

Dear HDNA members and friends,

Here is the news for January, 2024

#### HDNA February Board and General meeting

Please join the HDNA Board at 6:00 pm on January 11th at Idaho Pizza. The HDNA general meeting will commence at 7:00 pm immediately following the board meeting. If you want to order food please arrive before either meeting. As of now the general meeting will either feature special guest speaker Dennis Kincaid on the 10th Mt huts in Colorado or the ISU hut system in eastern Idaho.

#### FREE SKI DAY

If you follow HDNA on Facebook or occasionally take a look at the HDNA website there is notification of a Free Nordic Ski Day scheduled for January 20th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Magic Mountain. This is being sponsored by the College of Southern Idaho and Magic Mt. The HDNA will assist with "instruction" or any other task that is needed. If you have any questions please let me know or contact Sarah (208-732-6470 or email [sholyoak@csi.edu](mailto:sholyoak@csi.edu)). Volunteers are needed. Please contact Sarah.

#### AVALANCHE CLASS AT CSI

The Sawtooth Avalanche Center will present the following:

Wednesday January 24, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Intro to Avalanches Presentation @ College of Southern Idaho

Join the Friends of the Sawtooth Avalanche Center for a 2-hour presentation based on the Know Before You Go platform, introducing basic concepts about snow, avalanches, and traveling safely in and near avalanche terrain. Learn from the Friends of SAC instructor team of snow experts, mountain guides, and experienced avalanche educators. We invite everyone to join if you're learning about avalanches for the first time or are a seasoned backcountry user ready for a yearly refresher.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/365204629280480/>

Please note that the location at CSI is still pending. The SAC states that the location information will be posted on the SAC website and Facebook when available.

#### GROUP SKI TO the HUT

Dennis Kincaid is planning on leading a group ski to the hut on Saturday January 13th. Additional details to follow. Call or text Dennis at 208-420-7775.

#### Blaine County Rec District (BCRD)/Galena Ski passes

Paid members (BCRD list updated as of the January 11th meeting) may receive a free ski pass from the BCRD. Passes are available at the BCRD Fitworks front desk at the Community Campus 1050 Fox Acres Rd. Hailey, ID. The staff has a list at the front desk and passes ready to hand out. If BCRD is closed, members can pick up their passes at Galena Lodge. But please ask them pick up at BCRD if it is open. Here is the link to the Fitworks hours: <https://bcrd.org/adult/fitworks/> The Fitness center is open M-F 7:00 am to 7:00 pm and Sat/Sun 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

HDNA Dues: If you have not already done so, please remember to pay your 2024 HDNA dues. Please go to HDNA and fill out the membership information and mail a check to: High Desert Nordic Association, PO Box 2539, Twin Falls, ID 83303.