instructor and volunteer training, adaptive ski clinics, and a backcountry Powdercat trip for some 20-30 men and women with disabilities.

The event promises to be a one-of-a-kind experience for attendees. Steamboat resident Craig Kennedy, co-founder of Access Anything, believes that the Ski Camp will help change the perception of what people with disabilities can (and can not) do, while also empowering participants to try different and challenging activities. "A lot of people with disabilities don't think they can do things like this," Kennedy says. "We're here to show them otherwise."

For added inspiration, some of the world's best adaptive adventurers and athletes will participate in the event, interacting one-on-one with attendees, including Adaptive Adventures Ski School Director and Colorado Ski Country Disabled Athlete of the Year for 2005, Matt Feeney. At least six soldiers, returning from Iraq with a variety of disabilities, will also attend the camp as Special Guests thanks to Adaptive Adventures and sponsors Gary Williams Energy and the Boeing Foundation. Joel Berman, Co-Founder of Adaptive Adventures, says having these exceptional people at the event is an honor. "Steamboat is very supportive of what we're trying to do with this Ski Camp," Berman noted. "And these soldiers are returning home from the War after overcoming incredible adversity. They are real American Heroes and it's impossible not be inspired by them."

According to Matt Feeney, "It's time to change the perception that people with disabilities cannot participate in outdoor adventures and extreme sports. This event is a perfect fit for Adaptive Adventures, people with physical disabilities, and the Steamboat community. Our goal is to use the camp as a catalyst to organizing and growing adaptive sports opportunities in Steamboat now and in the future."

Events Schedule:

Friday, March 10: Training
Friday, March 10: Participants Arrive

Saturday, Sunday, Monday (March 11-13): Participant Breakfast, Ski Clinics/NASTAR Racing, Video Evaluations (Sat. Only)-Steamboat Ski Area

Tuesday, March 14: Back Country Powder Cats Trip with Steamboat Powdercats (Advanced/Experienced Powder skiers), Optional Free Skiing & Activities

About Adaptive Adventures: Adaptive Adventures is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization working to advance the quality of life of people with disabilities through year-round outdoor sports and recreation. Headquartered in Evergreen, Colorado, Adaptive Adventures identifies, promotes and provides progressive sports and recreation opportunities for children and adults of all ages, with physical disabilities. As a PSIA Member Ski School, Adaptive Adventures has developed and implemented a number of All Mountain Ski camps for children and adults throughout the Rocky Mountain region.
www.adaptiveadventures.org

About Access Anything:

The mission of Access Anything is to improve the quality of life for millions of people living with disabilities in the United States and around the world by encouraging them to enjoy life to its fullest through the sense of freedom provided by travel, adventure, and a "never give up" attitude. It is our vision to spread awareness concerning the need for better accessibility by writing a series of adventure travel guides for people with disabilities and to establish a common ground where people and information can come together and work to expand the rapidly growing adaptive travel industry.

About Steamboat Powdercats:

For the past 23 years, Steamboat Powdercats has operated backcountry powder skiing and snowboarding tours on Buffalo Pass, Colorado's deepest snowpack. With 3 snowcats in their fleet, Steamboat Powdercat's has tailored their operation to match guests with their true ability level, accommodating intermediate, advanced and expert levels with terrain adequate for each group.

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About Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation:

With six peaks, nearly 3,000 acres of terrain, Champagne Powder® snow, Olympic heritage, and family programs rated best in the industry, Steamboat Ski Town, U.S.A.® is a premier resort destination. Steamboat's Adaptive Program, one of the oldest in Colorado, has opened the world of the outdoor mountain environment to adaptive and special needs participants for more than 25 years. The resort continues to work to grow this inspiring program through a staff of highly educated and dedicated employees, state-of-the-art adaptive equipment, efforts with outside organizations and hosting events of all sizes from World Cups to the 1st Annual All-Mountain Ski Camp.

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