



HIDDEN VALLEY PREPARES TO OPEN SLOPES FOR THE SEASON
Winter sports enthusiasts receive a special gift.

Hidden Valley, Pa., – The current cold weather is providing some excellent snowmaking conditions, and Hidden Valley Resort plans to open the slopes for the season on Friday, December 11, 2009 and remain open through Sunday, December 13. Hours for the opening weekend will be 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. The resort will close the slopes December 14 through December 17, and reopen Friday, December 18 for the season.

“We are excited to get the season underway,” commented Robert Dupstadt, resort spokesperson. “Our team has been busy preparing the mountain and facilities for our guests to come enjoy. This weekend we have a couple of special things to look forward to on opening weekend. Our new partner, Subaru, will bring their Master the Mountain event to the resort on Saturday and Sunday, and we will offer complimentary ski tickets on Sunday, December 13.”

Subaru Master the Mountain offers entertainment on the plaza, free hot chocolate, giveaways and the opportunity to get tips from the resort’s Wintersports U staff. Subaru will sponsor the Learning Lane on the slopes, which is a chance for guests to ski or snowboard in front of professional instructors and get a few tips. Subaru and Wintersports U will also offer complimentary mini-lessons. This allows guests a chance to sample how the many instructional programs offered at Hidden Valley will help them improve their skiing or snowboarding ability. Guests can sign up for Master the Mountain activities beginning at 9 a.m. on the plaza. The Learning Lane will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mini Lessons will take place at 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Hidden Valley is also pleased to offer FREE skiing again this year. All guests on Sunday, December 13 can receive a complimentary ski ticket by donating two canned food items. The food will be used to help those in need. All contributions will be given to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and the Community Action Partnership for Somerset County, Tableland Services, Inc. Guests will need to get a complimentary ski ticket at the ticket sales window. Ski tickets on Sunday, December 13 will cost \$10 without a canned goods donation with the proceeds benefiting the local food banks.

Ski or snowboard rental equipment and lessons will be available this weekend at discounted rates. Hidden Valley’s rental shop will be offering new Elan Skis for \$15 and Atomic snowboards for \$20. Dining will be available at the Ski Lodge Express, The Yukon restaurant and the new Black Diamond Pub & Grill and Falling Leaf restaurant. Glaciers Lounge will also be open.

This is the perfect opportunity to rediscover affordable family fun and rediscover Hidden Valley. You may even want to spend the weekend with Hidden Valley's attractively priced Early Season Ski & Lodge package starting at just \$83 per person. For the more information on opening day, Subaru Master the Mountain, the Free Ski Day and food drive, or everything else Hidden Valley has to offer, visit www.hiddenvalleyresort.com or call 814.443.8000.

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About Hidden Valley Resort

Located in Pennsylvania's Laurel Highlands, Hidden Valley Resort is a year-round destination surrounded by beautiful state forests and parklands with activities for all ages. The family resort offers a host of recreational amenities including skiing, snowboarding, a snow tubing park, a championship golf course, tennis courts, a sports club, retail, spa facilities and 30 miles of hiking and biking trails. The resort is also home to 1,200 resort properties. For information or to sign up for E-news and updates on Hidden Valley, please visit www.hiddenvalleyresort.com