

Help Sponsor Our Youth Skiers

We believe our efforts may one day produce an Olympian - your sponsorship will help that vision happen!



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History

Our youth group was developed from our desire to provide a mechanism

to expose African Americans youth to the sport of skiing. The initial goals of the program were to share our love of skiing, provide a social outlet for youth members, and help youth develop skills.

We began developing our program in 1991. Initially, it consisted of Family Ski days at Hidden Valley and Seven Springs Ski Resorts, where we provided lift tickets for our youth members. Ski days also included safety instruction. In 1992, we hosted a golf outing to raise funds to enhance our program. The proceeds allowed us to incorporate ski lessons into the program. Our program expanded to include racing and occasional weekend ski trips.

We have partially sponsored youths who attended Regional and National events held by the National Brotherhood of Skiers (NBS), where they participated in alpine races and training programs. Our youth excelled and won several races. We have also partially sponsored youths to attend a six-week long ski lesson program at the Hidden Valley Ski Resort.

Current Program

Our youth program has developed into a comprehensive alpine ski training program, held at several nearby mountains, which encourages youth to learn the skills necessary to ski knowledgeably and safely. The number of youth participants varies from six to twenty-four, from year to year.

We generally kick off each season with a bowling or roller skating party; sponsor ski lessons each month at local ski areas; sponsor a Family 'N Friends Ski Day; and wrap the ski season up with a weekend ski trip, as funds allow.



Future Goals

We are endeavoring to increase our fundraising efforts so that we can further enhance our youth ski program.

Future plans for our program include:

- *Increasing the number of youth lessons offered;*
- *Increasing the number of youth participants;*
- *Increase our level of sponsorship to include: equipment rental, transportation, and meals;*
- *Incorporate snowboarding and other alpine sports;*
- *Sponsor youth in a weekly race training program;*
- *Increasing sponsorship to NBS regional and national events; and*
- *Providing skiwear and helmets to disadvantaged youth.*

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