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SNOWSHOE TO KICK-OFF WINTER SEASON THIS SATURDAY

A new chairlift and an action-packed events calendar highlight the upcoming season.

SNOWSHOE, W. Va – (November 27, 2023) – Snowshoe Mountain has announced that their official opening day for the 2023.24 Winter Season will be this Saturday, Dec. 2nd.

"Our operations team has worked their magic and taken advantage of every minute of snowmaking opportunity." said Snowshoe President, Patti Duncan. "For the opener, we're expecting to run 3 lifts with 8-10 ski trails open including a terrain park. We will continue to add to the trail count as quickly as Mother Nature allows over the next few weeks."

Powder Monkey Lift Replacement

For the first time since 2006, Snowshoe's mountain operations team will be installing a brand new chairlift. Powder Monkey lift, a fixed-grip triple installed in 1977 as one of Snowshoe's original lifts, is being replaced with a fixed-grip quad ahead of the 2023/24 winter season. The new lift from Leitner-Poma & Skytrac will feature a conveyor loading system that will shorten ride times as well as increase the mountain's lift capacity, ease congestion in the Basin area, and improve access to the Western Territory. The new lift is currently on track for a mid-December opening.

In addition to the chairlift upgrades, Snowshoe has also furthered its commitment to providing the best on-snow experience in the region by upgrading several miles of underground snowmaking infrastructure. The improvements feature sustainable ductile iron piping and are expected to increase snowmaking efficiency.

Snowshoe has also released their schedule of events for the upcoming winter season:

Snowshoe Events Calendar | Winter 2023/24

DECEMBER 2 | Opening Day

DECEMBER 10 | WV Ski FREE Day

DECEMBER 15 | Opening Day for Silver Creek & Coca-Cola Tubing Park

DECEMBER 24 | Village Christmas Celebration

DECEMBER 23-31 | Holiday Celebrations

DECEMBER 31 | New Year's Eve Parties

FEBRUARY 3-4 | SARA Racing (Southern Alpine Racing Assoc.)

FEBRUARY 5 | Cupp Run Challenge

FEBRUARY 10 | Uphill Thang & Randonnée Race

FEBRUARY 24-25 | USASA Skier & Boardercross Racing

MARCH 2-3 | Banked Slalom Race

MARCH 8-10 | Snowshoe PRIDE Weekend

MARCH 15-17 | College Weekend & Pond Skim

MARCH 17 | WV Ski FREE Day

MARCH 31 | Last day of ski season

For more information or to make a Snowshoe lodging reservation, please call 877-441-4386 or visit online at <u>www.snowshoemtn.com</u>.

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High-resolution photos are available for media use at this link: https://snowshoemountain.smugmug.com/Winter-Media-Kit/n-XXDwfm/

ABOUT SNOWSHOE MOUNTAIN RESORT

Snowshoe Mountain is the perfect year-round destination for adventure-filled vacations in West Virginia. Snowshoe covers a total area of 11,000 acres in the Appalachian Mountain Range and includes the second highest point in the state at 4,848' elevation. Snowshoe was chosen as the Best Ski Resort in the region by the readers of Blue Ridge Outdoors. The Snowshoe Bike Park was recently named the #1 Bike Park in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic Regions by MTBParks.com, played host to the 2019, 2021, and 2022 Mercedes Benz UCI MTB World Cup, and will host the 2023 UCI MTB World Series. Snowshoe offers the most skiable terrain in the region, extensive lodging options, fully developed mountain biking trails, a popular golf course designed by Gary Player, wedding and convention areas, and a wide variety of outdoor activities. Snowshoe Mountain Resort is part of the Alterra Mountain Company, and is included on the Ikon Pass, the new standard in season passes. More details at <u>www.snowshoemtn.com</u>.

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