



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Skiers and Snowboarders have one last chance to hone their freestyle skills during the return of Alyeska Summer camp this June**

May 24, 2010 (Girdwood, Alaska) – Alyeska Resort is bringing back the popular freestyle summer camp product this June with two sessions, June 7-11, 2010 and June 14-18, 2010. With over 850 inches of snowfall from this winter, most of it accumulating late in the season, the ski resort has an early summer snowpack base of over 150 inches near the summit. The ample snowpack allows the resort to provide one of the longest ski seasons in North America.

Summer Camp is geared towards all ages and those of intermediate skiing and snowboarding abilities and above. The camp will focus on coaching “freestyle” skills – the now mainstream style of skiing and snowboarding focused around terrain park features and jumps made popular by the Winter X Games™ and celebrity snowsport athletes such as Shawn White and Tanner Hall. The coaches that will be instructing at Summer Camp include Alyeska Mountain Learning Center professionals, coaches from Alaskan training programs Big Alaska Snowboard and Freeski Club and Alyeska Ski and Snowboard Club, as well as featured professional skiers and snowboarders.

It has been two years since summer camp has been held at the resort. In the past, Alyeska worked with third-party providers in hosting successful summer camps. The camp this year is solely run by Alyeska’s expert terrain park crew. The momentum behind the terrain park division at the resort reached an all-time high with the introduction of the new super pipe this winter. The super pipe opened in mid-January and quickly became an integral part of the terrain park repertoire.

For the 2010 Summer Camp, the resort is bringing in the terrain park construction experts from Snow Grind, a company that specializes in snow park design, building and consulting. Alyeska has also teamed up with The Levitation Project, a collective of talented artists, athletes, designers, photographers and cinematographers. The Levitation Project crew includes a number of team riders who will be coaching snowboarding as well as videography and giveaways during camp.



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"I could not be more happy to see the camp back in action up here at Alyeska," said featured coach Tim Durtschi , an Alaskan local who honed his skills on the slopes of Alyeska. "With the strength of the Alyeska freeride team this year, I think we are going to see one of the most active camps we have had in recent history. I am very excited to be back coaching, helping kids have the best time up here, learning new tricks, and reaching their goals. I know from experience that the warm weather, soft snow and summer sun are the best environment for that to happen!"

Summer camp registration is available online and at the Alyeska Tram Ticket Office. Camp participants can choose from one, three and five day camp packages inclusive of lift ticket, coaching and lunch. The on-hill camp hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more advanced skiers and snowboarders, there is a one-day lift ticket only option that does not include coaching or lunch. To register and to learn more about Alyeska Summer Camp, please visit [www.AlyeskaResort.com](http://www.AlyeskaResort.com).

#### **About Alyeska Resort ([www.alyeskaresort.com](http://www.alyeskaresort.com))**

Alyeska Resort is Alaska's premier destination featuring the luxurious Hotel Alyeska. Alyeska stands out during ski season, known for steep lines and over 650" of snow annually. With 1,400 skiable acres, 73 named runs and nine lifts include the 60-passenger scenic Aerial Tram, Alyeska operates one of the longest ski seasons in North America. Come summer season, Alyeska Resort transforms into a verdant playground featuring nature trails for hiking and biking that start right from the hotel. Located at the gateway to the Kenai Peninsula, home to world-class fishing, and within close proximity to three national parks – Denali, Kenai Fjords and Wrangell-St. Elias, Alyeska Resort makes the perfect adventure base camp. For more information visit [www.alyeskaresort.com](http://www.alyeskaresort.com)

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