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Okay so you never heard of China Peak? Well, let us entell the virtues of the premiere mountain resort in the Central Sierra.

For families this Central Sierra ski resort is especially attractive. As a matter of fact not long ago OnTheSnow.com named China Peak as "The West's Best Family Resort, as determined by the vote of our viewers."

"A family vacation at China Peak is hundreds of dollars less that most resorts," stated Tim Cohee, Managing Partner, CEO and General Manager.

"While the larger resorts certainly have more amenities, the fact is families with

kids are more interested in the overall cost, as long as the resort offers a quality experience, which we certainly do."

As a matter of fact it is California's only Central Sierra resort on the west slope offering terrain, acreage and elevations comparable to Tahoe ski resorts.

However, at China Peak you will usually find fewer crowds, shorter lines, less waiting and a family-friendly atmosphere.

While the mountain is well known to
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Food & Beverages Outlets Receive Major Facelifts

Food is fuel. Skiers and riders need lots of fuel to roar around the mountain all day. So the China Peak Food, Beverage & Lodging team worked over the summer to upgrade both Mainstream Station and the Buckhorn Bar & Grill.

The Healthy Horseshoe is being introduced at the Mainstream Station. This will include The Sandwich Works, a fantastic made to order sandwich counter.

To provide a variety of dining options a Soup bar, tossed Salad Bar and a hot Pasta Bar have been added. The Horseshoe came about through talking with guests about what they really wanted at the mountain.

The China Peak management team then formed concepts in an attempt to provide fresh, healthy options in a time efficient manner.
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China Peak Mountain Resort has become known as a "family friendly" ski and ride destination.

Three Day Learn to Ski Program Best Value in Ski Country

Come on up and try something different this winter! Bundle up, buy some gloves and take the family on a ski trip. No, really. This is a wonderful way for a family to spend time together in a very positive manner. Just start off at the Welcome Center.

If you are a First Time Skier or Rider, China Peak has an incredible deal for you!

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Nick Cohee, China Peak's new Director of Skiing, is shown competing in the World Cup Giant Slalom held in Sölden, Austria in October of 2015.

Professional Ski Racer Nick Cohee Named Resort's Director of Skiing

At the age of nine, charging on the steep slopes of the well known Kirkwood Mountain Resort near Lake Tahoe, Nick Cohee knew he wanted to be a big time ski racer.

In the world of bucket lists, count that one accomplished.

Cohee, 28, who retired this past spring from professional ski racing as one of the most decorated American ski racers of the past decade, has joined the China Peak management team as Director of Skiing. Over the past 14 years as an FIS athlete, Nick became one of the nation's top giant

slalom skiers, with 35 FIS wins, 67 podiums, over 100 top 10s, a North American cup win, 2 NCAA First Team All-Americans, a National Championship Bronze Metal and a World Cup Start in Sölden,
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Chris Garza Named Food, Beverage and Lodging Director

Tim Cohee, Managing Partner, CEO and General Manager, is pleased to announce the appointment of Chris Garza as the new Director of Food, Beverage & Lodging at the China Peak Mountain Resort.

"This is an important aspect of our operation," said Cohee "and Chris Garza has the skills and leadership qualities to help take this department to the next level."

Born in Fresno, Graza began skiing at China Peak at the tender age of four. "As the third generation in my family to ski here," said Garza, "I quickly developed a love for the sport and the mountain."

It seems his destiny was to prepare meals and serve others delicious fare.

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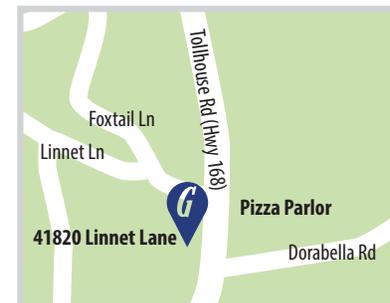


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Veterans With Disabilities Enjoy Adaptive Sports Center's Support

The wonderful staff, sponsors and donors of the Central California Adaptive Sports Center (CCASC), will again help provide access to skiing, snowboarding and more to many who have suffered mental or physical injuries.

The Adaptive Sports Center strives to enhance the quality of life of people with disabilities through exceptional outdoor adventure activities.

Activities: CCASC's offers lessons for persons with disabilities of all skill levels and interests, including sit-skiing, stand-up skiing, ski-biking, snowshoeing and mountaineering. Family members are encouraged and welcome to participate in all activities.

Availability: Winter programs are available to all persons with disabilities Thurs-



Folks with disabilities can try a variety of ways to slide down the mountain at China Peak.

day through Sunday, Thanksgiving weekend through April 30. Naturally these dates are dependent upon Mother Nature and China Peak Mountain Resort's opening and closing dates.

Although we are often able to accommodate drop ins, advance reservations are strongly recommended.

Veterans Participate Free: Through grant funding from the Department of Veteran's Affairs Adaptive Sports Program, CCASC is able to offer lessons to Veterans with disabilities at no charge. Discounted lift tickets and rentals are available for family members.

Some discounts and scholarships are available to non-veterans. Please visit the Adaptive Sports Center office for more information.

Duration: Most of CCASC's winter activities are planned to last for a half-day or all day. Half-day programs run from 9:30 am - 12:00 noon or 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm. Full day programs run from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm.

Location: All programs take place at China Peak Mountain Resort unless otherwise designated.

Participant Support: The ratio of participants to CCASC instructors is normally 2:1. For some activities, such as alpine (downhill) skiing, the ratio is 1:1. In most cases, a CCASC field assistant will be assigned to the instructor to assist with each participant.

Legal Stuff: All participants and persons associated with program activities are required to sign a liability release form. All participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult approved by the parent.

The successful programs the ASC provides are inclusive to families and friends, empower our participants in their daily lives and have a positive enduring effect on self-efficacy, health, independence and overall well-being.

Located in the Central Sierra Nevada, the Central California Adaptive Sports Center (CCASC) brings outdoor adventure programs to persons with disabilities. We welcome individuals and groups of all ages and backgrounds.

CCASC provides year-round adaptive recreation and adventure programming. Our programs incorporate the latest equipment and therapeutic recreation practices, facilitate activities in a professional manner, and collaborate with other organizations, with the goal of providing programming that has a lasting impact on the quality of our participant's lives.

CCASC's programs invite the participation of family and friends, as well as empower our participants in their daily lives.

Perhaps more importantly, their participation has a positive enduring effect on confidence, health, independence, and overall well being. For more information or to schedule a program, please contact us at: randy@centralcaladaptive.org or call 559-593-2504.



All age groups are assisted by the staff at the Adaptive Sports Center in learning to have fun.



Anyone with a disability is encouraged to take advantage of the Adaptive Sports Center program at China Peak. Above a blind individual has learned to ski down the entire mountain with a partner.

World Cup Skier Named New Director of Skiing

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Austria in 2015. He is the middle of five sons belonging to China Peak Managing Partner, CEO & General Manager, Tim Cohee.

"After a long ski racing career," he said, "I have decided to step down from the alpine ski racing circuit and shift gears to the ski business. As Director of Skiing, I hope to bring some youthful ideas to our management team and reach our target market by ways of social media marketing, networking and promoting brand awareness. My goal is to provide real time content to our loyal customers, friends and family by way of events, video updates, photos and other forms of media." Nick continued.

"As a family owned resort, it is our belief that skiing and snowboarding creates tight knit relationships with one another, making it the greatest sport on earth."

"We feel no other activity can involve the whole family in such a way that you are able to simultaneously enjoy the great outdoors at all ability levels. I am anticipating a great season with plenty of good times ahead!"

This past year, Nick was not around the family business at China Peak much. He was busy on the World Cup tour as a professional ski racer. His NCAA ski racing career was stellar. In his first race at the University of Alaska, Cohee stunned the field and won the season opening giant slalom.

Then Nick won back to back giant slalom races at Winter Park, the home hill of the University of Denver, defeating Norway's Leif Haugen, one of the world's top skiers in the process.

He finished his college career in 2012 earning two 1st Team All American selections, was named Captain of the University of Utah Ski Team, was selected as Utah Skier of the Year, and earned more giant slalom victories than any American skier over his four year college career.

When his long awaited opportunity had come through, he was granted one of the six starts allocated to the U.S. Ski Team, and entered his first World Cup race on one of the steepest, most difficult courses in the world.

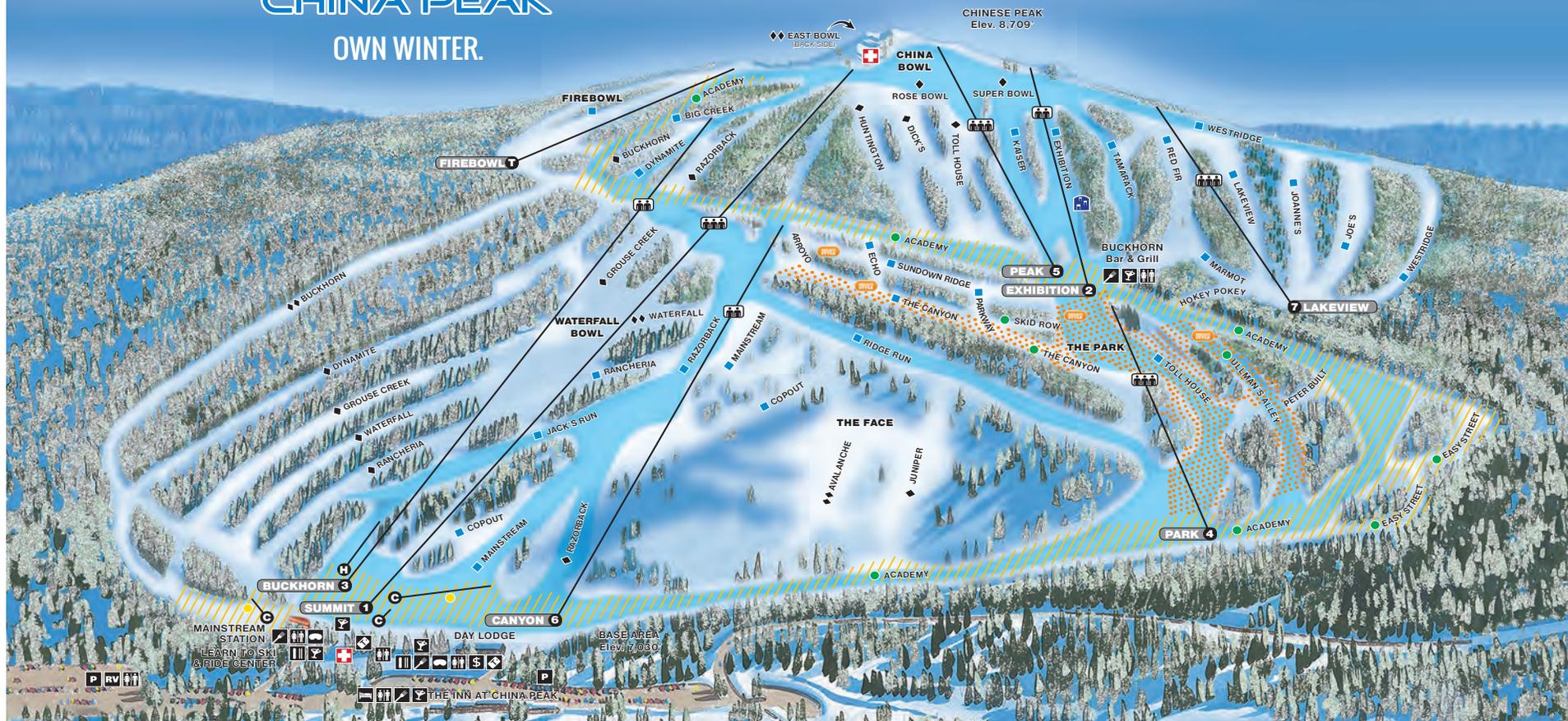
What a wonderful opportunity for someone to have. With only the top 30 racers earning a spot in the second run, Cohee, starting 53rd, did not make the 30, but absolutely felt the experience was something he'll always remember.

"Now it's onto the family business!"



Nick Cohee and his girl friend, Meagan. He is now the Director of Skiing.

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China Peak Central Sierra's Top Resort

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Central Valley riders, Bay area and Central Coast skiers and riders should note that it is just a four hour drive from the coast between Palo Alto and Pismo Beach.

Southern California winter enthusiasts can discover how fantastic China Peak is by driving up Interstate 5, transfer to Highway 99 just outside Bakersfield and also have about a five hour trip.

Now what about the mountain itself.



Young lady is learning to ski down the slopes with the help of her father guiding her along.

China Peak has great overall structure. It offers a drop of nearly 1,700 vertical feet.

With a base at 7,000 feet and a top of 8,700 feet, this place can get a ton of snow.

Plenty of lifts get skiers around the mountain, including three double chairs and four triple chairs. The beginning area features three moving carpets.

Chair 4 leads to the Tollhouse terrain park. This is the a very popular location. Here riders can go big without worrying about people dropping in on them.

China Peak's skiable acres rivals resorts



Encouraging mom gives young son some advice as he learns how to ride a snowboard.

like Alpine, Northstar, Sierra and Sugar Bowl, all in the region around Tahoe.

The two and a quarter mile long Academy run gives new skiers and kids some mileage for a warm up on a top-to-bottom Green run. There are multiple options for Blue runs, Black runs and some exciting tree skiing all coming off Academy.

In all there are 44 trails catering to every level, from novice to expert. Almost all runs are designed for intermediate, advanced and expert skiers and riders.

Getting to those runs is fairly easy because China Peak is known for short lines and open terrain. Perhaps the biggest challenge is finding the energy to keep going all day.

To fuel that energy, China Peak has 10 food outlets at the resort that cater to every hungry appetite, from pizza to fine dining. Drinks are available at Sully's, Jack's, Buckhorn, Mainstream Station, the new Base Camp and JW's.

After a day on the slopes you can stay nearby to get a jump on the day when the lifts open at 9 a.m. The Inn at China Peak offers several lodging opportunities, including condos.

Take advantage of the offers that The Inn at China Peak has on midweek packages



China Peak is known as being a very family friendly facility due to price and amenities.

including rooms and lift tickets, which you can see at SkiChinaPeak.com. Kids 5 and under ski for free.

In addition, China Peak is one of the only mountain resorts in the nation to allow on-site RV parking. Make your reservation now!

Active duty military personnel receive special offers. All day lift tickets are available at half off the regular price and are valid any day, holidays included.

China Peak has a treat for you. On your birthday you are invited to ski or ride for half price.

Just show the ticket office a photo ID with date of birth. This offer is not valid on holidays.

The management and staff are always available to assist you. For those needing further resort details they are always available on the website at SkiChinaPeak.com or (559) 233-2500.



Part of the success of China Peak's family friendly environment is the popular Learn to Ski and Ride Program. Skiing and riding are fun, but it can take a few days to get the hang of it. We get that!

Three Day Learn to Ski Program Huge Hit

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First some background. For years ski resorts have sold learn to ski and snowboard packages for one day at a time.

But this proved to be a problem. To expect to learn to ski or snowboard in one day is simply not realistic.

Skiing and snowboarding are two exciting and exhilarating activities, but it takes a few days to get the hang of it.

Sking and boarding may be the only activities in the world where your entire family can participate in something physically active.

It also allows them to do so at their own

pace, at the same time, regardless of varying abilities.

When you are learning to ski or ride, you need to move around on relatively flat ground, ride beginner moving carpets, learn to stop, turn left and right. Finally you need to learn how to ride a chairlift.

This usually takes about three days. So the brilliant instructors at China Peak came up with the Three Day, \$129 Package.

It includes everything you will need: a restricted lift ticket for Chairs 4 and 6, rental equipment and group lessons.

Visit LearnToSkiAndRide.com for valuable information about this program.

Garza to Head Lodging, Food, Beverage

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"I was raised in a family rich with hospitality. I was always helping the family cater events or wash dishes," he explained. "I grew up in a kitchen and always had a love for food and a passion for serving people."

He attended the University of Arizona in Tucson, earning a degree in Regional Development.

However his heart wasn't in the field in which he earned a degree. In his mind, he just had to learn more about the food industry.

"I couldn't shake the hospitality gene," he said. "So after graduating I got involved with a boutique restaurant group in the Bay area."

"I had the pleasure of working with several incredibly talented chefs and seasoned operators that helped to shape my career."

"I operated restaurants in LA and San Diego, spanning the spectrum of concepts and cuisine. I returned to the Valley for family reasons and I spent last season tending bar, gathering intel and getting to

know guests so that we can really give people what they want. I'm grateful for the opportunity to elevate our Food & Beverage venues to better serve our guests."

"Mostly, I'm excited to provide an exceptional experience and hopefully foster the love for the mountain that I found so early on."

"I have a guest first mentality and look forward to getting feedback from all our guests."



Chris Garza

Safety First Focus for Region's Top Ski Patrol Professional

While China Peak has received a number of industry honors over the past several years, none is more important than the resort's status as one of the best in the nation when it comes to providing care for its customers. In addition to having one of the best safety records in the industry, the China Peak Volunteer Ski Patrol is recognized as a national leader.

While it takes a strong team effort to produce such high national marks, the person who brings it all together is China Peak veteran Rich Bailey. One of the most experienced and decorated professional patrolers in the nation over the past four decades, Bailey leads both the professional and volunteer patrols.

China Peak Times Editor, Ed Delaney sat down with Rich recently to get his perspective on all things relating to his career, safety and the amazing China Peak Ski Patrol.

Ed: How did you first get interested in ski patrolling?

Rich: As a kid I lived for skiing and wanted to make it a part of my work life. I have always enjoyed helping people so I thought ski patrol would be a good fit.

Being a lifeguard on the Central Coast prepared me with first aid and CPR so being a ski patroller seemed like a natural progression in the ski industry.

As I worked for the Forest Service in the summer, I figured working the winter at the ski area would round out my year round working and living in the mountains situation.

Ed: Take us through your career path.

Rich: After graduating early from high school I got a season pass at Heavenly Valley and skied and worked the graveyard shift at Harvey's.

I started up Forestry School and began working winters at China Peak as a Ski Patroller and Summers with the Forest Service as a Forester. During my younger years I worked at Mt. Hood Meadows, Solitude, Deer Valley, and Sugar Bowl as a ski patroller.

As the years went by I got involved with the Professional Ski Patrol Association and sat on the board of directors from 1975 until the present. I also got involved with the National Ski Patrol and have been on their board of directors since 1984.

Avalanche education has been a passion of mine and opportunities to do Avalanche Control at China Peak and Sugar Bowl drove my thirst for knowledge.

I've attended the National Avalanche School, International Snow Science Workshops, and numerous seminars in that area.

Ed: When did you know your entire career would be spent in patrol, mountain op-

erations, safety and risk management?

Rich: After working with the Forest Service for 10 years I decided to take a full time job with Sierra Summit. At that time Sierra Summit was in a heavy development mode and there was plenty of tree felling, drilling, blasting, and such.

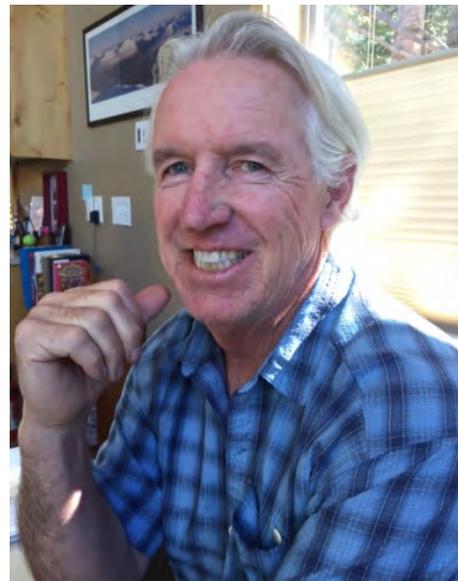
Those are my area of interest/expertise and that started my full time career. I pretty much went full mode into our vegetative management and risk management.

Next thing I knew I was getting involved in everything including snowmaking and grooming/summer maintenance and working with the Forest Service as a Liaison.

The ski industry is an exciting place to work, always changing with plenty of challenges to keep you hopping.

Ed: How do you explain the incredible record of the China Peak Patrol, given how they are viewed across the nation.

Rich: Simply stated we have an awe-



Rich Bailey

some crew of passionate patrolers! Many of our crew have patrolled over 20 years.

One of our patrol members was on the Squaw Valley Olympic Patrol back in the 60's. Our patrol has won numerous BEST IN THE NATION AWARDS for instructors, individuals, paid patrolers, and volunteer patrolers.

Our guys and gals have volunteered to help other patrols with training, avalanche courses, first aid as well as assisting when they were light on their own patrol.

Our patrol have helped park cars, bus tables, traffic control on the highway, as well as provide 14 plus days of patrolling per year at the ski area.

Our patrol has taken PREVENTION to a high note with working with our skiing/riding guests in mountain awareness. Our



Under the guidance of Rich Bailey, highly trained men and women have volunteered and are ready to come and assist you when the need may arise. Above you the 2016/2017 China Peak Ski Patrol. plus years. We have very motivated recruits that will be a big addition to the mountain.

Ed: China Peak has an excellent safety record both for guests and employees. What is the key.

Rich: We do have an excellent safety record! A lot of this comes from our employees that care about doing the right things as well as looking out for guests. In so doing the grounds, slopes, equipment and service to guests is the best.

Patrol is very proactive in prevention of accidents and hill safety is a key ingredient. On our worker's side of the ski area, we enjoy one of the lowest workers compensation rates of any ski area in the United States.

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This past summer Carson Dupree and Taldon Bressell worked to refurbish many of the features for the Terrain Park and built several new ones as well. Photos show features.

Veteran Rider Carson Dupree Named Terrain Park Supervisor, Creates Buzz in New Designs

Carson Dupree is a 21 year-old Fresno local, born and raised.

“My parents introduced me to China Peak when I was twelve,” said Dupree, “back in the Sierra Summit days. From the first day onwards, I was obsessed with terrain parks.”

“It took me about two seasons to gain the confidence to enter the terrain parks and attempt to slide my first box, but once I did it was off to the races.

“Opening day was always the most exciting time of the year for me. I would prepare for it months in advance and once the day finally arrived I had as many friends as



Terrain parks are very popular and the features at China Peak have been updated this summer.

possible accompany me whether the whole mountain was open or just the bunny hill.”

He was hired January 1, 2016 as a terrain park crew member and considers that event to be one of the best things that has happened to him. Now he was finally able to have a say in the design of China Peak terrain parks. While working for China Peak, he noticed the terrain park features and their components were in need of tender loving care.

So his goal this past summer was to refurbish as many features as possible. With the help of a previous terrain park supervisor, Taldon Bressell, a number of components were refurbished and others were built giving China Peak many completely new terrain park features.

By November the two men refurbished and/or built a total of 13 features. Now the resort has plenty of safe and fun features available for visitors.

“My next goal is to conquer the challenge of getting the most out of our terrain,” Dupree said.

“Anyone who has taken a lap through our terrain parks in the past few years will tell you that not all the terrain available is being used to its fullest potential.”

“This aspect of our terrain parks is what I aim to change. I believe a full terrain park on both Tollhouse and Ullmans Alley is key to providing a safe, uncrowded, fun,



and varietal park scene.”

“We are using every feature we can to our advantage in creating not only our medium sized Tollhouse park, but also to expand our beginner park on Ullmans Alley.”

It is China Peak’s management aim to give new skiers and riders a place to hone in their skills and gain the confidence they need before attempting the larger features and jumps of the Tollhouse park.

“Working in the terrain parks is a labor of love for many of us,” continued Dupree. “We pride ourselves for having well maintained, fun, and progressive terrain parks. We love seeing the looks on our guest’s faces when they land a trick for their first time.”

“We love watching guests get excited over a new feature that was placed the night before, or a new jump opening for the first day after a couple days of building and shaping. We just love seeing our guests happy.”

“Our guests who enjoy skiing and riding in the terrain parks are encouraged to share their ideas or suggestions. Come talk to the terrain park staff and let your voice be heard.”

“We know that guests who have children want them to be as safe as possible on the mountain, whether it’s in the terrain parks or not. Have them come with you and talk to us. We can help educate you and your children about terrain park and general mountain safety.”

“No matter who you are,” concludes Dupree, “come talk to us. We would love to get to know you and hear what you have to say about the mountain. Here’s to a fluffy white winter. Prepare your snowsticks everybody!”

Welcome Center Assists China Peak Visitor Base

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Those new to skiing and riding can find the activity very challenging as they hit the snow for the first time.

Think about your first day on the slopes. First you drove to the mountains. Perhaps you had to chain up for safety. That’s always fun.

Then you found a place to park. Next after a short walk you figured out where to buy lift tickets.

The friendly staff at the ticket booth explains how to find the Rental Shop.

You headed over there to rent equipment. After a fitting session you are nearly ready to go.

Now it’s time to go the Ski School and learn a new way to walk in ski boots. That can be a challenge as well.

The Ski School staff works with you for half a day and you are making progress. You decide that another lesson in the afternoon will help you, so you return after lunch.

Then there’s the new athletic moves, sore bodies and tired muscles. So why do new comers return? Because it’s the best sport in the world.

Under Tim Cohee’s leadership, China Peak has dedicated itself to its first time skiers and riders.

There is even a dedicated website just for them. Go to LearnToSkiandRide.com for all the details. Here you’ll find a simple way to purchase your three day package prior to arriving at the resort.

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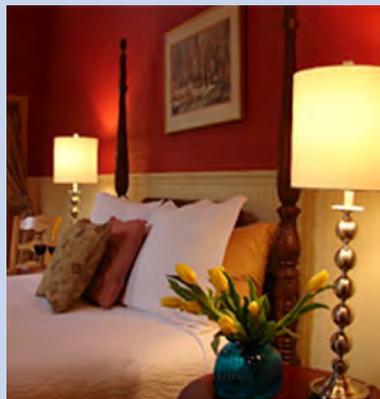
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China Peak Lodging Expands, Now Offering Huntington Condominiums

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The managers are Nichole and Graham Jones. Neither of them are strangers to the local scene.

Originally from Glendale, CA, Nichole is thrilled to be back in the Sierra. She moved to Meadow Lakes in 2008 and worked at Sierra Summit Ski Patrol for a couple years.

During this period, she met her husband, Graham Jones. In the summer months she worked for the Forest Service with the Timber Crew. Due to work she moved back to Los Angeles for the past 5 years. Nichole was raised camping up and down Southern California and skiing/snowboarding with her family for the past 30 years.

She has worked as an executive administrative assistant for CEO's of production companies and at an A/V company. She was a personal assistant to a Hollywood celebrity. Nichole loves to play soccer and running after their 18 month old daughter.

Graham was born in Catskill NY and moved to Monterey, CA at 19. He eventually found the Sierra Nevada and the snowy winter months he had been searching for

since leaving the east coast. Working construction in the summer and for China Peak in the winter he was able to carve out a decent year round niche for himself living in Shaver Lake. He and Nicole got married in 2013. They relocated to Glendale and he worked as a Union Carpenter, building motor driven retractable bleacher systems. The two lived in Glendale for 3 years and while there had a beautiful baby girl named Sierra. When the opportunity arose for them to return to the mountains they were more than happy to accept. To arrange for a condo, call The Inn at China Peak at (559) 223-2500, Extension 2.



Nichole and Graham Jones with their daughter enjoy living and working in the local region.

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Vehicles parked overnight need to be out lined by stakes at all 4 corners with 1x2 inch by 8-foot poles to prevent accidental damage by snow removal equipment. Lock your vehicle and do not leave items of value in sight.

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Fresno Ski Club Celebrates Eight Decades of Comradery

The year 2017 will mark the Fresno Ski Club's 80th birthday. Founded in 1934 and incorporated on December 22nd 1937, Fresno Ski Club is one of the nation's oldest incorporated ski clubs. So, how and when did we get started on this journey that nearly spans eight decades?

When Yosemite became the first ski resort west of New England in the 1920's, the Yosemite Winter Club was born. This was back in the days when tobogganing and ice skating were quite popular and skiing was "backcountry", where you hiked in and skied out, combining cross country and alpine techniques.

Badger Pass opened in 1935, leading to the birth of the Fresno Ski Club. FSC became the third such club in the country. Developed for the purpose of promoting camaraderie on the slopes and skill development through racing, the Club produced many national competitors.

Early members at Badger experienced the new fangled "up ski", a diesel powered sled propelling 30 skiers at a time up the hill. A T-bar was added in 1937.

World War II led to the transformation of Yosemite and Badger Pass into wartime facilities. Gas was rationed, keeping people close to home.

The Club continued its existence offering its members a leisure time respite from the continuous war efforts. After the war ended a group of dedicated members revived the Club and encouraged Jack Pieroni's involvement. By now Jack was working for the Fresno Ski Den, having been introduced to the thrill of downhill skiing through a friend and his Forest Ranger father.

During the 1950's Fresno Ski Club was much like the dozen or so ski clubs in existence in California at the time. Ski clubs served primarily as an outlet for ski racing enthusiasts. But they offered a combination of social and summer recreational activities to appeal to everyone.

Keeping with the times the selection of a ski club queen was a major event. During the early days of the Club, there were no out-of-state trips offered. A weekend at the Wawona Hotel was it!

However the Club did distinguish itself among peers by developing a "standard ski test" to assess and rank members' skiing abilities.

Its purpose was for personal recognition, recruitment of competitive racers and as a



Here is what a collective patch or pin for China Peak looked like around the year 1960.

means of testing and developing members for service on the Club's own Fresno Ski Patrol. This same skills test became the precursor to the battery of assessment tools used by today's National Ski Patrol.

China Peak opened in 1958, offering the Club a whole new venue for skiing. As primitive as it was, members flocked to "the Peak", leaving some loyalist supporting Badger Pass.

The Club began regularly renting an old

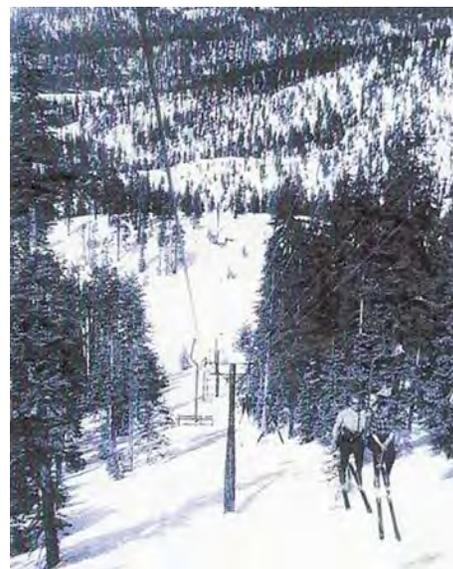


The first mechanical ski lift at Badger Pass was also the first mechanical lift not only in California but in the American west. Known as the Up-ski, the lift had sleds with nicknames like "Big Bertha".



Above is a picture showing the original China Peak Ski Resort base lodge and the bridge over Big Creek. Many things has changed over the years, except for the fact that this is a great place to ski!

ice house at Silver Tip Lodge, just outside Yosemite, for weekend accommodations while skiing at Badger Pass. At \$11 a night with a sheet hung up to separate the men and the women, it was a deal.



Early look at a lift tower and skiers at China Peak Resort around the late 50s and early 60s.

Not to be outdone the first operator at China Peak promised the Club land for the purposes of owning it's very own cabin.

However, the idea of a cabin at China Peak was put on permanent hold when the resort filed bankruptcy in the 60's.

The Club had a huge success with its 1959 Snow Fall Ball as a fund raiser for the 1960 Olympic Team Thus fund raising then became an integral part of the Club's annual activities.

The late 60's saw a gradual decline in the Club's level of membership, interest and prominence in racing.

Major resorts were now sufficiently developed. They could sponsor and train their own teams. Jack says he can remember going to a Club meeting at Shakey's Pizza Parlor with only six members present. But that soon changed.

The 1970's brought a national resurgence in skiing and ski club interest as well, especially among the young single professionals.

Now owning his own shop in the New Fig Garden Village, Jack helped the Club organize it's first out of state trip to Sun Valley, launching another Club tradition. About 120 folks went, 50 of which were Club members.

By the late 70's, while disco was on its way out, the Club had grown to about 200 members with it's array of winter, summer and social activities.

Twice a month meetings, the annual ski



swap, Luau, Snow Fall Ball, weekend and out-of state trips were now Club staples.

Being an equal opportunity organization the ski club queen now had to share her throne with a king. And those wet T-shirt contests weren't for women only.

By the 80's China Peak had been bought out by Snow Summit in Southern California and become Sierra Summit, under new ownership.

Disco was gone, and so were the ski club queens and kings. With many of the 1970's singles getting married and having kids, the membership declined somewhat.

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Fresno Ski Club . . .

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However, the Club added new events and activities to generate enthusiasm. A well attended Mr. Bachelor trip was added and other trips were often held in conjunction with Central Council, part of the Far West Ski Association.

Although smaller in size, participation was strong and supportive of its community outreach activities such as the ski days for Big Brother-Big Sisters, participation in Channel 18 fund raisers, and the sponsorship of Warren Miller movies at the Tower Theater.

With so much to do, hot tubing emerged as a favorite after event event.

The mid 90's saw a gradual increase in membership numbers. With the kids raised and the careers secure mid-lifers were now turning to organizations like the Fresno Ski Club with renewed interest..

Activities expanded to include more Club sponsored events at Sierra Summit. Volley ball continued as a favorite off-season activity, along with hikes and water-sport outings.

The ski swap grew and grew as a successful commercial venture for the Club, providing the Club with extra income to support various philanthropic organizations.

Today The Fresno Ski Club has evolved to much more. If you ski, board, boat, RV, hike, bike, travel or just socialize, we invite you to our next meeting.

General meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month, September through April.

The second meeting of the month has been replaced with the very popular "Hump Days" held at different restaurants each month.

After all times are changing and we are a social club with a skiing problem. Whether you're just getting started or a well sea-



The Club is not just about skiing and boarding. There are a variety of activities all year long.



The Fresno Ski Club has been a active organization for eighty years and has seen amazing changes in the sport of skiing and the ability to enjoy the sport at a much higher level. The one constant in the last eighty years is the wonderful bonds of friendship that have developed amongst the members.

soned pro, you will find friends at your ski level and others eager to help bring your skills up to the next level.

The FSC is known for the quality and value of their annual trips. The top shelf offerings are typically a 7 or 9 day out of state adventure to Colorado, Montana, Wy-



The Fresno Ski Club trips have almost become legendary. Why not join us on the next one. oming, Idaho, or Canada.

These turnkey excursions include airfare, lovely accommodations (oftentimes, ski in, ski out condos), lift tickets, cocktail parties, group dinner and lunch. A huge bang for the buck with memories and friendships forged for a lifetime.

Closer to home we have 3 day trips to Tahoe or Mammoth with a bus full of memories and fun.

Trips often take advantage of free days

of skiing through the Power Alliance (part of your China Peak Black Pass) to make trips even more affordable.

FSC is a member of the Far West Ski Association, which provides the club additional trip discounts and club members access to all Far West trips.

We are also very proud of our philanthropic endeavors. FSC retains nonprofit designation as a 501c7 organization.

For nearly 50 years our club has organized and hosted many fund raising events. Our Annual Auction Night is a popular fund raiser and dinner with silent and live auctions and fun is had by all.

Much of the proceeds generated from these fund raisers are donated to our friends at Special Olympics and the Central Valley Adaptive Sports Center at China Peak.



Fresno Ski Club has proudly donated important items to the Central CA Adaptive Sports Group.

In fact we recently bestowed a \$3000 timing device to Special Olympics that has become an essential part of their racing

program. For Central California Adaptive Sports we purchased some tandem kayaks for their summer program and camping equipment. Toys for Tots and Help a Hero is also on our list of nonprofit programs we support.



The Fresno Ski Club Has Made Donations to The Special Olympics Winter Games Group.

To sum it up, the Fresno Ski Club is about much more than skiing/boarding. It's a chance to make new friends, engage in a variety of activities, take super-fun, affordable ski/board trips and support the local ski community.

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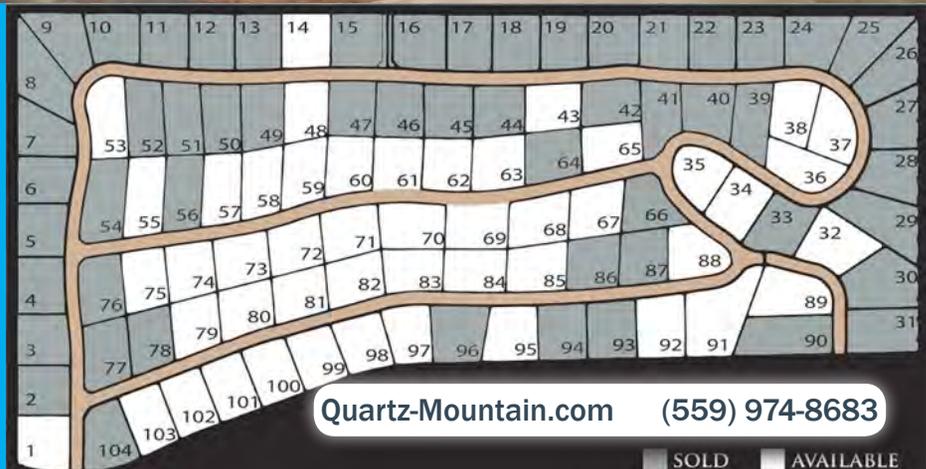
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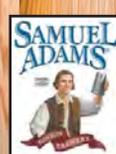
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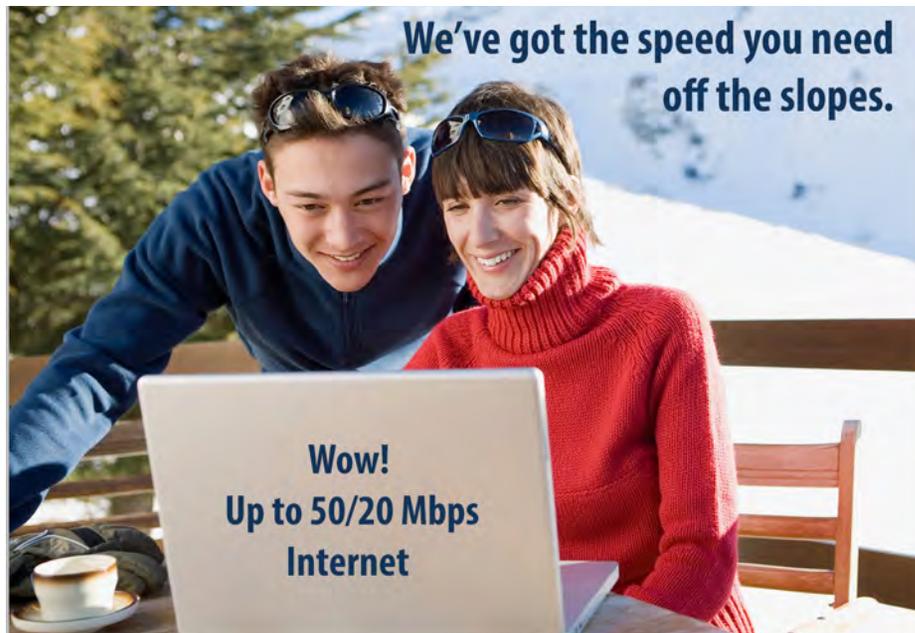
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Additionally there is a Department of the Year Award and The VAN Award, which is our customer service award named in honor of Van Neely.

The VAN award has a plaque that resides in the day lodge with the name of each year's winner. This award has been given since the 11-12 season when Van passed away.

Winners were:

Behind the Scenes

Employee of the year

Chad Sainsbury, Snowmaking

Supervisor of the year

Mike Cornell, Snow Surfaces

Front Line

Employee of the year

Dave Tomerlin

Ski and Board School

Supervisor of the year

Olivia Lyons

Ski Patrol

Overall Best

Employee of the year

Russell Morris

Guest Services

Supervisor of the year

Larry Ott

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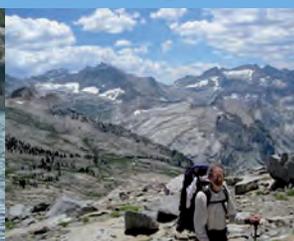
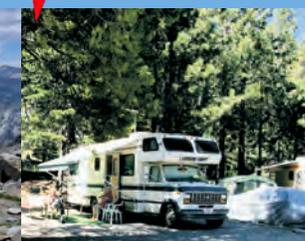
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Fresno Ski Club Jack Pieroni's Award Presented to Ned Baird

The Jack Pieroni Award is given for distinguished accomplishment and long-term contribution to local winter sports.

The award was established to provide inspiration and recognize others with lifelong passion for winter sports, as demonstrated by Jack.

Passed recipients are Jack Pieroni, Boomer Devaurs, Nic Flore, Joe & Joanne Weirick, and Larry Huebner. This years recipient is Ned Baird.

An Award Committee, comprised of area ski industry leaders, meet to evaluate the nominees and select the recipient.

The candidates are always someone who has made significant achievements and contributed significant time and talent to the winter sports industry.

This award represents the highest award presented by the winter sports community within the Central Valley and the local ski resorts of China Peak and Badger Pass.

Members of this years Award Committee are Rich Bailey, Randy Hartung, Jim Oppliger, Taus Pieroni, LaDonna Roy, Bob Strickland, and Dave Ward.

Ned Baird worked for Jack Pieroni at his ski shop starting in 1978 and has been in the retail winter sports industry most of his life, including Valley Sports and Herb Bauer Sports.

He competed on the China Peak ski race team in his 20's, and later on was an instructor their. Currently, Ned is the ski department manager at Herb Bauer Sports.

Over the years Ned has helped countless number of skiers select skis and equipment that fit their needs.

He has always promoted safe and proper equipment for skiers, and has provided feed

back and recommendations to equipment manufacturers.

The award is made by the Fresno Ski Club. The award presentation to Ned was made by Taus Pieroni (Jack's son), April 22nd at the Ski Clubs annual auction night.

Plans Underway to Install Chairlift in Summer 2017

"Since we reintroduced China Peak years ago, we've worked to provide facilities that make the resort enjoyable even on the busiest days," says Tim Cohee.

"More restrooms, food and beverage outlets, as well as indoor/outdoor seating were added. A key to providing a quality experience is to have capacity to serve everyone comfortably, which I feel we do pretty well."



The 2017 summer will see the installation of a quad lift purchased from Steamboat Springs.

In the summer of 2017 China Peak will replace Chair 2, one of the oldest lifts on the mountain, probably 30 years old. These old, fixed grip lifts are like vintage cars.

China Peak has purchased a Yan/Doppelmyer quad from Steamboat Springs, Colorado to replace Chair 2.

The quad is in excellent condition and has a capacity to transport 1800 skiers/riders per hour. Check out the bottom of Chair 2 this winter by Tower 1 and you may see the footing.



Jack Pieroni Award is presented to Ned Baird for long-term contributions to local winter sports. From left Kim Riehl president Fresno Ski Club, Ned Baird, Taus Pieroni (Jack's son), Dave Ward.

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Be sure to dry your dog after being outside. As the winter season is upon us and people prepare their cars and homes for winter, one of the biggest health risks for dogs and cats is exposure to antifreeze. Many pets seem attracted to the sweet taste, ingesting this toxin, which can lead to a medical emergency in affected pets. Many pets will present nonspecific symptoms of loss of appetite, increased thirst/urination, and/or vomiting and weakness.

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China Peak Ski Team Offers Two Solid Programs for Kids

The China Peak Race Team (CPRT) promotes a family-oriented mountain lifestyle and builds strong skiing skills that help foster a lifelong passion for winter sports.

Our goal is to develop athletes with strong fundamentals that can excel in the sport of ski racing.

We have professional coaches who are certified in both the United States Ski Association (USSA) and the Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA).

Most of our coaches and team members come from families who have skied at China Peak their entire lives. Several of our coaches still compete in the USSA Masters races.

We continue to have ongoing professional development in order to keep current with the latest ski/race techniques.

Our program emphasizes competition, safety, fundamentals, teamwork, sportsmanship, camaraderie, and fun. The team operates with the strong support of China Peak.



Kids are encouraged to compete with the race team at China Peak during the winter season.

Although your child will ski the whole Mountain, Resort Owner Tim Cohee, a former racer himself, provides a training venue where your kids can train without having to worry about interfering with other skiers.

This year we are elated to introduce China Peak's new Director of Skiing and FIS racer for China Peak, Nick Cohee. (*You can find his article on Page 1.*) Nick is a recent World Cup, Nor Am, and NCAA skier who competed at the highest racing levels.

An article about Nick can be found at <http://bit.ly/CoheeSR>. It is unusual for a program to have this kind of expertise in their coaching and we recognize just how fortunate CPRT is to have him work with our racers.

Nick's enthusiasm about skiing and racing is infectious and we are excited to

bring that enthusiasm to the whole team. We want to give our racers the opportunity to learn what it takes to race at the highest levels.

CPRT is also fortunate to have additional coaches, all of whom possess strong teaching and racing backgrounds.

Rick Bergen, our head coach, is a current Masters Racer. Nick Alexandru has raced for 25 years and was one of the top 10 racers in his home country of Romania.

Robert Farmer, Lincoln Owensby, and Mark Coleman all started teaching skiing 20 years ago at China Peak, are USSA certified.

Now they currently have or have had kids on the team. Jeff Kearns, a former FIS racer, is one of CPRT's young coaches and has been a tremendous asset to the CPRT family.

All coaches are USSA members and are trained in CPR/First Aid and are USSA "Safe Sport" certified.

We incorporate USSA training philosophies, including age appropriate drills taught in progressions that help each skier become confident, competent, and fast.

Our typical training day runs from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. We train each weekend and school holiday from the first weekend in December until Easter, with the exception of Christmas and New Year's Day.

Team members are strongly encouraged to ski as often as they can and attend all Central Series races. We want your son or daughter to become a great skier and competitive racer.

Team members must be at least 5 years of age and must be able to turn and stop



The China Peak Ski Team has a staff of United States Ski Association (USSA) and the Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA) certified instructors. Sign kids up at ChinaPeakRaceTeam.com.

on intermediate terrain in order to join the team.

There is a great program for those older skiers who still want to ski fast and compete. Join the Master's Program that trains on Wednesdays.

Contact Brian Nichols at (559) 907-1000 for more on this program.

Unique to the sport of ski racing, families are encouraged to ski the mountain while their racer does the same.

We are mostly a volunteer army and share a love of outdoor fun with our kids.

There is nothing quite like spending the weekends together on the mountain with other families and having great fun skiing together.

Our 2016-2017 team expects about 60 members. All of our members are encouraged to race in the "Central Series" races at Bear Valley, Dodge Ridge, China Peak, and Yosemite.

The CPRT cost is \$800. An additional \$200 volunteer deposit is also required, which will be refunded if a parent volunteers to help with the team.

A season pass is included in the team fee for those members who participate in races.

We encourage kids to come "kick the tires." Try us out for a day. It's so much fun!

Get your kids out of their rooms, off of their computers, and into the great outdoors here in the Central Sierra!

China Peak Race Team and the Mountain plan to host a USSA Far West U10/12, U14 Central Series Super G and Giant Slalom race.

In addition our U10/12, U14, U16 athletes have the opportunity to attend three other U10/12, races in the central series: Bear Valley (SL), Dodge Ridge (GS), Yosemite Winter Club (SL). U16 athletes are welcome at these races as well in addition to the Far West U16 races.

Registration Info: Chinapeakraceteam.com or call Brian Nichols 559-907-1000.



The China Peak Race Team will have Nick Cohee, a recent World Cup, Nor Am and NCAA skier assisting with the program. Kids are encouraged to attend all Central Series race competitions.

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Sequoia Brewing Company Ski/Party Bus to Run Starting Wednesdays January 11th

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The price for the Wednesday bus is just \$20 for those with a season pass. For \$49 you can ride the bus and get a lift ticket. A first time visitor can get a one day Learn

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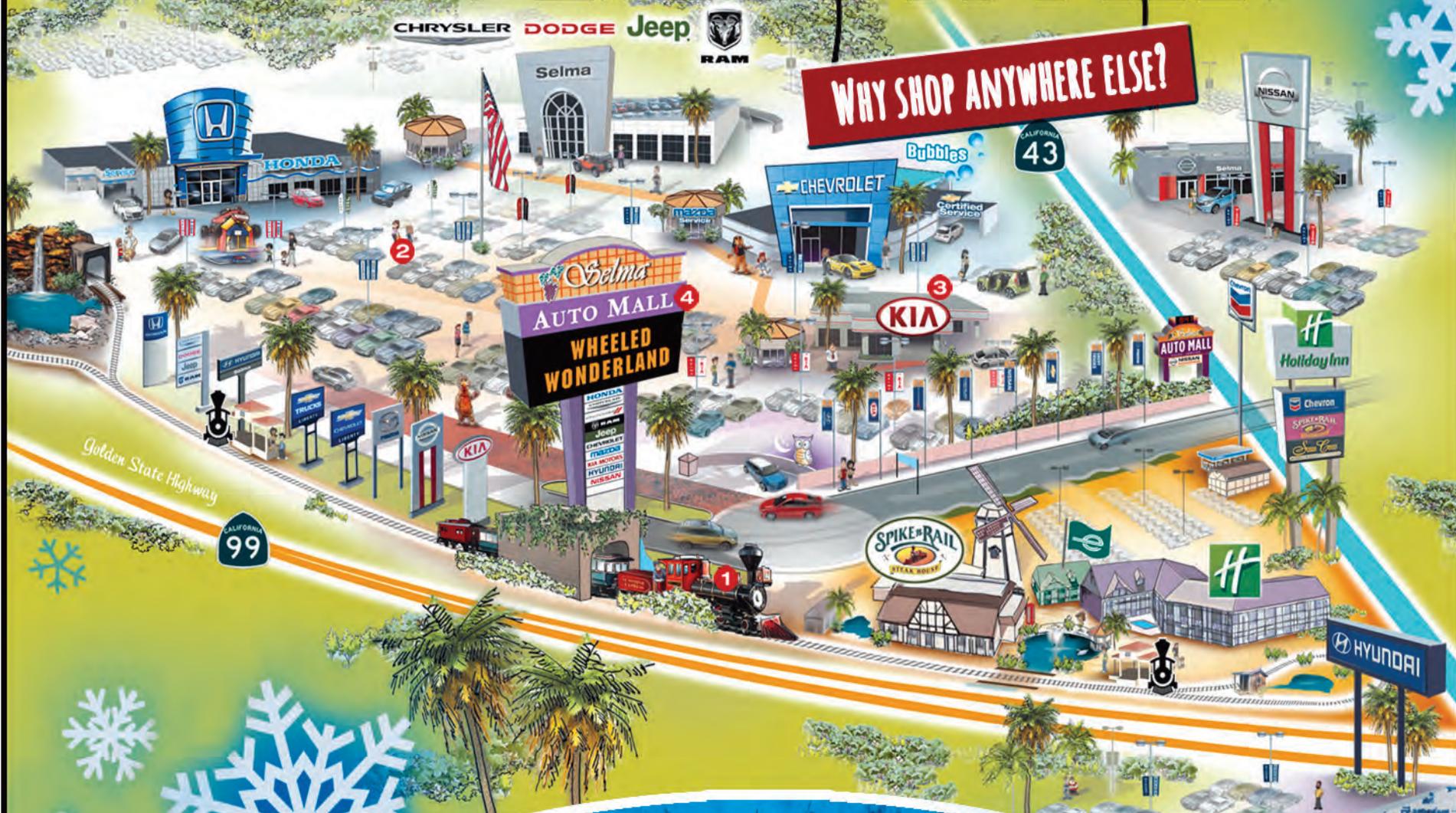
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