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Ski Season 2024 - 2025

Tuesday, October 22nd was the first day of Wolf Creek Ski Area's 2024-2025 ski season! Wolf Creek Ski Area opened with seven-day-a-week operations for its 85th anniversary! The 85th ski season will celebrate the history and initial beginnings of Wolf Creek Ski Area, as well as 85 seasons of world class powder. Celebratory happenings include an art and photo contest, scavenger hunt, trivia hour, Vintage Skis Selfie-Station, costume contest, and other events to commemorate the special anniversary!

The focus this off-season was on mountain maintenance, which is crucial for enhancing winter operations. The Nova Lift, one of Wolf Creek Ski Area's beginner lifts, had improvements this summer with the installation of a new lift cable. The Nova Lift is popular amongst the Wolf Pup and Wolf Rider Programs, making the summer improvement beneficial to not only those programs but 1st Day Beginner Snowboard Packages as well.

In addition to lift maintenance, Wolf Creek's avalanche hazard reduction system expanded with more devices. The innovative Gaz-Ex explosive system now has 18 devices for the Patrol to utilize during snowy mornings when avalanche hazard reduction is necessary. Over the years a combination of exploders, Gazex and Avi Blasters, has been set in place to use as a part of the avalanche hazard reduction program at Wolf Creek Ski Area. During storm cycles, these devices located all along the Knife Ridge out to the Horseshoe Bowl, are used as avalanche release networks. The Gazex and Avi Blasters work without explosives by mixing a combination of oxygen and propane, which is detonated by a spark to cause a powerful shock wave. This implosion lifts the snow up in the avalanche's start zone, causing the snow's buildup to release. Using this innovative system allows Wolf Creek to have control of mitigation 24 hours a day, enabling the ski patrol to open avalanche terrain early on big powder mornings.

Expansion of snow-making operations continued as well, with more pipe lines being installed during the summer. An additional 2,500 feet was added this off-season. Snow-making operations are beneficial during the beginning of the winter season and help supplement natural snowfall in various locations, allowing for 10 acres of snow on bare ground. Natural snowfall, supplementing natural snowfall with manmade snow, and staff who assist with snow farming are all needed to help make long-awaited, much anticipated early-season skiing possible. Each early season Wolf Creek employees farm roughly 30,000 to 40,000 barrels of natural snow to help make early-season skiing possible.

Another notable on-mountain addition for the 85th ski season is electric snowmobiles. Wolf Creek Ski Area, known for its sustainable business practices, acquired five Taiga Motors electric snowmobiles for mountain operations. Transitioning the snowmobile fleet to electric aligns with Wolf Creek's dedication to sustainability. The 2024-25 ski season marks the eighteenth year that Wolf Creek has utilized sustainable energy year-round for all mountain operations, both day and night. The resort purchases 100% renewable energy from wind, solar, and low-impact hydro. Although five snowmobiles have been purchased, only a maximum of three are designated to operate at a time, which keeps snowmobile usage at a minimum and for emergencies only. Wolf Creek's commitment to environmental responsibility also led to the installation of a ChargePoint EV Charging Station in the summer of 2021, these are located in the Lower Parking Lot. This station features five connections, including one Level 3 (fast charge) and four Level 2 (medium charge) options. Additionally, Wolf Creek's complimentary paved parking area received upgrades this fall, with new pavement laid in both the 4x4 parking lot and the access road.

Online pre-purchasing for lift tickets, season passes, group lessons, and equipment rental will return for the 2024-2025 ski season giving guests the option of pre-purchasing prior to arrival. Wolf Creek's Online Store (shop.WolfCreekSki.com) will open for sales once Wolf Creek Ski Area is operating seven-days a week. Season Pass Sales will come online beginning Saturday, September 28th. Guests who have utilized online pre-purchasing for lift tickets can print their lift tickets off in the Base Camp Building via the ticket-printing kiosk known as Pick Up Boxes. Skiers and boarders who have pre-purchased lift tickets online will be able to skip the Ticket Office, go to a Pick Up Box location, scan the QR code from the ticket order and their tickets will be dispensed. Powder hounds, holiday skiers and families alike will benefit from Pick Up Boxes. Guests who have enrolled themselves or family members in pre-purchased group and private lessons can also skip the Ticket Office. Wolf Pups and Wolf Riders will meet in Wolf Pup Hollow, whereas Skiers ages nine and older will be introduced to their instructors at the Lynx Lift. Snowboarders who are also nine and older will connect with instructors at the Ski School Meeting Area located uphill from Prospector Grill.

Wolf Creek stands out from other ski areas in Colorado not only for having affordable lift tickets and lesson options, but being family owned and operated. Wolf Creek also offers convenient and complimentary amenities including paved parking, shuttle services, a groomed Nordic Track and a full schedule of fun races. A number of Local Appreciation days are scheduled throughout the season as well as during early season openings. A special discounted all-mountain lift ticket is available on these days where everyone is considered as a local. Specific dates can be found on the WolfCreekSki.com. College students are also offered special ticket days. Students with a valid college ID and a current class schedule can purchase a discounted lift ticket during the select College Days.

A weekly event everyone in the family can enjoy at Wolf Creek is the Fun Race Series. The weekly race series gives friends and family the opportunity to race against one another in a modified giant slalom. Races begin at 11:00 a.m. and are set up in a dual race format. The race is at no cost to participants with a lift ticket and open to all age groups and abilities with an award ceremony at 3:00 on the main sun deck. The top three racers in each age bracket win Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals.

Adding to Wolf Creek's uniqueness is the delicious homemade food found in all of Wolf Creek's eateries. In the main day lodge, guests can find a perfectly grilled Wolf Burger, homemade Santa Fe style green chili, a great gourmet salad bar, as well as a daily hot special. Don't forget to ask about the specialty signature drinks of the 85th Anniversary at the Pathfinder Bar! The Continental Espresso Bar atop the Treasure Stoke has specialty coffees, hot chocolate and homemade pastries. Picnickers can bring their lunches to Base Camp, which has a number of drinks and snacks to supplement a brown bag lunch.

Guests can stop by Treasure Sports for mountain necessities as well as great t-shirts, ball caps, stickers, mugs and many more items to commemorate their ski adventure to the Southern San Juan Mountains. Noel Sports, Wolf Creek's smaller boutique-like sport shop, offers a variety of skis, snowboards, bindings and other hard goods including winter snow shoes. Noel Sports is located at the bottom of the staircase of the Upper Lodge.

A commitment to upgrading and bettering the current lift system, specialized clinics for skiers and boarder, as well as free fun races for families and friends to enjoy are only a few things that make Wolf Creek stand apart from other ski areas. Affordable lift tickets, lessons options and rentals in combination with the low-density skiing experience makes Wolf Creek a destination hot spot for powder hounds, families and new skiers alike. Adding to Wolf Creek's uniqueness is the delicious homemade food found in all eateries at Wolf Creek and convenient amenities that are at no cost, like paved parking and shuttle services to all on mountain parking locations.

Wolf Creek is looking forward to the 85th ski season and plans to bring a variety of quality services to every age group throughout the entire ski season while celebrating the history and beginnings of Wolf Creek Ski Area! Additional information can be found on www.WolfCreekSki.com or by calling 970-264-5639.

Call 1-800-SKI-WOLF for the latest update on snow and weather conditions. Weekly updates, events and photos of what's happening around the ski area are posted to Wolf Creek's social media accounts. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!

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