



BLIZZARD BUZZ



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Fall is here and now it is time to think SNOW, to do your snow dance, try on your old winter gear and surf the Web for new ski's or snowboards. Enjoy the remaining weeks of warm weather; the snow will soon be here.

BLIZZARD OFFICE HOURS:

We have new office hours for this season. Gina (gina@skikids.net) the Office Manager will officially open the Blizzard office on Octoberber 1st, 2007. The office hours are Monday – Friday 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm and Saturdays during the season from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm. The office telephone number is **(248) 672-6614**. You can also leave a message outside of the normal business hours **(248) 677-9705** and Gina, Jim or George will return your call. To request a full color Blizzard Brochure, please contact the office.

BLIZZARD NEW GOLDS:

Let's congratulate our two new GOLD members of the Blizzard Youth program. Skier Victoria Irwin (Torie) and Skier Christian Salata (Chris). Nice job to both of you on this tough accomplishment

NEW CALENDAR AND SCHEDULE FOR 2007-2008:

The Blizzard calendar for the 2007/2008 season can be found and copied from our web site <http://www.skikids.net/calendarpage>. We have trips planned to Mt. Holly, Pine Knob and Mt. Brighton for Saturdays. We are also planning on a few northern road trips and will advise everyone once we have finalized all the arrangements. During the season when necessary, we may need to make changes for updates please monitor the Blizzard web page, <http://www.skikids.net> and click on the calendar link. As a general rule, if the ski resort is open for business, Blizzard will be holding the trip.

SUNDAY GOLD TEST ROAD TRIPS:

This season we are planning on two or three gold prep road trips to northern resorts. These are fun outings that will allow members who want to get the extra help preparing for their Gold Test. The whole family is welcome to come and join in for a day of group skiing and snowboarding (no formal lessons, just having fun together).

BLIZZARD MINI PROGRAM (AGES 6-8):

This program offers all the benefits of our youth program while giving our youngest participants the extra special attention they need. **Mini Blizzards are with a Blizzard instructor or adult supervisor for the entire day.** Blizzard Minis have six skill levels of their own that will be taught to them during this program. When Minis break for lunch an adult supervisors will take over. During lunch there will be fun activities such as coloring books and songs to occupy their time. After lunch it's back on the slopes to continue their lesson with their instructor.

BLIZZARD YOUTH PROGRAM (AGES 8-12):

We will be continuing the Blizzard Youth program again this year. The Youth program was created to meet the request of our members to have a program that provides an easier transition form the Mini's into the Teen program while maintaining all day supervision. Members will attend their regular lessons and then participate in a supervised ski or snowboard groups outside of their lesson. During their instruction there will be a combination of technical exercises and teaching games designed to develop their physical and mental skills needed to improve their abilities. In the supervised ski and snowboard session they will be able to put some additional mileage on the lessons skills learned.

BLIZZARD TEEN PROGRAM (AGES 9-17):

The Teen program is the original Blizzard program and remains the most popular today. The instruction is a ten level program that is a combination of technical exercises and teaching games designed to help members develop their necessary physical and mental skills needed to further their skiing or snowboarding abilities. Many participants quickly develop into accomplished skiers or snowboarders. They gain self-confidence along with taking pride in their skiing and snowboarding achievements. They enjoy associating with other Blizzard teens and form lasting relationships.

ADULT PROGRAM:

This year Blizzard will only offer Saturday Adult lessons. The Saturday Adult program offers top notch lessons for all levels of skiers and snowboarders. In addition, we will continue to offer, "train with the Team". The "train with the Team" lesson includes your participation in our instructor-training clinic. This is a great opportunity to train along with our staff, providing you with a larger knowledge base and a list of skills to help you to continue to improve. You receive quality instruction at a reasonable price and may lead to a position on our teaching staff.

EARLY SIGN UP:

We are offering a bonus for returning Saturday members who sign up early. If your application is postmarked or received by **November 15, 2007**, you will receive a "wooden nickel" that is redeemable for a free Saturday lift ticket in your membership packet which will be mailed in early December. Online registration also qualifies for early sign up. You can enroll right now on our web site http://www.skikids.net/Enrollment_page.html

CALLERS:

During each season, the "Blizzard Caller" contacts members. These young members are an important part of our success and deserve special recognition and our thanks. During the weekly calling process, they tally the counts for each level and pass along updated information to our members. If you are interested in becoming a Blizzard caller for the 2007/2008 season, please email Gina at gina@skikids.net or call (248) 677-9705.

INSTRUCTORS WANTED:

The ski and snowboard programs are continuing to grow; we are looking for Ski and Snowboard Instructors. If you are serious about teaching and building your skiing and snowboarding skills, come and try out with Michigan best organized school!! Visit <http://www.skikids.net/instrapp.pdf> to obtain an application or call Jim at **(248) 496-6000**.

SUPERVISORS WANTED:

If you are serious about your skiing and snowboarding, come and be a supervisor with Michigan's best-organized school! Visit <http://www.skikids.net/superapp.pdf> to obtain an application or call George at **(810) 300-2597**

PATROLLERS WANTED:

Blizzard is looking for additional patrollers to care for our member. If you are interested in becoming a Patroller please contact Ron Cousineau at **(248) 335-8353** or visit our web site at <http://www.skikids.net/patrolaa.pdf> for an application.

MAKE – A – WISH FOUNDATION CHARITY BIKE RIDE:

Team Blizzard had 34 riders for the 300-mile charity bike ride for Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan. Team Blizzard collected over \$41,000.00 for the Foundation, which will help grant wishes to children with terminal or life threatening illnesses. Thank you for your support. We are already planning for the 2008 ride and are looking for more riders and volunteers to join our great team. If you wish to ride, volunteer or more importantly Sponsor Team Blizzard please email Jim at Jim@skikids.net or call **(248) 496-6000**. The 2008 ride is scheduled for the weekend of July 24th – 27th, please come out and support the team if you can't ride.