

# *New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club*

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**Join us . . .**

***Ski Club BBQ & Pot Luck  
Saturday, June 5, 2010  
4 - 7 p.m.***

*See enclosed flyer for details*

***Wildlife West Nature Park  
Edgewood***



*Photos by John Thomas  
Wildlife photos by  
Roger Holden*

## Announcing the 2011 Bus Trips

By Angela Welford

I am excited to announce our two bus trips for the upcoming ski season. Mark your calendars and start saving your pennies now! The trips are:

### Pagosa Springs, CO

January 14-17, 2011

Friday-Monday, Martin Luther King weekend

### Crested Butte, CO

February 10-13, 2011 (Thursday-Sunday)

The exact cost is yet to be determined, but each will be in the neighborhood of \$250/person. Both trips are open to children over the age of 12 when accompanied by a parent, grandparent or legal guardian.



A group of skiers enjoy perfect snow conditions in Leadville, 2/20/10.

Photo by Erich Grotheer

In addition to plenty of great cross country skiing opportunities, downhill skiing is available at both locations (<http://www.wolfcreekski.com> and <http://www.skicb.com/cbmr/index.aspx>), and there is a Nordic Center at Crested Butte (<http://www.cbnordic.org/>).

Our lodging in Pagosa Springs is across the road from the Hot Springs and we will be eligible for their group rates (*not yet set for 2011*). We are within walking distance of great restaurants in both towns, as well as opportunities for those "class 3" shopping expeditions.

Registration forms will be included with the October Ski Club newsletter. Both of these locations have been very popular in the past, so I anticipate the spots will fill fast. Please see our two documents, *Bus Trip Policy* and *Bus Trip Procedure* on the Club website for more information.

If you have never been on a bus trip, please consider trying one or both this year. Save the dates and join us for two great ski weekend trips to beautiful Colorado. ■

## Hut & Overnight Trip Update

By Guy Miller

In case you've missed the news, we will have three hut trips next season. We got Polar Star Inn with the March lottery, and that trip is full with a short waiting list. We sail in early February, 2011. Cost is \$140.



Frances Robertson with Chris and Linda Standish on the Sangree Forelicher hut trip, 1/10/10.

Photo by Carl Smith

April 1 was call-in day for 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain members, and we snagged two additional trips. We go to Janet's Cabin the second week of March. Cost is \$140. Janet's features an outdoor sauna, and indoor toilets. Those who wish can travel the first several hundred vertical feet on a free chairlift (*trailhead is at Copper Mountain Ski Resort*). There is a good variety of touring and turning options at Janet's. Trip is full with no waiting list.

Ben Eiseman Hut is our destination for the end of March. Eiseman is *THE* premier tele destination of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain System, and is the only hut located north of I-70. Snow conditions are usually superb, and late March is an ideal time for those who like to burn turns. There are also a variety of Nordic touring options. Five vacancies remain.

Also, be advised that we will also try to squeeze in another hostel trip, on the heels of our surprisingly successful Durango trip this past season. We're looking at Leadville, Salida, or possibly a return to Durango. Your comments are welcome.

Contact me ([xcskiboy@aol.com](mailto:xcskiboy@aol.com) or 294-7940) if you are interested in these or other hut trips, or if you have an interest in hostel trips. Planning for 2012 is in the embryonic stage, and input is always welcome. ■

### *Ski Lessons*

Watch for an article describing opportunities in backcountry ski lessons in the October newsletter. The broad range of classes include a single day instruction for \$125 to a seven day adventure for \$1,475.

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Diane Owens and Don Schmaltz on a day tour in the Sandia Mountains, 1/30/10.

*Photo by Dana Price*