

## Ski Big Bear 09 - 10 Events

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Check your NASTAR handicap online at [www.nastar.com](http://www.nastar.com).

Snow Summit also hosts South Series races against other regional teams for ages 12 and under on Jan. 2-3 and 30-31. Call Snow Summit at (909) 866-5766.

### Amateur Snowboard Events

The nation's largest and most popular amateur snowboard competition, USASA, returns for 2009-10 with several events throughout the season at the Big Bear Resorts.

The road to the United States Amateur Snowboard Association National Finals, held at Colorado's Copper Mountain on April 4-9, 2010, begins with these Southern California Conference regional events, in slalom and giant slalom, boardercross, slopestyle and halfpipe competitions.

Events are open to all riders—there's different age and skill classifications to choose from—and there are several reasons for every rider to get involved. First, the \$75 lifetime membership fee entitles riders to enter all events at serious discounts that include lift ticket, race fees, T-shirt and more. Then there's the apres-event parties, which are legendary, especially because organizers round up so much swag and giveaways that it's hard not to win something.

Events are scheduled at the Big Bear Resorts every month during the season, beginning with the Dec. 13 slalom and giant slalom at Snow Summit. The resort hosts another slalom/GS on Feb. 7 and boardercross on Feb. 28.

USASA events at Bear Mountain are on Jan. 31 (slopestyle), plus halfpipe events on Feb. 21 and March 7, and another slopestyle on March 14. These events do change so check out [www.usasa.org](http://www.usasa.org).

### Uniform Days

Big Bear Mountain Resorts are once again showing their gratitude to all military, emergency and medical personnel by offering discount lift tickets during "Uniform Day" promotions.

Police, fire, EMT, military and other workers need only flash their badges or proper ID at either Snow

Summit or Bear Mountain on Jan. 6-7, Feb. 3-4, March 10-11 and April 7-8 and they can buy an all-day lift ticket for just \$38. Remember these are two-mountain passes for the discounted price of one!

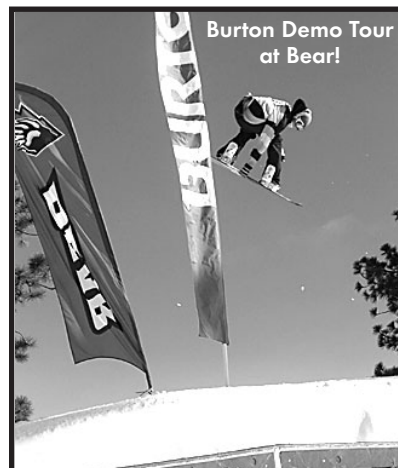
### Burton Snowboard Demo Days

Take out the latest gear from Burton Snowboards—for free!—during several demo days at the Big Bear resorts this season, including the huge Burton Tour back at Bear Jan. 16-18.

Boards, boots and bindings galore will be available for test drives at Burton's Super Demo Tour, allowing riders to check out equipment where it matters most...on the snow. Live music, apres parties, tons of giveaways make for one huge party on the snow. Saturday sees halfpipe competition with slopestyle on Sunday, both open to the public.

Besides offering a huge selection of Burton gear to try for free, the Super Stops also feature plenty of goods from participating sponsors like Volvo, Paul Mitchell, EmergenC and more. Take a few runs in the latest Burton outerwear made with GORE-TEX and there are sponsor snacks on site. Don't forget to pick up a copy of *Snowboarder Magazine*, available in the Burton Lounge.

Throw down your best park, rail and pipe skills for killer prizes and the chance to be the next "Rover," a paid position for a lucky 21 and over amateur who gets to session parks, pipes and waves for the next year. After trying gear for free in the Demo Village, stick around for the afterparty in the Boardroom from 3-6 p.m. with live band.



The 10-stop tour visits premium resorts around the country, but Bear is one of only two California events—the other is at Northstar. Other stops include Copper Mountain and Keystone in Colorado, Park City, Summit at Snoqualmie, and Waterville Valley, among others.

Participating is easy; just bring a credit card for deposit and driver's license to get hooked up with the latest gear. Minors under 18 must also bring their parent or guardian to sign waivers.

### Gatorade Free Flow Tour

The official amateur series of the Dew Tour debuts its winter version this year and Bear Mountain is one of ten stops on Jan. 23-24.

The Slopestyle and Superpipe competitions are featured in the inaugural 2010 Gatorade Free Flow Tour. There's amateur and pro divisions and the Open winner gets an expense-paid trip to Mount Snow to compete in the third event Finals. Those winners get entry and paid trip to the 2010-11 Winter Dew Tour's first event.

The entry fee is \$20 (does not include lift ticket). Register online at [www.gatoradefreeflowtour.com](http://www.gatoradefreeflowtour.com).

Other stops on the tour include Vail, Keystone, Brighton, Killington and closer to home, Mountain High a week earlier and Mammoth a week later than Big Bear. Some top amateurs will get the unique chance to "Flow to Pro!"

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