



Slopes & Trails

PHILADELPHIA PA

November 2009 www.buckridgeskiclub.org

Save the Date!!!

Eastern PA Ski Council

**Invites you to the
10th Annual 2009 EPSC Winterfest
Silent / Live Auction Fund Raiser**

Door Prizes, Meet Ski Mountain Representatives,
50/50 Raffle - Lift Tickets, Ski Get-Aways,
Ski Accessories & More

When: Friday, November 6, 2009: 7 - 10 pm

Where: Clarion Hotel—Park Ridge at 480 N. Gulph
Road, King of Prussia, conveniently located off the
Valley Forge Exit of the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

Tickets: \$28 pp advance (until 10/23), \$33 pp af-
ter 10/23 and Night of the Event. All tickets in-
clude: Cash Bar, Hors d'oeuvres, dessert table,
coffee and tea.

Ticket Information: Contact Dan Aronson for ad-
vance ticket purchase.



There will be lots of great items available at the
auction—it keeps changing and lots of stuff comes
in last minute, so check the EPSC website often to
see the latest:

www.easternpaskicouncil.org/WCAds/index.htm

Buck Ridge will also have a table this year promot-
ing the club—be sure to stop by and enter the raf-
fle! Proceeds will benefit the lodge maintenance
fund. Volunteers to help share staff time and pro-
mote the club are welcome. Contact MaryAnn Tho-
mas for details.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Lots of family member turning 21:

John E Plumeri

1 Lee Court, Princeton, NJ 08550

H: 609-750-1913; e-mail: johnplumeri@comcast.net

Jessica Rosenfeld

606 Merion Avenue, Havertown, PA 19083

H: 610-446-7445; e-mail: jessie.rosenfeld@gmail.com

Jeffrey Buck

1122 Independence Dr., West Chester, PA 19382

H: 610-793-4209; W: 484-888-6940; e-mail: jwb6594@esu.edu

And a change of address:

Mel Stiles

435 Country Way, Mickelton, NJ 08056

609-230-5046; email melstiles435@comcast.net

UPCOMING MEETINGS

November 11—Ski Fashion Show w/ Wicks Ski Shop

December 9—Holiday Social @ Bear Creek Resort

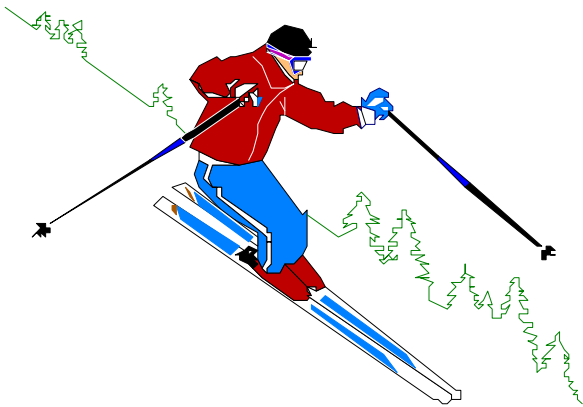
January 13—Board Meeting / No Program

February 10—Earth Watch Research with
Steve Michaelchuck: Mexican Bats and Jumping Spiders
in Trinidad

Keep in Touch!

Join the Buck Ridge Listserv

One of the best ways to communicate within our ski club is to join the Buck Ridge Yahoo Group. Just click the Yahoo Groups icon on the club website (buckridgeskiclub.org). This will take you to a page that gives you step-by-step instructions on how to join and guidelines in using the group listserv. Please join today and become an informed Buck Ridger. You will be able to get the latest newsletter and trip sign up postings, arrange carpools, look for a ski partner for a day in the Poconos or a weekend at the Lodge. Once approved, you can set user options for things such as delivery of individual posts or consolidation as a daily digest to reduce your inbox clutter. Try it today!



The deadline for articles for the Slopes and Trails is the 15th of the month. Send submissions to:

Michael Fernandez
 1118 Kings Highway
 Swedesboro, NJ 08085
 Phone: 609-254-8461
 Email: amf72@verizon.net

If you would like a copy of the monthly newsletter, please contact Bill Raney at 610-356-5199 to be placed on the mailing list, or check the web site.

OFFICERS OF THE BUCK RIDGE SKI CLUB

President	Dave Singer	856-261-7187 dsinger26@comcast.net
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Secretary	Pat Beccia	610-664-9506
Treasurer	Terri Walklett	610-876-1728

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Activities Chair	Marge Tarte	610-874-3162
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EPSC Council Rep.	MaryAnn Thomas	610-648-0049 mat_ski_stuff@msn.com
Welfare	Glenn Weisel	215-822-9459 glennweis@comcast.net

WOODBRIIDGE LODGE

Permanent Reservation Chair

Joan Strachota 610-872-6459

jstrachota@comcast.net

Lodge Telephone Number 802-464-6591

Only if you have been repeatedly unsuccessful contacting the reservation chair for a key should you contact the following people:

Judie Sheffer 610-461-1848

Glenn Weisel 215-822-9459

MEMBERSHIP

BRSC is an outdoor club for people of all ages who enjoy companionship in outdoor activities.

For a membership application and procedure for joining, contact:

Mary Ann Popma, Membership Chair

1037 Warren Road, West Chester, PA 19382

email: mapopma@verizon.net / ph 610-692-5928

Annual Dues: \$20 Individual / \$23 Family

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you are moving or changing your email address and want to keep *Slopes & Trails* in your mailbox or inbox, please notify:

Merle Roemer

4 Anser Lane

Lewes, DE 19958

E-mail: mroemer27@mchsi.com

REGULAR MEETINGS ARE THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, 8 pm AT SPRINGFIELD MASONIC HALL ON RT 420, SPRINGFIELD (DELAWARE CO.) PA.

NO MEETING IN JUNE, JULY, OR AUGUST.

ACTIVITIES & TRIPS

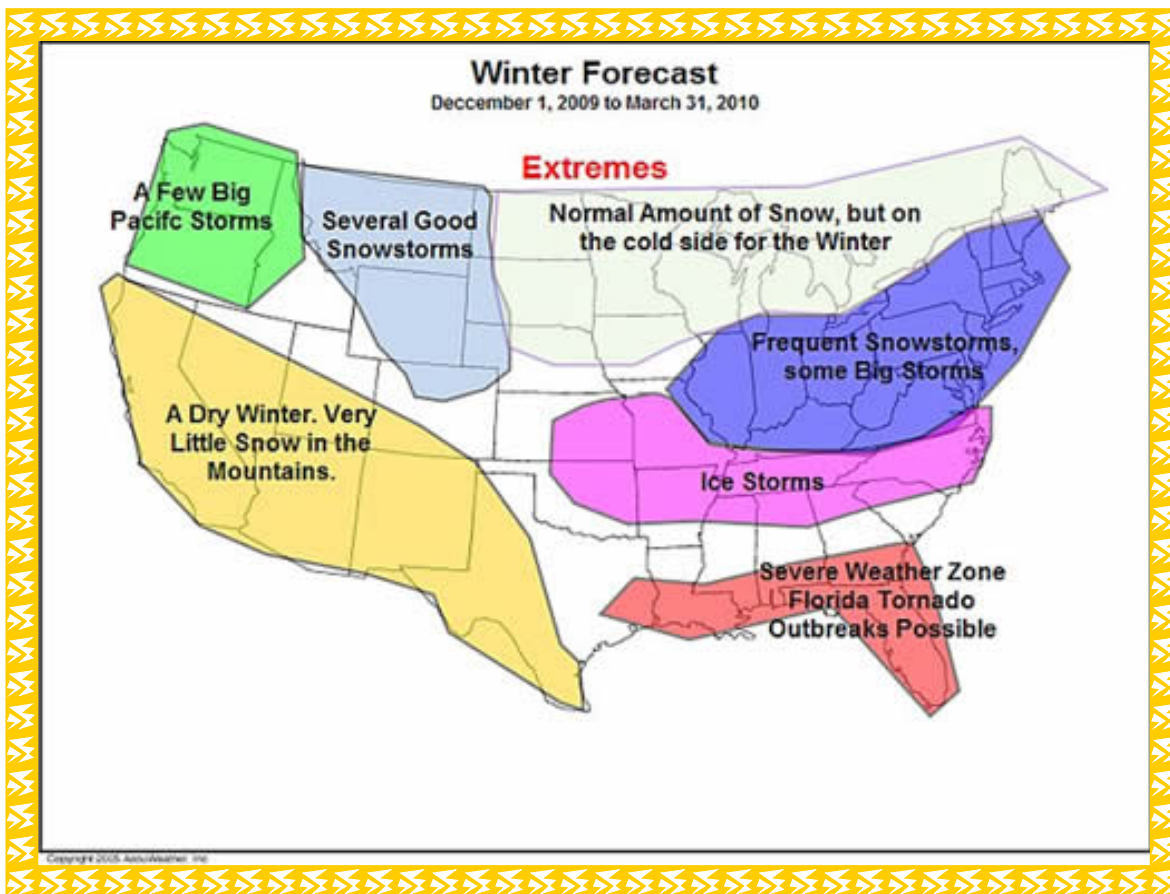
SKIING

Don't forget to send in payments in for any major trips you may have signed up for. As of the end of October, there is still space available for Jay Peak and the Whitefish trip can accommodate 3 or so more people.

According to our crystal ball (or more appropriately a crystal rectangle) below, it will be a good snow year... let's have faith!

pre-ordering. Just show up on those dates with a membership card and get the rate. Only one ticket per membership card however—a member can't get tickets for anyone else in their family unless each family member has their own membership card to present.

Here are the rates and dates: Sat and Sun 12/19 & 20 - \$40 each; Fri 1/8 - \$40, Sat and Sun 1/9 & 10 - \$45; Fri 2/26 - \$40, Sat and Sun 2/27 & 28 - \$45; Fri 3/12 - \$35, Sat and Sun 3/13 & 14 - \$40. Window pricing for adults is \$69 midweek, \$75 weekend!



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HIKING

SHORT HIKES END THIS MONTH!!

This is the last month for our Wednesday short hikes. The meeting place has changed and is now at the Granite Run Mall on Baltimore Pike (Route 1) between Routes 352 and 452. Going west from the Media area on Route 1 or Baltimore Pike, turn right at the second stop light after these two roads merge together (you will see McDonalds on the right and the large Rothman Institute building on your left). At the first crossing make a U-turn to the right into the large parking lot. We leave promptly at 9:30 AM. Bring your lunch

and wear comfortable shoes and socks. Sneakers are not suitable for many of the trails. If you have questions, please call Jim Calkins at 610-558-6862. Here is the remaining fall schedule.

- October 28 Heinz Preserve
- November 4 Hibernia Park
- November 11 Kelly Drive/Schuylkill Trails
- November 18 Evansburg Park
- November 25 Darlington Trail

Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council

Council News

Details on the EPSC discount ticket voucher program are not yet available. However, members are reminded of the **Mount Snow** discount available this year— essentially a \$30 discount off window prices, which is significantly below group rates. On four weekends this winter (one per month), these discounts will be offered. Anyone with a club membership card having the EPSC sticker on it will be able to go to the Sundance Base Lodge ticket counter and get a lift ticket for the discount price. No

We have had good turnout for our hikes so far... try to make one before we close up for the winter!





**Come one, come all to our first ever
Buck Ridge Ski Club
Holiday Social at Bear Creek Mountain Resort***

Date: Wednesday, 12/09/2009

Address: 101 Doe Mountain Lane; Macungie, PA 18062

Cost: \$30.00 per person for dinner. See room option below for cost of lodging.

Time: 6-7 pm cocktail hour (cash bar with mixed drinks, beer and wine); 7 to 11 pm dinner and program.

Dinner: Join members and guests in Bear Creek’s banquet room for the Spring Creek Buffet, with choices consisting of: 3 different Hors d’oeuvres; Caesar and Wild field greens salads; Vegetable lasagna; Chicken marsala; Hand-carved baked ham with citrus cinnamon glaze; Mashed potatoes and market fresh vegetable; Includes iced tea, coffee, hot tea and a choice of Chef’s desert.

Program: Bear Creek’s offer includes several perks for our group, including a free midweek lift ticket voucher to each individual, to be used at anytime during the 2009/2010 ski season. We must have 30 people to break even, and in addition, the club will cover the cost of the tax and gratuities for each attendee, approximately \$8 per person. Please sign-up early to reserve your space and support a fun activity for our club. What better way to kick-off the ski season than with a party at a ski resort! We will be having a drawing for the benefit of the lodge to help offset the cost of the new roof. This year we will also be having our award presentations at the Holiday Social, a change from the May meeting in previous years, so come out and recognize those individuals who have made major contributions to our club.

Room Option: If you would like to stay overnight and enjoy the resort’s facilities even more, consider reserving a room at the special BRSC group rate of \$115.95, for a standard room, double occupancy. There will be a block of 6 rooms held for BRSC until November 25th at this rate, so to reserve your space call 610-641-7101, and be sure to mention the “BRSC group rate” to receive your discount.

*Bear Creek Mountain Resort & Conference Center is the local destination ski resort and conference center including banquet facilities, a brand new ski day lodge and cafeteria, and on mountain lodging accommodations. The ski slopes (formerly known as Doe Mountain) and all services have been transformed into a spectacular local get-a-way. If you had been to Doe Mountain in the past and have NOT been to Bear Creek – you WILL be amazed!

Please complete form below and send to:

Mel Stiles - 435 Country Way - Mickleton, NJ 08056-1251, By 12/01/2009. Questions: 609-230-5046.

BUCK RIDGE HOLIDAY SOCIAL at BEAR CREEK MOUNTAIN RESORT

Yes! I won’t miss it!

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

No or persons attending _____ X \$30 = \$ _____ Please make check payable to: Buck Ridge Ski Club.

Note: Do NOT send money to BRSC for room option, please see above under “Room Option” to reserve a room.

BUCK RIDGE SKI SCHEDULE 2009-2010

Ski Chair: Dan Aronson - 610-643-1608

DATE	TRIP NAME	LOCATION	LEADER	MEMBERS	GUESTS
Dec 18-20 Fri-Sun	Hunt for Snow I	Vermont Lodge	Mel Stiles 609-230-5046	\$30	\$50
Jan 8-10 Fri-Sun	January Junket	Vermont Lodge	Keith Richards 802-334-1254	\$30	\$50
Jan 23-30 Sat-Sat	ESPC Winter Carnival	Lake Tahoe, NV	EPSC Melting Pot	See Flyer or EPSC website	
Jan 31-Feb 5 Sun-Fri	Sugarloaf Mid Week	Sugarloaf, ME	Glenn Weisel 215-822-9459	See Flyer	
Feb 5 -7 Fri-Sun	Cross Country Weekend	Vermont Lodge	Mike Fernandez 856-467-5189	\$30	\$50
Feb 7-12 Sun-Fri	Vermont Mid Week	Vermont Lodge	T B A	\$75	\$125
Feb 12-15 Fri-Sun	Family Weekend	Vermont Lodge	T B A	\$45	\$75
Feb 19-21 Fri-Sun	Paddlers' Weekend	Vermont Lodge	Lev Barinov 610-668-8996	\$30	\$50
Feb 21- 27 Sun-Sat	Jay Peak Mid Week	Jay Peak, VT	Dan Aronson 215-643-1608	See Flyer	
Mar 14-21 Sun-Sun	Western Ski Trip	Whitefish, MT	Mike Fernandez 856-467-5189	See Flyer	
Apr 15-19 Thu-Mon	Tuckerman Inferno	Mt. Washington, NH	Mel Stiles 609-230-5046	T B A	

**Woodbridge Lodge
2008-2009 Season**

* Member's Rate

\$ 15.00 Per Night

* Guest's Rate

\$ 25.00 Per Night

*To sign up for ski trips, please send a (signed) release form to the trip leader along with your registration form and deposit for each Buck Ridge ski trip. * NOTE: Above deposits are based on the lodge fee times the maximum number of days in the trip. Please adjust deposit to account for the number nights that you will be staying. There is no deposit required for children six years of age and under, but the trip leader needs to know his/her name.*

REGISTRATION FORM

TRIP NAME:

DATE OF TRIP:

NAME(S):

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE #:

OPTIONAL: Please indicate your roommate preference(s):

RELEASE FORM

In consideration of the benefits derived by me from membership in the Buck Ridge Ski Club and the use of its facilities, I release said club and its members from all responsibility on account of personal injury to me or my minor children, or damage to my personal property which may occur by reason of my/our participation in the activities of the club.

SIGNATURE(S):

DATE:

SPOUSE (or Guardian) SIGNATURE:



SKI SUGARLOAF, MAINE

January 31 – February 5, 2010

Double Occupancy / Drive Yourself Trip

Two, Three, and Four Bedroom Condos for 4, 6, and 8 people ----- \$330.00 per person

Larger condos available upon request. Early reservations have location choices

Call for children / teen pricing – age 19 and younger

Trip Includes:

- 5 nights lodging in mountainside condos --- Sunday - Thursday
- 5 Full day lift tickets to Sugarloaf / USA --- Mon - Fri
- Monday night welcome party
- Daily adult ski or snowboard lesson in ability groups (age 19 and above)
- Week membership of Sugartree Health and Fitness Club - pool, sauna, Jacuzzi
- Maine State Lodging Tax

ALL THIS FOR \$ 330.00 PER PERSON!!

Trip Application

Name _____ Smoker ? _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____ cell _____

Deposit: \$130.00 per person due 10/23/09 . Balance of \$200.00 due 11/20/09. Trip price increases to \$355.00 on reservations received after 11/20/09

Refunds: Full refund upon cancellation only before December 15, 2009. December 16 – January 4 cancellations -- \$25.00 refund. After January 5 -- NO REFUND

Liability Waiver

I hereby acknowledge that skiing and snowboarding are potentially dangerous sports, and I thereby hold blameless the trip coordinator and/or BUCK RIDGE SKI CLUB for any injuries, accidents, lost or stolen equipment as a result of this trip. I further understand this is a drive yourself trip and any traffic violations, citations, or accidents resulting in damage to my vehicle and/or equipment will be my full responsibility under my personal auto insurance policy .

Accepted _____ Date _____

Please make your checks payable to BUCK RIDGE SKI CLUB and send to:

Glenn Weisel, 28 East Hillcrest Ave, Chalfont, PA 18914-2717

Home #: 215-822-9459 Cell #: 215-534-6364 Email: glenweis@comcast.net



FEBRUARY 21ST – FEBRUARY 27TH, 2010

TRIP DESCRIPTION:

You are invited to join Buck Ridge Ski Club on its 7th annual ski trip to Jay Peak. The trip starts with a leisurely and relaxing train journey to northern Vermont, where a shuttle bus will be waiting to take us to the Jay Peak Hotel. We will gather in the Main Concourse at Amtrak’s 30th Street Station in Philadelphia at 8: 45 AM on Sunday, February 21. Our departure time is 9:20 AM on the Vermonter, Train 54. The estimated arrival in St. Albans is 9:25 PM. The return trip is on Amtrak’s Vermonter, Train 57. Our departure time from St. Albans is 8:30 AM on Saturday, February 28 and our estimated arrival time in Philadelphia is 8:20 PM.

The Hotel at Jay Peak is ski in and ski out. Daily lessons are included and are a great way for skiers of all abilities to learn the mountain and to sharpen their skills. Jay Peak also has a great variety of terrain including cruisers, steeps, and of course, an awesome glade system for skiers of all abilities.

For those who don’t want to downhill ski, or just want to take a break, there are lots of options: explore Jay’s network of Nordic, cross-country and snowshoe trails, visit Montreal for the day, and more. Or maybe just relax in the hot tub. But whatever you do, don’t miss dinner - Jay’s kitchen consistently serves up surprisingly great food with enough choices to satisfy everyone. This trip is a great value, has something for everyone, and has become a Buck Ridge tradition. Be a part of the 2010 excursion.

\$750 PRICE INCLUDES:

- Round trip Amtrak train between Philadelphia 30th Street station and St. Albans, VT. Including transportation between Jay Peak and Amtrak’s St. Albans train station.
- 6 nights lodging at the Jay Peak Hotel
- 6 buffet breakfasts and 5 dinners from an ala carte menu
- 5 day lift ticket
- 5 daily half day adult ski lessons (morning or afternoon)
- Monday night welcome party and Thursday night ski school graduation party
- Baggage tips and meal tips.

DEDUCT:

- \$105 if you don’t want the lift ticket package
- Seniors (65 years young) Option: deduct \$105 and purchase your daily lift ticket for \$21 each.
- \$95 if you want to provide your own transportation.

Note: this option is only available once Amtrak’s minimum of 20 people is met.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Payment	Amount	Due By
1st deposit	\$ 100	October 5th
2nd payment	\$ 300	November 16th
Final balance	\$ 350	January 5th

CANCELLATION POLICY:

If cancelled by	Refund
January 4th	100%
February 4th	50%

(Note: These are the cancellation policies of Jay Peak and Amtrak. If more generous terms can be negotiated by the Club, they will be passed on to you.)

RESERVATION FORM — JAY PEAK, VERMONT

Complete this form and return with your payment and a completed release form (found on bottom of ski schedule).

Please make checks payable to **Buck Ridge Ski Club** and send to

Dan Aronson, 707 Beverly Road, Ambler, PA 19002. Phone 215-643-7252 or email d.l.aronson@att.net

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Roommate Requested: _____

Jay Peak, Vermont Trip, February 21-27, 2010 # of Reservations _____ x \$100.00 = \$ _____



WHITEFISH MOUNTAIN RESORT

SUN. MARCH 14 – SUN. MARCH 21, 2010 \$1,190.00 PP/DO

JOIN BUCK RIDGE SKI CLUB FOR SOME MONTANA MADNESS
AT WHITEFISH MOUNTAIN RESORT IN THE WILD WEST OF MONTANA

Whitefish Mountain Resort spreads over 3000 acres and has a vertical drop of 2,353'. There is skiing on 94 marked trails with vast amounts of bowl and tree skiing in between. Marked trails are 20% Beginner, 50% Intermediate, and 30% Advanced/Expert. And with a summit elevation of 6,817' there is no need to worry about the effects of altitude.

Trip Includes: Round-trip air between Philadelphia and Kalispell, with ground transfers from Kalispell to Whitefish (about a 30 minute ride), 7 nights lodging at the luxurious Kandahar Lodge, 5-of-6-day lift ticket, welcome reception on arrival night, continental breakfast each morning, baggage handling tips for both the bus driver and hotel personnel.

Flight Schedule:

Departing:	Delta 1630 14 MAR Phila / Salt Lake	Dep 715 AM / Arr 1018 AM
	Delta 4600 14 MAR Salt Lake / Kalispell	Dep 1115 AM / Arr 102 PM
Returning:	Delta 4477 21 MAR Kalispell / Salt Lake	Dep 725 AM / Arr 909 AM
	Delta 1100 21 MAR Salt Lake / Phila	Dep 1005 AM / Arr 429 PM

Flights are subject to change and departure delays. Baggage check fees are additional and as of now will be paid at the airport each way. As of this time, a ski and boot bag is still being counted as one bag. Overweight items (50 lb+) will incur significant additional expense. You can accrue frequent flyer miles with the ticket by providing your membership number to airline staff at check-in. **Note:** Tickets are name specific; if for some reason you must cancel but can get a replacement, you will still be liable for a change fee of up to \$200 after February 1, 2010. You will need a valid photo ID that matches your registration name at check-in.

The Kandahar Lodge: The Kandahar Lodge features 48 tastefully furnished rooms with a min-fridge and microwave in each room. The property has a spa, exercise room, outdoor Jacuzzi, steam room, and private ski lockers. Cafe Kandahar provides gourmet cuisine for breakfast and dinner. A complimentary shuttle in and around the Big Mountain Village is available. The lodge is "ski in" at the end of the day; start your day with a short walk across a parking lot to an access lift or a 2-minute shuttle ride to the main base area. **Note:** the Lodge is a non-smoking property, and does not have an elevator.

Lift Tickets: Lift tickets are for 5 of 6 days at the mountain, with an optional 6th day lift ticket for \$46. Seniors 70+ ski free.

Options: No lift tickets (or senior age 70 and up) - deduct \$225. No airfare - deduct \$500.

December 15, 2009 Deadline: The lodging and airline contracts require commitments before January 2010. Refunds after 1/1/2010 will be done only if a replacement can be found, and will incur cancellation charges. If possible, partial refunds will be done if no replacement can be found up to January 1, 2010.

Payment Information: \$300 by 9/15/09; \$300 2nd deposit by 10/15/09; \$300 3rd deposit by 11/15/09; and final payment of \$290 by 12/30/2009.

Reservations & Questions: Send reservation form to Michael Fernandez, 1118 Kings Highway, Swedesboro NJ 08085; phone 609-254-8461 or email amf72@verizon.net. PER NEW TSA REGS, PLEASE INCLUDE FULL NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH!!

First 10 reservations get a free water bottle!

RESERVATION FORM — WHITEFISH, MONTANA

Complete this form and return with your payment and a completed release form (found on bottom of ski schedule). Please make checks payable to **Buck Ridge Ski Club** and send to Michael Fernandez, 1118 Kings Hwy, Swedesboro NJ 08085

Name (first / middle / last): _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Roommate Requested: _____

Options (check if appropriate): no lift ticket / senior 70+ no airfare

Whitefish Montana Trip, March 13-20, 2010 # of Reservations _____ x \$300.00 = \$ _____

WOODBIDGE LODGE – RESERVATION FORM

Note: Ski season reservations may only be made after October 1.

WOODBIDGE LODGE USAGE RATES (effective 10/1/2009)

Season	Nov 1 – Apr 30	May 1 – Oct 31
Members	\$15.00	\$7.50
Guests	\$25.00	\$12.50

Rates are the same on weekends and weekdays. Children 6 and under are free.

Member's Name	Date: (nights)	COST
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

TOTAL: _____

GUESTS are welcome when accompanied by a member. Maximum three (3) guests per member.
Inviting member is responsible for guests complying with the Lodge rules and regulations.

Guest's Name	Accompanying Member	Dates: (nights)	COST
1.			
2.			
3.			

TOTAL: _____

Name, phone number, or Email where you can be reached:

Make checks payable to BUCK RIDGE SKI CLUB LODGE. Mail reservation form and payment to:

Joan Strachota, 114 Maple Rd, Wallingford, PA 19086

Key Deposit - \$75. Issue a **SEPARATE CHECK** and send with reservation form & payment.

- Enclosed is my check for \$75. I understand that this key is due back **within 2 weeks after my planned trip** or my deposit check will be cashed. My check will also be cashed if key is lost in the mail.

Signed: _____

Any questions, email jstrachota@comcast.net

RESERVATIONS will be CONFIRMED after payment In full is received.

PLEASE USE THIS FORM FOR ALL RESERVATION REQUESTS

***Don't Forget...
It's Time to Renew!!***

Although its too late for the early bird discount, you can still renew and avoid re-instatement fees. Do it today—we have a great season ahead! Check the website or back issues of the newsletter for the renewal form, OR come out to the November meeting. You can renew in person AND see Wick's Famous Fall Fashion Show!

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Buck Ridge Ski Club

c/o M Fernandez

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