

# Ski Big Bear 2011 - 12 Events

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aways 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. 11 rail jam at Bear Mountain. The resort also hosts slopestyle competitions on Jan. 22 and 29 plus halfpipe on March 4.

USASA events at Snow Summit include boardercross on Feb. 5 and 12 plus slalom and giant slalom on Feb. 26. These events do change so check out [www.usasa.org](http://www.usasa.org).

## New Year's Eve Torchlight Parade and Parties

Ring in the New Year at Snow Summit is a long-standing Big Bear tradition with the breathtaking torchlight parade down the mountain one of the year's highlights. Some 250 torch-bearing skiers and snowboarders slowly wind their way down the darkened slopes at 7 p.m., creating a red serpentine snake that's visible from around town—across the lake along the north shore around the East Boat Ramp are ideal viewing locations.

Then it's time to party! There's live music, dancing, great hors

d'oeuvres, party favors and champagne toast at midnight in the nostalgia-filled Summit Inn's Bullwheel Bar...a great spot to ring in 2012.

Next door Bear Mountain throws a party that's decidedly geared to the younger clientele. DJ Club George, he of Geronimo's Outpost reggae fame, spins music that gals and occasionally guys dance to... on the dance floor, in cages or on poles on the stage. Guaranteed to make for a wild New Year, and there's great eats too. Call (909) 866-5766.

## 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. 11-12, Feb. 1-2, March 7-8 and April 4-5, 2012 and they can buy an all-day lift ticket for just \$38. Remember these are two-mountain passes for the discounted price of one!

## XOS Battle of the Sexes

Three days of high energy snowboarding, fashion and music mark the first XOS "Battle of the Sexes" on February 3-5.

On the slopes Bear Mountain hosts male vs. female snowboarding competitions in The Scene on Feb. 4 along with live music and winter fashion show featuring athletic gear and apparel Saturday and Sunday.

Away from the resort there's the first annual Winterfest in the Village. By day there's free entertainment, local and national vendors, food and interactive family activities. Highlights include ice sculpting contests and rock climbing, kids snow play zone, face painting, soup cookoff and more.

After dark on Friday and Saturday the party moves inside the structured tent for dueling male and female DJ concerts and dance floor, plus guys and gals compete again as they model the latest winter fashions on the walkway. Tickets are \$20 for the after party or \$30 for both nights. [www.battleofthesexes.com](http://www.battleofthesexes.com)

## "War of the Rails"

Last season it was the best event to arrive in Big Bear in years. Now "War of the Rails" inspired by Big Bear local Craig Coker returns to Bear Mountain on February 25-26, bringing with it top freeskiers from throughout the west.



'War of the Rails'

A huge cash purse is on the line with competition in men's and women's open divisions. Spectating is free and there's DJs and prizes to make for an after dark party on the deck that's free to watch. Entry fee for competitors is \$40.

## Salomon BBR Demo Daze

These odd, shovel-shaped skis were the hit of the magazine reviews. You can try Salomon's revolutionary BBR skis out for free during two demo weekends at Snow Summit, set for three days over President's weekend on Feb. 18-20 plus Feb. 25-26. Just leave a credit card at the demo booth and find out for yourself for free if it lives up to the hype!

## Transworld TransAm

A pro-style show for amateur riders is on tap during Transworld TransAm finals at Bear Mountain on March 10.

Registration is limited to the first 100 riders to sign up and opens at 2 p.m. (PST) on Friday, February 24. The \$10 registration includes one-year subscription to *Transworld Snowboarding Magazine* and riders should be ready to go huge; last year's trick list included big 270 boards, rodeos and near double rodeos.

Bear is the sixth stop and final stop on the tour, which visits six of the most progressive parks in the nation including Waterville Valley, Park City and Northstar-at-Tahoe two weeks earlier on Feb. 25. The winners from those events earn automatic berths in the finals at Bear Mountain. Visit [www.transam.transworld.net](http://www.transam.transworld.net) to enter.

## Ski-A-Thon is Fun Fundraising

Cut lift lines while raising money for a good cause during the Ski-A-Thon benefiting the Adaptive Ski School at Bear Mountain on March 3.

This is fundraiser with an emphasis on *fun* as skiers and snowboarders cut lift lines all day, enjoy a great

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