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Lapham Peak Friends

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Dear Snowmaker,

As in the past, it is important to let you know what progress was made on improving the snowmaking system this past year.

If you skied Lapham this last winter, the manmade snow was critically important for providing skiing opportunities. For the first time ever, all snowmaking was completed before the Christmas holidays. Another first time event was a significant meltdown of the natural snow between Christmas and New Years. Because of the meltdown, the only skiing available was on the manmade snow from roughly December 30th 2010 to January 14, 2011. It was quite a sight to see the number of skiers using the 1.5 kilometers of trail covered with manmade snow.

While Mother Nature helped promote the importance of snowmaking this year- a string of days with cold temperatures for making snow followed up 2 weeks later with a string of warm days to melt the natural snow- there was also great progress made as a result of your contributions. Our resident snowmakers:

- Buried additional pipeline resulting in more efficient snowmaking efforts and shortening the time needed to cover the trail.
- Expanded the Nordic playground
- Extended manmade snow up the former Tail End hill and down Magic Carpet Ride

There is still more work to be done with the most immediate priorities being:

- Extend pipeline and electricity up Magic Carpet Ride hill [\$33,000]
- Acquire 2 efficient fan-style snow guns that can make snow in warmer temperatures [\$34,000]
- Replace an aged and unreliable snowcat [\$180,000 new or \$65,000-\$100,000 used]

None of these things can happen without volunteer support and contributions. These are some current opportunities:

- Keep our Facebook page active [FaceBook.com Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking]
- Add comments to our website page (snow reports and experiences on manmade snow)
- Organize a fundraiser
- Volunteer for a fundraiser (Bike Swap, Ski Series, Lapham Loppet, etc)
- Become a real snowmaker or groomer (contact Brett Johansen, property manager)
- Encourage all skiers using the 1.5K manmade snow to donate by publicly putting a donation in the secure donation tube in front of Evergreen Shelter often

For further information, please contact Sandy Sugden, snowmaking committee chairperson, at slsugden@wi.rr.com. To save postage costs while learning about progress and upcoming events, please send your email address to our secretary Kris Maki at jmaki4@wi.rr.com. Your address will not be shared. News will be sent blind copied. Stay tuned for exciting info about our upcoming Blizzard Challenge Match.

We appreciate your past support and look forward to your continued support of snowmaking.

Sincerely,

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Kris Maki Rick Bjodstrup Laurie Raasch Bob Goswitz Tom Davenport