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Welcome to.....

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**Happy Holidays**

**Turning Point wishes everyone a Very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year**

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## Carolina Ski Clinic

DSUSA

Learn to Ski 2008  
Ski Beech  
Mountain Resort



January 21 - 25, 2008

**Event Information:** This is the oldest adaptive ski clinic, the first of a group of national clinics started by DSUSA which was previously known as National Handicap Sports. The Atlanta Chapter of NHS assisted in developing the first clinic in 1981 and continued through 2004. The clinic is now run as a cooperative effort amongst programs all interested in sports for individuals with disabilities with Ski Beech Mtn. Resort continuing to be the host. The sponsors of this event donate to bring together the instructors, equipment, and resources necessary to teach skiing/snowboarding to individuals with disabilities in the southeast region.

**Registration:** There are two forms for registration, one for participants and one for volunteers. Please complete the appropriate registration form and submit to:

Al Kaye, M.S., CTRS  
Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Center  
Recreation Therapy Services  
1901 Clinch Avenue  
Knoxville, TN 37916  
Office: (865) 541-1353  
Fax: (865) 541-2469 or email: [akaye@covhlth.com](mailto:akaye@covhlth.com)

## East Texas Deer Hunt



Hunting at the Turning Point deer lease has been a little slow. We have seen deer, in fact, a few nice bucks. But no one has

gotten a shot at them yet. But there have been two hogs shot. One was shot by Dave Henderson and the other by Sam, one of our hunting guides. There is still a lot of season left, so give me a call or email me if you would like to get out and do some hunting.

Jason Swanson 214-649-7146  
[Jswanson@turningpointnation.org](mailto:Jswanson@turningpointnation.org)



## Sled Hockey Exhibition



Registration is limited. You will be notified via email of status. A waiting list will be established as needed.

**Responsibilities:** The Ski Beech Mtn. Resort Learn to Ski event will coordinate the schedule for adaptive lessons. All participants and volunteers will be required to sign a Hold Harmless Release as a part of the registration process for the clinic. Skiing is considered an adventure sport and does come with risks. The registration process helps staff to understand participant's abilities. The clinic requests that all participants wear a helmet for safety during their lesson. Helmets will be available at the clinic.

We welcome: DSUSA - Chattanooga Chapter as our event name sponsor for 2008. Information for registration is be shared with DSUSA as a part of the event agreement for accountability and insurance. Currently we are working to minimize costs for all lessons. Donations are always welcome to promote the event.

**Instructors:** The instructors for Ski Beech Mtn. Resort Learn to Ski event are PSIA certified meaning Professional Ski Instructor Adaptive designation. These instructors are from various programs from across the United States including: Colorado, Minnesota, New Mexico, California, and North Carolina. The cost to bring in these experts to our region is independent of your costs for participating in the clinic. Please thank the instructor sponsors for their support!

**Participants** will be evaluated by clinic instructors for appropriateness of type of lesson.

Sit down lesson equipment will be provided as to the uniqueness of the equipment. There is a weight limit of 200 pounds for sit down lessons due to safety guidelines. These lessons are classified as mono, bi-ski, or twin ski

Stand up lessons will be responsible for their own rental equipment. Rental equipment at Beech Mtn., NC may be obtained from:

A Ipine Ski Center <http://www.alpineskicenter.com/index.html>  
Fred's General Mercantile <http://www.fredsgeneral.com/>  
Ski Beech Mt. Resort <http://www.skibeech.com/default.php>

**Lift Tickets:** Each participant/volunteer must check in at registration in the View Haus to obtain their lift ticket for the day. Clinic staff may pull a ticket if there is a concern of misuse or misconduct during the clinic. We are guests of Ski Beech Mt. Resort need to abide by Skier Code for Safety.

**Directions** to Ski Beech Mt. Resort:  
<http://www.skibeech.com/default.php>

**Incllement Weather:** Snow chains or Four-Wheel drive are required if there is heavy snow during the clinic so come prepared for the worse scenario for travel.

**Parking:** There is handicap parking on the upper parking lot closest to the slopes by the fence. You may do a drop off by taking the lane to the View Haus.

**Housing:** The clinic is not responsible for housing of participants. There are many options in the region. Pinnacle Inn Resort on

There will be a sled hockey exhibition during intermission of the Dallas Stars and Detroit Red Wing game Saturday, January 5th at the American Airlines Center. The puck drops at 1PM. The local Dallas sled hockey team will play the San Antonio Rampage sled hockey team during intermission. The team will have a scrimmage after the Stars game and invite anyone who would like to try sled hockey to come down to the ice and give it a try. The Dallas team is looking for new players from the area. If you are interested, contact Pat Sapp at 972-489-2216

## Meeting Governor Perry



Several members from Turning Point attended a fundraiser for the Texas Parks and Wildlife

Foundation. Governor Perry was the guest speaker. Of course, our new Executive Director and Fort Worth City Council member, Danny Scarth was able to meet and talk with Governor Perry. Both men are avid hunters.

## Handcycle Club



BeechMt. will provide a discount for participants with the clinic. You may contact them for clinic pricing and tell them you are with the Disabilities Adaptive Snow Ski Clinic. Ask for Judy. <http://www.pinnacleinn.com/> Please make sure you let them know if you are in a wheelchair for accessibility issues.

**Meals:** There is a full service restaurant at the View Haus. If you wish to bring your lunch, our group will have a designated area to eat. Normal policy for the View Haus is to not allow picnicking in the View Haus but an exception is made for us Mon - Fri of clinic week.

Level 1 Race: Application has been made to DSUSA for a Level 1 Race event. More to come on this event. If so, it will be scheduled for Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Important Things to Remember:** Dress for the weather and it can be anything from rain to a blizzard. Bring extra socks, gloves, and appropriate ski attire for the weather. Sunglasses and goggles are a must for safety. Sun screen is recommended due to reflection off the snow. Stay hydrated so drink lots of water while on the mountain. Ski Beech is the highest ski resort in the Eastern United States.

Happy Holidays and **THINK SNOW**☺

If you would like to attend, email Dave Kiley at [DaveKiley@turningpointcarolina.org](mailto:DaveKiley@turningpointcarolina.org)

## Join Turning Point's Pool league



Turning Point is starting an 8-ball pool league. We will be playing at The Billiard Den, 580 West Arapaho

Road, Richardson, TX 972-792-7665. The Billiard Den is fully accessible and has lots of rolling room around its beautiful new tables. We invite people of all ages and abilities to join in the fun. It will begin in late January. So register soon.

If you are interested in joining us please register with Jason Swanson at 214-649-7146 or Email [JSwanson@turningpointnation.org](mailto:JSwanson@turningpointnation.org)

**CHECK US OUT ON *MYSPACE.COM***

**MySpace URL:**

The Turning Point North Texas Chapter is teaming with the Lonestar Handcycle Club to bring handcycling to more people in North Texas. We will be riding in the Dallas/Ft.Worth area twice a month. Jan Mattern and Rick Gore, from the Lonestar Handcycle Club, will be joining Turning Point riders like Randy Snow, Jason Swanson, John Faye, Richard Queen, Rick Cox, Tony Swift and others. Randy Snow is excited to be hosting one of the rides that will be held in Terrell, TX. The rides will vary in difficulty and new riders are encouraged to attend. Our expert riders will work with new riders to give them tips and helpful hints about riding locations, new equipment that is available and how to choose the right handcycle for you.

For more information and a list of riding locations check us out on the web [www.turningpointnation.org](http://www.turningpointnation.org)

Contact Jason Swanson cell 214-649-7146 or Email [JSwanson@turningpointnation.org](mailto:JSwanson@turningpointnation.org)

## Ski Tahoe With Turning Point

Turning Point North Texas is planning a ski trip to Tahoe in February. The dates are tentatively Feb 21 thru 24.

The host hotel is Circus Circus in Reno. This is the best bet to stay in Reno, because the cost is the best and restaurants are easy to get to. Mid week rates are \$ 40 a night for a Queen double room. Weekends are \$ 70 + \$ 90 a night for the same room.

Skiing would be at Alpine Meadows. They rent equipment for \$ 40 and then there is lift ticket purchase for \$ 58. There is a 2 for one lift ticket . To be able to rent the equipment the skier has to show that they

<http://www.myspace.com/turningpointnation>

Turning Point Nation is on MySpace.com. There will be updates about upcoming events, new pictures and a 'Whats New Blog' from Shayden Pitts.

## Our Mission



**"To develop self-esteem and confidence in the physically challenged population through participation in adapted outdoor adventures"**

"Life Beyond The Sidewalk" is a monthly publication of Turning Point National. It is published the first week of each month.

If you have an article or event you would like us to publish please submit it to Jason by the 25th of the month. If we do not receive the information by the 25th it will go in the next issue.

Jason Swanson - Publisher

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can load and unload safely to be able to rer the equipment. For new skiers lessons are 2 and half hours in length and cost \$ 60 and that includes a lift ticket. To continue to use the equipment then half day rental is \$30.

If you would like to join us call:

Jason Swanson: 214-649-7146 email  
[jswanson@turningpointnation.org](mailto:jswanson@turningpointnation.org)

Shorty Powers: 972-524-4231 email  
[shorty@turningpointnation.org](mailto:shorty@turningpointnation.org)

## Team Challenge



### Team Challenge Roster

Shorty Powers	TX	Rance Bighorse	OK
Victor Leake	OK	Jason Swanson	TX
Lon Hilde	MA	Doug Moore	AR
Jeff Dills	NC	Rod Short	MS
Jon Bostic	OK	Dave Kiley	NC

You can see how the team is doing or join the tour at  
[WWW.PVA.ORG](http://WWW.PVA.ORG)

## 2008 PVA Bass Tour Schedule

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Pepsi  
Texas State Rifle Assoc.  
Sysco Food Service  
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The Tim Hixon Family  
Contractor Property Developers Company  
Stadium Yamaha  
Strike King Lures  
Mesquite Archery Club  
Motor Guide  
Nestle Waters  
Hill Country Anglers  
Texas USTA  
Woodlawn Sailing Club

Southeastern  
March 28-30, 2008  
Atlanta, GA (Clarks Hill Lake)

Central Florida  
April 18-20, 2008  
Tavares, FL (Harris Chain of Lakes)

Vaughn  
May 16-18, 2008  
Mt. Vernon, IL (Rend Lake)

Lone Star  
June 13-15, 2008  
Garland, TX (Lake Ray Hubbard)

National  
July 11-13, 2008  
Waldorf, MD (Potomac River)

Mid-America  
September 12-14, 2008  
Mannford, OK (Keystone Lake)

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September 26-28, 2008  
Birmingham, AL (Lay Lake)

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