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SKI FOR LIGHT

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Dear Friends of Ski for Light:

Come celebrate our **38th Anniversary** of the Black Hills Regional Ski for Light with old and new friends and continue the years of discovery, growth, and spiritual bonding.

EVENT DATES & INFORMATION: The 38th Annual Black Hills Regional Ski for Light Event will be held at TERRY PEAK & WHARF RESOURCES from January 23 -26, 2017. Scheduled events will include four days of cross-country and alpine skiing, snowshoeing and snowmobile rides for visually impaired and physically challenged participants. **Registration will be Sunday, January 22, 2017 from 2:00 – 5:00 PM, at the Mineral Palace in Deadwood.**

The SFL Banquet will be Thursday night and tickets cost \$15.00. To eliminate last minute confusion and provide accurate numbers for meals, we urge you to send \$15.00 for each banquet ticket needed, with your application. Cost of tickets on the night of the banquet will be \$20.00.

We need experienced skiers as guides in both the cross-country and alpine programs. It is essential that guides be able to commit to all four days. If you do not have any skiing experience or do not feel comfortable being a guide, please mark your application as a volunteer. We need non-skiing volunteers and assistants to help in other essential areas. Ski for Light will provide: four lunches, one evening meal, trail fees and cross-country equipment as necessary and downhill ski rentals and lift passes for guides. We now offer a meal package you may purchase for \$83 which covers those meals not provided by SFL.

LODGING INFORMATION: Guides and volunteers who wish to stay in Deadwood during the event are encouraged to do so. Our headquarters will be at Mineral Palace. SFL has confirmed lodging costs at approximately \$40/\$50 per night based on double occupancy and have blocked rooms at several hotels. Only SFL can make your reservation at the reduced rate and will do so when you send in your completed application. Guides and Volunteers are solely responsible for paying the hotel directly for costs and meals not sponsored by SFL.

TRANSPORTATION TO EVENT: For those who need transportation in South Dakota, North Dakota, and Nebraska, busses are available for a fee. SD Bus Contact: Virginia Miller (605) 261-8921, ginnyandterry@siouxvalley.net / ND Bus Contact: Paul Olson (701) 795-2700, polson@nd.gov / NE Bus Contact: Ward Kinney (712) 366-9596, wardkinney@cox.net

APPLICATION DEADLINE: It is essential that we have all applications as soon as possible to reserve hotel rooms and to finalize arrangements. **APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 30, 2016.**

We are celebrating thirty-eight fantastic years so let's make this a Ski for Light event to remember!

Sincerely,
Your Black Hills Regional Ski for Light Board

Follow us on our website at www.bhsfl.org or on Facebook at **Black Hills Regional Ski for Light.**

OFFICE USE ONLY

App Complete: _____ Date Received _____ Paid _____
SFL Photo Release Signed: _____ Acceptance Letter Sent: _____ # Banquet Tickets: _____
SFL Release Signed: _____ Raffle Tickets Sent: _____ Meal Packet: _____
Room: _____

GUIDE & VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name _____ M/F _____ Age: _____
Address: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip: _____
Home #: _____ Cell #: _____ Email Address: _____
[] Check if new address
[] Please check if you are attending for the first time Year last attended BHRSFL _____

I WILL BE AVAILABLE AS:

(INFORMATION REGARDING ACTIVITIES IS ON LAST PAGE)

Caretaker / Personal Attendant only _____ Person you are attendant to _____

Cross Country (XC) Downhill Both XC/Downhill Snowshoeing
Guide _____ Volunteer _____ Guide _____ Volunteer _____ Guide _____ Volunteer _____ Guide _____ Volunteer _____

GUIDES: SKIING EXPERIENCE AND ABILITY? (Preference Will Be Given To Guides Participating All Week)

Excellent: _____ Average: _____ Fair: _____ Poor: _____

EVENT & HOTEL INFORMATION (PLEASE BE VERY SPECIFIC!!!)

I Will Attend These Days of the Event:

Monday Jan 23 Yes _____ No _____
Tuesday Jan 24 Yes _____ No _____
Wednesday Jan 25 Yes _____ No _____
Thursday Jan 26 Yes _____ No _____

I Need Hotel Reservations for These Nights:

Sunday Jan 22 Yes _____ No _____
Monday Jan 23 Yes _____ No _____
Tuesday Jan 24 Yes _____ No _____
Wednesday Jan 25 Yes _____ No _____
Thursday Jan 26 Yes _____ No _____

I would like to share a room with: _____ or Private Room _____ (You will be responsible for the entire cost of room)
Mark your preference realizing that not all requests may be filled. _____ Smoking _____ Non-Smoking

Be aware we cannot guarantee rates for those hotels we are not working with. SFL rates only apply to the hotels that we have arrangements with.

TRANSPORTATION

Arriving by Airplane? Do You Need Transportation from the Airport to the Event? Yes _____ No _____

If "YES" Please State:

Arrival date/flight/time: _____

Departure date/flight/time: _____

SUMMER LIGHT INFORMATION

Would you like us to send you an application for summer event(s)? Yes _____ No _____

Photograph Release:

I, _____, wish to participate in the activity being provided by the Black Hills Regional Ski for light and acknowledge I may be photographed and the photos may be used for fundraising purposes.

Signature _____

Person To Contact In Case Of An Emergency:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home# _____ Work# _____ Cell # _____

Relationship: _____

Meals not covered by Ski for Light: SFL does not provide the five breakfasts on Monday-Friday, nor the three evening meals on Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday during the event. You may purchase a non-refundable packet of meal vouchers which can only be used at the Gem located in the Mineral Palace for \$83.00.

_____ Yes, I would like to purchase the meal packet and am enclosing \$83.00.

Completing this application: Returning Volunteers who fill out their applications completely and send in all the fees may have a quicker time at registration.

Did you remember to:

_____ Completely fill out the application, answering all questions on pages 2 and 3?

_____ Sign photograph release on page 3?

_____ Sign the SFL Release and Waiver on page 4?

_____ Have a witness/legal guardian sign the SFL Release and Waiver on page 4 if under the age of 18?

_____ **Enclose your payment of \$83 for each meal packet (if the meal packet is requested)?**

_____ **Enclose your payment for the Banquet Ticket(s)? (\$15 for each ticket)**

Please return pages 2-4 of this completed application and your PAYMENT to:

Ski for Light
P. O. Box 3707
Rapid City, SD 57709

You will receive a letter of confirmation after sending in your application.

We strongly encourage everyone to check-in for registration.

If you have any questions, check our website at www.bhsfl.org, email bhskiforlight@gmail.com, or call SFL at 605-341-3626.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook at **Black Hills Regional Ski for Light**.

**SKI FOR LIGHT RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND
INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in the Ski For Light EVENT(S), THE UNDERSIGNED, for himself, his personal representatives, heirs, and next of kin:

1. HEREBY RELEASES, WAIVES, DISCHARGES, AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE the organizers, volunteers, participants, sanctioning organizations, Wharf Resources (U.S.A), ski resort owners and operators, ski patrol and other rescue personnel, Bob Marshall Camp, equipment manufacturers and/or owners, and owners and lessees of the premises used to conduct the Ski for Light event(s) and any others involved in any way, directly or indirectly, in the Ski for Light event(s), all of whom are referred to here as "Releasees," FROM ALL LIABILITY OF ANY SORT OR TYPE AND BASED ON ANY THEORY, LEGAL, CONTRACTUAL, EQUITABLE, OR OTHERWISE, TO THE UNDERSIGNED, his personal representatives, assigns, heirs and next of kin FOR ANY AND ALL LOSS, INJURY AND/OR DAMAGE, INCLUDING DEATH ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED IN ANYWAY TO THE SKI FOR LIGHT EVENT(S), WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.
2. HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the Releasees and each of them FROM ANY LOSS, LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR COST they may incur arising out of or related to the SKI FOR LIGHT EVENTS WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.
3. HEREBY KNOWINGLY, WILLINGLY, AND VOLUNTARILY ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISK OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE arising out of or related to the SKI FOR LIGHT EVENT(S) whether caused by the NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES or otherwise.
4. HEREBY acknowledges that THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SKI FOR LIGHT EVENT(S) ARE VERY DANGEROUS and involve the risk of serious injury and/or death and/or property damage. THE UNDERSIGNED also expressly acknowledges that INJURIES RECEIVED MAY BE COMPOUNDED OR INCREASED BY NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS OR PROCEDURES AND/OR ACTIONS OF THE RELEASEES.
5. HEREBY agrees that this Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement extends to all acts of negligence by the Releasees, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State of South Dakota and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.
6. HEREBY acknowledges that this Release and Waiver of Liability, in addition to Ski for Light event(s), also applies to any and all injuries, damages, and/or death that may occur as a result of the condition of any of the premises upon which any Ski for Light event(s) is held.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE OR GUARANTEE BEING MADE TO ME AND INTEND MY SIGNATURE TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW.

PRINTED NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

WITNESS/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE IF UNDER AGE 18 _____

What to expect at the Black Hills Regional Ski for Light:

Sunday is check-in day. Everyone must go to the Mineral Palace between 2:00-5:00 PM to check in. There, you will turn in all the raffle tickets you sold, pay any balance due, find out which hotel and room you are assigned. You will also receive a program which includes a schedule of events for the week, get a name tag, get banquet tickets and meal vouchers you've paid or qualify for or you may buy them there. Participants may sign up for a snowmobile ride. There will also be SFL souvenirs for sale. At 5:00 PM, there will be a wine and cheese social to meet other SFL attendees and at 7:00 PM there will be an orientation and Q & A session for NEW attendees.

If you are a participant who signed up to Cross Country Ski: You will find out who your guide for the week is either on Sunday at registration or Monday at the cross country site. Check the schedule to find out when the bus leaves to go to the cross country site. On Monday, you will meet up with your guide, receive your equipment and instruction, and then you are set to ski on the 1K and 5K trails. Race sign-up is Wednesday at the cross country site and races are on Thursday. Races start at 10:00 AM and are finished by noon.

If you are a participant who signed up to snowshoe: Check the bus schedule and meet at the cross country site on Monday to be paired with your guide.

At the Cross Country site: There is a warming tent available where lunch is served everyday but Thursday. On Thursday, you may go back to the Mineral Palace hotel for lunch and eat with a provided meal voucher, or, you may go to Terry Peak Resort and eat lunch with a provided meal voucher and cheer on the downhill participants during their races.

If you are a participant who signed up to do both Cross Country and Downhill*: You will find out who your guide is either on Sunday at registration or Monday at the cross country site. You MUST go to the cross country site on Monday so check the schedule to find out when the bus leaves for the site. You'll meet up with your guide, receive your equipment and xc ski for the day. On Tuesday, you will go to Terry Peak resort to ski so check the schedule to see when the bus leaves for the site and arrange to meet your guide there so they can help you check out your equipment. Race day on the cross country side is Thursday so sign up before then. If you are a stand-up, visually impaired skier, race day is on Wednesday for the downhill side so sign up on Tuesday. After your race on the downhill side, you may continue to downhill ski, or go to the xc site to ski.

If you are a participant who signed up to Downhill*: Visually impaired skiers will be assigned a guide for the week and will find out who your guide is on Monday morning at Terry Peak. Check the schedule to see when the bus leaves for the site. Your guide or a volunteer will help you get your equipment needed after you get a rental slip from the downhill coordinator. If you are a physically impaired skier you will come to the site and sign up with the downhill coordinator for adaptive skis and wait until it's your turn to use the ski. You will have many different guides during the week. Race day for visually impaired, stand-up skiers is Wednesday so sign up before then. Race day for physically impaired participants is Thursday so sign up before then. There is no recreational skiing for adaptive skiers on race day until all the races are finished.

At Terry Peak Resort, the Downhill* site: There will be two downhill coordinators. The inside coordinator will assign you a guide if you are a visually impaired skier, if you are a physically impaired skier, they will help you get signed up for a turn on an adaptive ski and let you know when it's your turn. The outside coordinator will help you get your adaptive ski and guides. You will be provided meal vouchers every day from the SFL t-shirt table to eat lunch at the cafeteria.

**All downhill adaptive skiers need to wear helmets. We have some to loan or you can bring your own.*

If you are a volunteer who signed up to guide cross country: You will find out who you are assigned to guide for the week either Sunday night at registration or Monday at the cross country site. Check the schedule to see when you will meet for training on Monday morning at the site. We encourage you to help your participant out during the week, and help them sign up for races on Thursday.

If you are a volunteer who signed up to guide BOTH cross country and downhill: You will find out who you are assigned to guide for the week either Sunday night at check-in or Monday morning at the cross country site. You will meet your participant on Monday morning at the cross country site and xc ski there for the day. You will meet your downhill participant at Terry Peak Resort on Tuesday and help them get their equipment and ski there for the day. You will be expected to help your participant out during the week and get them signed up for DH races on Wednesday and XC races on Thursday.

If you are a volunteer who signed up to guide Downhill: You will meet on Monday morning at Terry Peak to help unload the trailer (and everyday thereafter) and then go through training for adaptive skiing and guiding visually impaired skiers. Some of you will be assigned a visually impaired skier to guide for the week and you should make sure to help your participant get signed up for their race day on Wednesday. Some of you will be guiding participants in adaptive skis. Your day will consist of taking turns guiding different participants in different skis. There are usually 2 guides that will go with a participant in the adaptive ski, make 3 runs and return to see if the ski or guides are needed for another participant's turn. Please make sure the downhill coordinator knows that you are available to guide and wait for an assignment.

General Information: You may eat breakfast and supper wherever you choose in Deadwood, but if you purchase or qualify for meal vouchers, they may only be used at The Gem Restaurant located in the Mineral Palace. They will have a breakfast buffet available every morning and supper, every night. On Monday night, we usually meet at the Saloon #10 for a free supper which is donated by a generous contributor of Ski for Light, but check your schedule to be sure. In the evening, there will be different activities available such as a karaoke night, a slot tournament, a picnic and bonfire at the cross country site, so be sure to check your schedule to see what's happening each night. The conference room at the Mineral Palace Hotel will be open most nights to any and all who would like a place to visit or play music and hang out. Check the schedule for available nights. If we haven't answered any questions you have, be sure to ask someone on the Board of Directors.