

Silverton Mountain Opens Today with 15 Runs

\$39 Lift tickets and the only all natural snow in Colorado.

Silverton, Colo. - It may be early season but there is fun skiing to be had at Silverton Mountain. The snow up high is 30-40" deep with good coverage on the northern exposures of the upper mountain. There is no better time to get the legs in skiing shape and enjoy the sunshine than right now.

Skiers and boarders can also earn free skiing by stomping down the snow in the avalanche starting zones Dec 5, 6, 12 and 13. One FREE unguided ski day will be given for each day of bootpacking. Those who like to pack it hard and deep all 4 days can earn up to 4 days of FREE skiing. No experience required, but everyone must have a beacon, shovel and probe. Limited rentals are available at the mountain. Free ski tickets must be used during 2009/10 season only and are not valid as any type of credit towards guided skiing. Packers should show up at the base area at 8:45am with pants duct taped to boots (no joke) ready to stomp. No bootpacking reservations are needed. Bootpacking is a great way to learn the mountain while getting plenty of fresh air.

The Avalanche Level 2 class is being offered this week at Silverton Mountain Dec 4-6 for \$325. It is always good to brush up on your avalanche skills before heading into the backcountry.

If DMR stays closed mid week as projected, Silverton Mountain will continue running Weds-Sun for the first two weeks of December. Silverton Mountain sees over 400" of annual snowfall and was recently ranked the Number 4 ski area in North America by Outside Magazine.