



# Weekly Newsletter

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## ***Summit Lift Update***

Antelope Butte just recently received a new gear box for the Summit Lift! Big thank you to The Security State Bank of Wyoming for their generous gift that made this possible. Installation & tests are underway. The maintenance and ski patrol will run the lift, do alignment checks and begin to prepare for our acceptance testing with the Forest Service. We are hoping to have the lift open this season in March! As always, the safety of our customers and community is our top priority and we appreciate your patience. This has been a huge project, but it's incredible the amount of support and positivity we have gotten from the Bighorn recreating community! Antelope Butte will keep you informed via our website and Facebook page.

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## **5 Day Local School Program**

Just this past week John Kirlin, the Executive Director, put his plan into action. Woodland Park Elementary's 5<sup>th</sup> graders received the first test of the new ski program. Kirlin has been working the past year to implement a ski curriculum into the local Sheridan & Bighorn County schools. The five-day curriculum follows school's Physical Education Guidelines and focuses on getting the children up and moving. The first two days involves learning the equipment and movements indoors. Students then practice outside Wednesday and Thursday on cross-country skis before downhill skiing Friday on the mountain. Due to the curriculum's nature, there are no out-of-pocket costs for the schools or the families, so it makes it incredibly enticing to allow children to try something they never thought of trying before. This directly follows Antelope Butte's Mission to support children & beginners in outdoor recreation. Keep your eyes out for the next program location!

*The  
Mountain  
Life is a  
Good Life.*



## **MARCH - EVENTS AT THE MOUNTAIN**

- Vintage Nordic Ski Race

Saturday March 2nd- 10 AM to 12 PM (See Page 4)

- Introduction to Snow Sport Instruction Clinic

Date TBA! (See Page 3)

- Grand Opening Ceremony for "Base Camp" Yurt Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 1PM (See Page 3)

## **PSIA/AASI Clinic Comes to Antelope Butte!**

**Date TBA (March 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> cancelled)**

Calling all community members ages 14 and older who are interested in becoming snow sport instructors: This clinic is FREE at Antelope Butte Mountain Recreation Area. The clinics will be led by Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA) and American Association of Snowboard Instructors (AASI) professionals Eliza Kuntz from Red Lodge, MT, and Chay Donnely from Cody, WY. The duo will facilitate two days of instruction focusing on personal riding technique, introduction to teaching progressions, tips and tricks to managing school groups, understanding various learning styles, and strategies for providing a safe and fun learning environment for you to be a successful instructor. Attend either clinic on Saturday or Sunday or go to both! This is an amazing opportunity! For more information & to register go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0544a4a728a7fd0-introduction>



## **BASE CAMP YURT OPENING**

Thanks to the great energy from Antelope Butte's crew members and some awesome community members, we are officially opening our "Base Camp" Yurt March 9<sup>th</sup>! The yurt will become the center for children's programs once the lodge opens. There will be a grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony with the Sheridan Chamber of Commerce, along with food vendors. This is a great time to see what Antelope Butte is all about!





*Vintage Nordic Ski Race  
Coming to the Butte.  
Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019*

**10 AM to 12 PM.**

**5k Race begins at 10:00 am with  
a \$15 fee**

**10 and under race at 11:00 am  
with no fee**

**Come race with us and wear  
your most vintage gear!**

**Register at the Sheridan  
Recreation District at 1579  
Thorne-Rider Park or**

**<http://www.sheridanrecreation.com/nordic-ski-race.htm>**

**A big, special thank you to our donors,  
employees, volunteers & community.**

**We wouldn't be here without you. There have been many leaps  
and bounds since the beginning of 2018, and we hope to make  
even more in 2019. Thank you for being our supportive family.**

*"To provide affordable and accessible year-round mountain recreation, training, and educational opportunities, with a focus on youth and beginners." - Antelope Butte Foundation Mission Statement. [Antelopebuttefoundation.org](http://Antelopebuttefoundation.org)*