



Press Release:

11th Annual -- Winter Swap **Saturday, November 7th, 2009 -- Coeur d'Alene, Idaho**

The Lookout Pass and Silver Mountain volunteer ski patrols are hosting the eleventh annual **Winter Swap at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds on Saturday, November 7th, from 9 AM to 3 PM.** Items for sale will include new and used skiing equipment, snowboarding gear, accessories, as well as all types of winter clothing. This is an excellent time to pick-up equipment or clothing that you need for the upcoming season or clear out the closets of stuff that you or the kids have outgrown. Admission fee is \$4 per person; children, 12 years and under, are free with a paying adult. Your paid admission also gets you a chance to enter our "Grand Prize Drawing" with prizes that include a season ski pass.

Please **bring items to sell to the fairgrounds on Friday, November 6th from 3 PM to 8 PM.** All items must be clean and in good condition. Merchandise is accepted on consignment only, with 20% of the selling price withheld at the time of the sale. The Winter Swap is making tags and registration sheets available to the public prior to the swap this year at local Ski & Board Shops to allow pre-tagging before the public check-in. This should speed up the Public check-in Friday. This year we will only take "shaped" alpine/downhill skis on consignment as the older straight skis do not sell well. Beginning Monday October 24th, tags and instructions may be picked up at a number of local ski shops including Ski Shack in Hayden and Island Ski & Board and Merit Board Shop in Coeur d'Alene. Consignees **Must Pick up Checks and Unsold Merchandise at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds from 9 AM to Noon on Sunday Nov. 8th.**

In addition to the new and used winter sports gear, there will be a Vendor Fair Building. Several of the ski areas in the region will be present, selling passes and taking photos for season passes, as well as talking about their improvements for the coming season. Other booths will have displays of new snow gear from some of the shops in the area, and other items of interest to winter sports enthusiasts.

Lookout Pass and Silver Mountain Volunteer Ski Patrols are made up of members primarily from Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls, Spokane and the Silver Valley. Most volunteer patrollers donate an average of one day a week of their time throughout the ski season plus numerous training days to provide first aid on the mountain. Our volunteer ski patrols include people from all types of professions. Visit our website at <http://www.winterswap.org> for links and consider joining one of our teams!

Proceeds from the Winter Swap will be used primarily for patroller training to improve our rescue and first aid capabilities on the mountain. For more information including a map to the fairgrounds, frequently asked swap questions and other links, visit our website at <http://www.winterswap.org>, or email admin@winterswap.org

Thank you for supporting the Lookout Pass and Silver Mountain Volunteer Ski Patrols.
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