



Steamboat Adaptive Recreational Sports STARS is dedicated to providing opportunities for participation in recreational activities for people with disabilities. It is the mission of STARS to improve the quality of life through empowerment of its participants.
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Dear STARS Friends:

Thank you for your participation in the STARS program last winter! This past winter season STARS provided nearly 3000 hours or 670 adaptive lessons to more than 160 students. 144 volunteers worked a total of just over 3000 hours. Believing that everyone should be included, regardless of their financial

situation, STARS provided scholarships to 14 individuals this past winter. We look forward to offering expanded programming this winter, which you will hear about in our fall newsletter. Have a great summer!



Highlights of the 2008-2009 Season

Events that were in addition to our daily adaptive lessons.

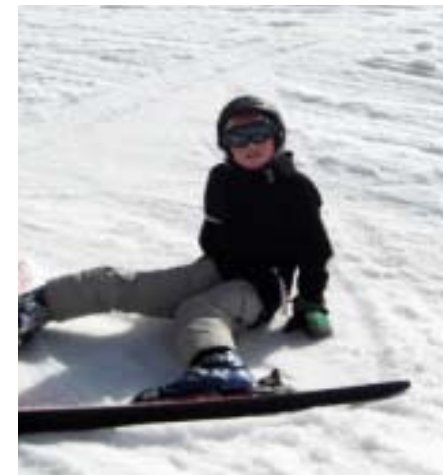
★ **Steamboat All Mountain Ski and Ride Camp** hosted in partnership with Access Anything and Adaptive Adventures. This annual camp proves to get better and better each year. Nineteen campers from around the country, from mono skiers and visually impaired skier to severely injured veterans, gathered in Steamboat for a week of adventure. Their week peaked with a day of backcountry skiing with Steamboat Powdercats - an amazing experience for all.



★ **STARS of Tomorrow Ski & Ride Camp.** Although this was our inaugural year for this camp, this

youth camp was a highlight of the winter for all involved. STARS hosted this in partnership with Adaptive Adventures and Access Anything. Eighteen kids, ages 6-18, came from all parts of the country, including eight local kids. Types of skiers ranged from never-ers to racers, monoskiers, 2-trackers, 4-trackers and visually impaired. Activities both on and off the mountain were the perfect venue for new friendships to be formed. Our volunteers, including 10 local high school students, were vital to help make the camp a dream come true for these kids.

★ **STARS Snowshoe Stampede.** Another inaugural event, this fundraiser will be held annually in conjunction with 'Springalicious', the end of season festival on the mountain. Racers donned snowshoes and sprinted around either a short or long course to have bragging rights



in the winner's circle. Delicious food and fun prizes followed. Sponsors included EDMONT, Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation, Steamboat Meat & Seafood, Steamboat Ski & Bike Care and Mambo Italiano Restaurant.

★ STARS also supported **Special Olympics athletes**, and held social ski days among other regularly scheduled events as part of the program.

As you can see, we were busy!

Summer Information

With summer just around the corner, we are gearing up for our main fundraising event. Steamboat Wine Festival, which takes place July 30-August 2, generously donates a percentage of ticket sales to a local charity. STARS is the Beneficiary of this event. Also, STARS hosts two auctions during the weekend in order to raise money for our program needs

(scholarships, equipment, etc.). Last summer STARS raised just under \$20,000 throughout the event! Here is the link to the website: www.steamboatwinefestival.com
Coming soon: Our website www.steamboatstars.com will be updated in the coming months. Soon you will be able to see information on all programs offered and our

latest information, as well as have the opportunity to donate to our program online.



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If you are interested in finding out more about our program and/or opportunities to help with STARS, either summer or winter, please email our office at steamboatstars@hotmail.com or call **970-819-1996**.

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We would love to hear from you!



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