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SNOWMASS CROSS COUNTRY CENTER OFFERS \$5 XC SKI LESSONS AND RENTALS

Snowmass Village (December 16, 2007) – The Snowmass Cross Country Center is offering selected classic and skate ski lessons on Sunday, December 16, 2007 for only \$5. Lessons for beginner skiers will be held at 10 a.m. and at 12:30 p.m. Rentals with the \$5 lesson will also be \$5 and can be picked up 30 minutes before the lesson.

Veteran instructors will be on hand to teach lessons for skiers from first-timers to novices. Lessons will be 1 hour and include information on basic technique, edging, turning, stopping and more. There will be one session for each style of skiing at each time. Each session will be limited to 15 skiers. SXCC staff will also be on hand to offer waxing tips and advice on good routes around the Center for skating or classic technique.

Cookies, hot chocolate and teas will be available as well as a selection of soft drinks and food for sale. Arrive 15-30 minutes before lessons to get set up with rental gear. Rentals include poles, boots, and a selection of Madshus, Salomon and Fischer skis. A credit card will be required for all rentals and availability is not guaranteed.

Combined price for lesson and rental is \$10. \$5 rentals will not be offered separate from the lesson. SXCC offers rentals and lessons daily. Classic and skate rentals are offered at SXCC by the day for \$21.95 and \$24.95 respectively. Group lessons are scheduled regularly and private lessons are available by appointment for \$35/hour. Ask a staff member for details or check out their website at <http://www.utemountaineer.com/Snowmassxc.aspx>.

The Snowmass XC Center is located in Snowmass Village on Clubhouse Drive just off of Brush Creek Road. SXCC is based on the no-fee interconnected ski trails of Aspen & Snowmass, courtesy of an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Aspen, the Town of Snowmass Village and Pitkin County. The system comprises 70 kilometers of trails all of which are groomed and free for the public to use.

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