

## National Ski Council Federation Newsbeat November 2024

**Western Resorts Start Spinning Lifts.** Several western ski areas have opened for the early season in recent days. [More.](#) SAM

**Paid Parking Implemented at Powder Mountain.** Powder Mountain's guests will be required to pay a parking fee on all weekends and holidays this upcoming season. [More.](#) Powder

**Homewood Suspends Operations for this Winter.** Homewood Mountain Resort at Lake Tahoe will not operate for 2024-25 after its financial partner withdrew its support for this upcoming winter season, the Lake Tahoe ski area said in an announcement published on its website. [More.](#) SAM

**Sun Peaks Resort Set to Unveil the New West Bowl Express Chairlift.** Sun Peaks Resort will soon be launching the much-anticipated West Bowl Express, a high-speed, detachable quad chairlift that will transform the upper reaches of Tod Mountain. [More.](#) Sun Peaks

**Mountain Collective Adds Sunday River, Megève.** The Mountain Collective Pass has expanded its network of resorts with the additions of Sunday River, Maine, and Megève, France, for the 2024-25 season, bringing the total number of resort partners to 27 worldwide. [More.](#) SAM

**Colorado Ski Area Slashes Lift Ticket Prices to \$45.** In the age of mega-passes, online reservations, and paid parking, Ski Cooper, Colorado is zigging while everybody else zags. [More.](#) Powder

**Amtrak Winter Park Express Ski Train Increases Service.** Because of increased demand last season, Amtrak is increasing service this season on its popular Winter Park Express Ski Train, with fares starting at just \$19 each way. [More.](#) Seniors Skiing

**Independent Areas Top SKI Resort Rankings.** Snowbasin, Utah, earned the top spot in the West and Mad River Glen, Vt., repeated as the best in the East in the 2025 SKI Reader Survey Awards. There were a few big movers in the rankings, both up and down, as well as a continued affinity for independent resorts. Rankings are based on responses from SKI's annual reader survey. [More.](#) SAM

**Blue Mountain Resort Assists Crews Fighting Nearby Wildfire.** A brush fire has burned several hundred acres near Blue Mountain Resort, Pa., this week. The resort has supported fire crews in efforts to suppress the Gap Fire, also called the Blue Mountain fire. The fire, which was reported contained as of Nov. 7, burned roughly 4 miles to the west of Blue Mountain Resort. [More.](#) SAM

**Get Free Ski Tickets with Winter Gear Purchase.** Iconic brand Helly Hansen's latest Ski Free collection is offering a deal where, if you purchase ski pants or a jacket now through spring 2025, you'll score a free or discounted day of skiing at one of Helly Hansen's 50 partner resorts across North America and Europe. [More.](#) Helly Hansen via Julie Brace

**How To Adjust Your Ski Bindings.** Here's how to properly and safely adjust ski bindings at home for your next powder day. [More.](#) Powder