

SkiVenture Annual Letter 2007/2008

"Local skiing on natural snow"

Dear SkiVenture Family and Friends,

SkiVenture is back for another year of skiing and riding – this season will be the club's 71st year of continuous operation. This makes the club one of the oldest in operation in the country!! **We are also the most affordable. Only \$60 for a family membership.**

This is the club's annual newsletter. It gives you background on the club, schedule of events, application form, and an update on latest club news.

Our motto is "Local Skiing on Natural Snow" and SkiVenture Club members are excited about the club and are working hard to make it accessible to all who have an interest in local skiing on natural snow.

For more information check out the club Website: <http://www.skiventure.org>

2007/08 Schedule of Events

Work Parties

Sunday, Nov. 4, 9:00am-3:00pm

Saturday, Nov. 10, 11:00am-4:00pm

Annual Meeting & Work-Party Dinner

Saturday, Nov. 10, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Hill Master Training #1

Saturday, Dec. 15, 9:00 am

New Year's Eve

Ski & Celebration

Hill Master Training #2

Sunday, Jan. 6, 9:00 am

Date Night

Saturday, Feb. 16th, 6:00pm

Club Day - Potluck

Saturday, March 1, 2008, 11:00-5:00

Tuckerman's Ravine Ski Trip

April – stay tuned!



Celebration of Club's 70th Birthday last season

Club facts

Open to everyone who enjoys local skiing or riding on natural snow in a friendly club environment. It is great for families with kids!

Conveniently located in West Glensville at the north end of Johnson Rd

Founded in 1937, purchased property in 1949

Cozy A-frame cabin with wood stove and deck

Over 100 vertical feet on 4 trails – beginner to expert

Two rope tows (main and beginner lift)

Member owned and operated during winter months.

Open 7x24, day and night to all who are trained and qualified as Hill Masters

Membership Dues

The club is actively seeking new members. Annual dues continue to be very low:

\$60.00–Family membership.

\$100.00 – Sustaining family membership (includes a SkiVenture T-shirt & weeknight deal Maple Ridge and Willard).

Sustaining member benefits: We have worked out discounts at local ski areas if you present your sustaining membership card.

Maple Ridge: \$10 lift tickets on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings all season.

Willard: Has offered \$20 lift tickets anytime (from a maximum of \$38!), or two-for-one on any non-holiday weekday.

In addition, we are working on more deals: a repeat of last year’s free Empire Card at Gore and Whiteface and a \$25 lift and lesson package at Belleayre Mountain. The sustaining membership cards say “season pass” on them and work at any place that gives a discount to visiting pass holders. **We will finalize benefits so check the webpage for updates.**

Hill Masters

Hill Masters are individuals who have received training to operate the two rope tow lifts and agree to enforce the club procedures. Only an approved Hill Master may start the tows and a Hill Master must be present during hill operation. There are no paid lift operators or staff at SkiVenture so Hill Masters are essential to club operation. Two people must be present at all times during lift operation. Hill Master lock combinations are changed every year and given out during Hill Master training. Hill Master responsibilities are designed to comply with state regulations. Hill Masters must have prior first aid training.

Hill Master Training

Reminder – Hill Masters need to have training refreshed annually. Combination locks will be changed Training dates are Dec.16 and Jan.7 at 9:00 am. Once you are a Hill Master, SkiVenture is available to you 24 hours per day.

Hill Master Training Agenda

- Review procedures
- Pay annual membership
- Sign certification form
- “Bring your calendar” and sign up to be a weekend Hill Master: Saturday or Sunday: 11:00am-3:00pm

2007/08 Organization Structure

President: Frank Winters 384-2541
Vice President: Ed Kudlacik 399-5530
Treasurer: Rachel Winters 384-2541
Secretary: Tony Dean 370-1445
Committee Chairs:
Phone tree: Joe Beaulieu
Hill & Grounds: Open
Tow & Electric: Ed Kudlacik & Eric Mason
Hill Master Schedule: Open
WebMaster: Steve Leavitt

Nominations for 2008 officers and committees are encouraged (Call Frank).



View from the top!!



Packed powder conditions last season

Volunteer's Make the Difference

The club is run by volunteers and together we maintain the facilities. Thank you to **all** who participated in the work parties last year. Dedicated members have donated time and equipment to improve the club – from clearing the hill, improving drainage and maintaining the A-frame. Without this support there would not be a club. There is no way we could afford to pay for the important work.

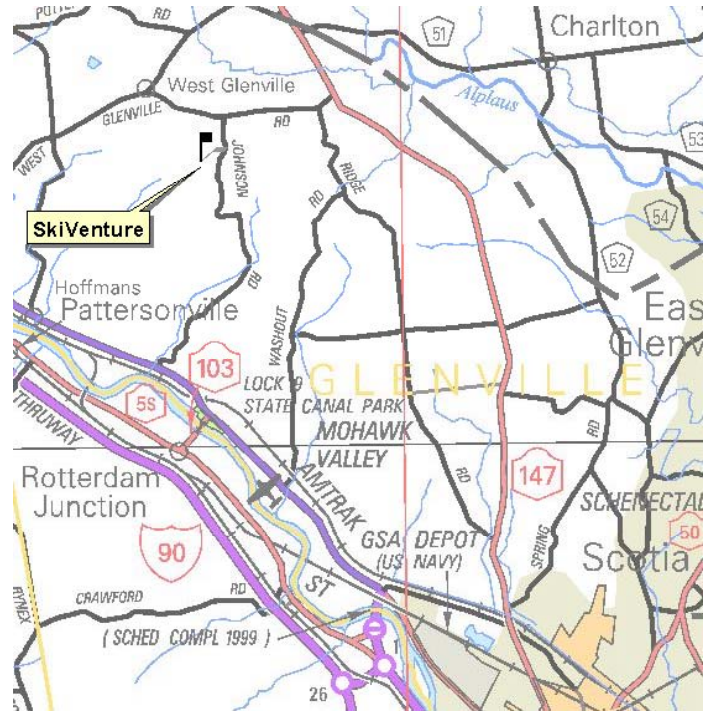
Note from the President – Frank Winters

The SkiVenture season started slowly in January last year and but got going in earnest in February continued through to April. Unfortunately, several of our members waiting for early season snow did not get around to re-joining. Please remember that our expenses are about the same whether we run the place or not. Please encourage your friends to never lose hope on a season and send in the membership. Remember the big storms on Valentines Day and St. Patricks Day? SkiVenture got its share of the snow and we had some terrific ski days. We enjoyed some serious powder!! I would show you a picture of that, but we were having way too much fun to mess around with a camera. During first part of the season when SV was brown we also took advantage of the Maple Ridge discount and enjoyed discounted tickets week nights at Maple.

Pass information to friends and colleagues: The newsletter and application form is available for download on-line at <http://www.skiventure.org>

Directions to SkiVenture at the north end or Johnson Road

- From Rte 5 east of Scotia, head north on Johnson Rd and go up and over the hill. SkiVenture is on the left near the bottom of the hill before you get to West Glenville Rd.
- From everywhere else: From Route 147 take West Glenville Rd (left). Take the second left onto Johnson Road. SkiVenture is 0.4 miles up on the right.



Kid's Commentary

"SkiVenture has great hot chocolate" and "My favorite season is winter because I can go to SkiVenture with daddy" Megan Hunt (age 7)

"The best St. Patrick's day ever – and I'm not even Irish!" Luke Winters (age 11)

"Powder Rocks! It's like bomb going off inside of you!" Colin Winters (age 8)

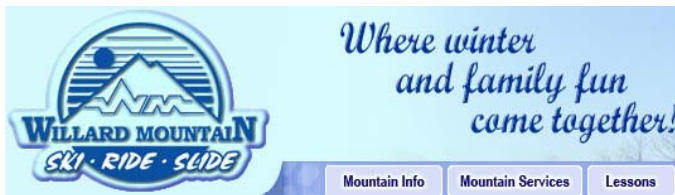
"Come join. You will have a lot of fun" Chris Kudlacik (age 12)

"It's fun to ski in the powder snow!" John Dean (age 10)

"SkiVenture is a really great place to play at." Jeffery Leavitt (age 13)

A special thanks to corporate sponsors of the club

Maple Ridge and Willard Mountain for offering their special weeknight rates to SkiVenture Sustaining members.



www.willardmountain.com/



www.mapleskiridge.com



SkiVenture Membership Application

2007-2008 Annual Rates are:

- ___ \$60.00–Family membership
- ___ \$100.00 – Sustaining family membership* (includes a SkiVenture T-shirt and Maple Ridge and Willard Mountain weeknight deal)

If you choose to pay "Sustaining Membership" for your annual family membership, you will be eligible for a Maple Ridge Ski Area \$10 4-hour lift ticket on Tuesday thru Thursday nights and a similar deal at Willard Mountain

Family Name: _____
 Applicant’s First Name: _____
 Spouse’s Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City / Town / ZIP: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____

Family Member’s/Dependants:
Name and Age:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Signed*: _____

* By signing this application, applicant acknowledges that SkiVenture, Inc. is not in any manner liable for direct or consequential injury or damages suffered by applicant, applicant’s family, or guest as a result of using the corporation’s facilities.

Make your check out to SkiVenture, Inc. and send an application to:
SkiVenture, Inc.

C/O Rachel Winters, 113 Hetcheltown Rd., Glenville, NY 12302, (518) 384-2041

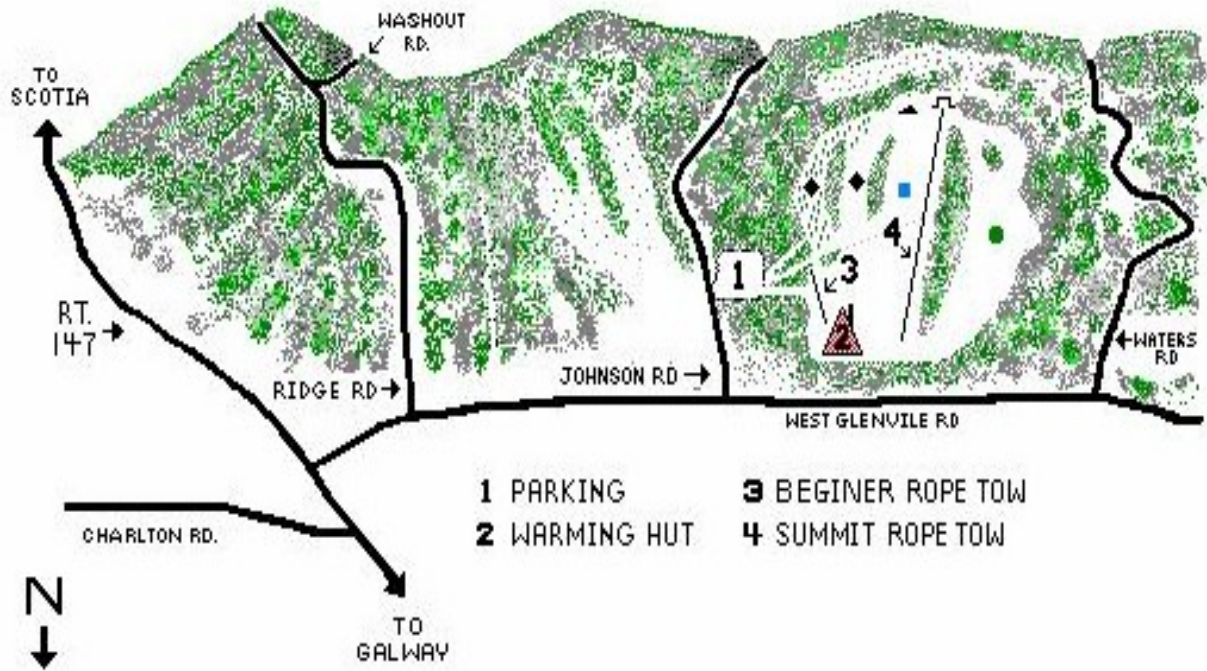
Ski Venture Liability and Guests

Ski Venture continues to offer affordable family skiing by not carrying liability insurance for its members or its guests. Everyone at Ski Venture must ski at their own risk. You may invite guests, however, be careful about inviting minors without their parents. We cannot guarantee complete safety when skiing, accidents are always a possibility. The parents of injured minors are going to be much more understanding if they were present and knew that an accident couldn’t be avoided. To assure continued operation of Ski Venture, your complete cooperation and understanding is required concerning all operating procedures.

-----For Office use-----

Date Rcd _____ Check # _____ Amount _____

JOIN SKI VENTURE



- 1 PARKING
- 2 WARMING HUT
- 3 BEGINNER ROPE TOW
- 4 SUMMIT ROPE TOW

Join SkiVenture – Annual Meeting and Work Party on November 10