



# MT. HOOD SKI EDUCATION FOUNDATION



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Dear Parent,

We are excited to hold the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual MHSEF **Ski-A-Thon Challenge**, January 30<sup>th</sup> 2010. This event is a fundraiser done entirely by the athletes of the Foundation's programs to raise funds to support the programs they are a part of. The event will be exciting for all ages, with lots of fun prizes and awards.

The **Ski-A-Thon Challenge** will start at 9:00am Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> with athletes loading the Cascade Chair (green chair) and making laps on designated runs and courses. They will receive two and half hours (until 11:30am) to make as many laps as possible. In addition to regular skiing laps, athletes will be asked to ski several challenge laps and courses to successfully complete the Ski-A-Thon. These challenge laps (tailored for age and skiing ability) will include Slalom courses, skiing on one ski, skiing with "Pick Sticks" and more. The venue will be controlled and supported by the MHRT and MHA coaching staffs.

Each athlete will be given a pledge sheet and will have 3 weeks to gain as many pledges as possible. Pledges can be made on a per lap basis or a one-time donation. While athletes can make as many laps as possible, pledges will be capped at 25 laps. Pledge sheets will be turned in the morning of the event at the Multorpor Lodge by 8:30am.

**Ski-A-Thon Challenge** funds raised by this event will be used to obtain equipment and other items necessary to support athlete training. Every year the Foundation spends thousands of dollars to purchase gates and other training-hill equipment. We've already purchased over \$8,000 of equipment this year to date! Athletes will also have the opportunity to raise money to help support their own ski racing expenses. For MHRT Mitey Mites, any money raised over \$750 may go toward next year's training fees. For MHA/HEAT athletes, any money raised over \$750 may go toward this year's travel expenses.

There is no minimum or maximum pledge amount. Prizes will be awarded to the athlete making the most laps and the athlete raising the most money, from within each age-class J6 to J2/J1. (FIS athletes will be treated as one age class.) Every athlete participating in the **Ski-A-Thon Challenge** will receive an event T-shirt for their individual efforts.

We sincerely ask your help to make this a successful event for our young ski racers.

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