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Cedar Breaks National Monument News Release

For Immediate Release

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Come enjoy Cedar Breaks National Monument Yurt and Family Winter Hiking, Cross Country Ski/Snowshoe event

On Saturday, March 6, 2010 the public is invited to the Cedar Breaks National Monument Yurt Open House. Bring the family, a lunch, and a smile for a day of Cross Country Skiing, and Snowshoeing, or hiking fun.

Come join park rangers Paul Roelandt and Teri Saa and cross country ski or snowshoe approximately 1 mile to a yurt which serves as the winter ranger station for Cedar Breaks National Monument. At the yurt, we will get warm, have lunch, and some hot chocolate or apple cider then ski or hike out. The roundtrip is approximately 2 miles.

Though this is NOT a difficult route, a beginner's knowledge is required of how to use cross country ski's or snowshoes, unless you choose to just hike. The terrain is snowy and hilly with an elevation gain of less than 300 feet. We will ski or hike alongside a groomed snowmobile trail and will be skiing about an hour each way.

Cross country ski's or snowshoes are not required for this event, but if you wish, they can be rented at George's in Brian Head.

Meet us at 9 am at the Main Street Park Pavilion (Main Street and 200 S). Car pools will be arranged, or you can caravan up and back with your own vehicle. We will be back in Cedar City by 4:30 pm.

What to bring? Bring a lunch and a small day pack. A wind-proof outer-layer (jacket and pants) and 2-3 insulating layers for keeping warm. Mittens/gloves, a wool or fleece hat, and sturdy hiking shoes or ski boots that are waterproof are recommended as well as a personal first aid kit, sunscreen, sunglasses, at least 2 quarts of water and snacks. Once we arrive at the yurt, there is a woodstove to get warm by and hot chocolate or apple cider will be provided.

NOTE: EVENT DEPENDS UPON GOOD SNOW CONDITIONS AND WEATHER. Based upon weather forecasts for Saturday, this event will be confirmed or cancelled by noon on Friday, March 5th. Call the Cedar Breaks administrative office at 435-586-9451 ext. 0 for more information and to confirm conditions are OK to hold the event no later 4 pm on Friday, March 5th.

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