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The Mountain Top Inn & Resort Hosts the Third Annual Paintball Biathlon At The Nordic Ski & Snowshoe Center

CHITTENDEN, Vt. - (January 16, 2008) **The Mountain Top Inn & Resort**, in partnership with the Mountain Top Nordic Ski Club, will host the third annual **Youth Paintball Biathlon** on Sunday, January 27, 2008, at the Resort's Nordic Ski & Snowshoe Center. The event includes a High School division as well as the Bill Koch Youth Ski League division. Participants come from all over New England to be a part of this popular event. "We are delighted to host the Paintball Biathlon again this year", says Roger Hill, Director of Programs & Facilities for the Resort. "It is important for the growth of cross country skiing to provide kids of all ages an opportunity to compete at their respective levels. And the paintball component just adds to the excitement and fun."

The 6km High School division begins with registration and range practice at 8:30AM and race time at 10:00AM, with 15 second interval starts. The BKL Division registration starts at 11:30AM and the paintball range opens at 12 noon for their practice. The **Lollipop Race**, with cross country skiing only, begins at 1:00PM, and the remaining BKL Classes (J6, J5, J4, and J3) begin at 1:15PM. Each class will ski to completion before the next one begins. Paintball guns will be provided and awards will be given out at the conclusion of the J3 race. Deadline for advance registration is Friday, January 25, 2008. The cost per child is \$10. For additional race and registration information visit www.mountaintopinn.com/ccskiprogram.html or call the Nordic Center at 802-483-6089 or Mary Anne Levins at 802-775-0779.

The **Bill Koch Youth Ski League** (BKYSL), named for Olympic Silver medalist, Bill Koch, a native of Vermont, offers cross-country ski programs for boys and girls 14-years and younger and holds the distinction of being the largest cross-country youth ski program in the country. The BKYSL provides a supportive environment for parents and children to enjoy the outdoors, build lasting friendships, and introduce them to the world of cross-country ski racing. The

BKYSL events are both competitive and non-competitive, with the emphasis on having fun on skis.

The Mountain Top Inn & Resort Nordic Ski & Snowshoe Center offers 60km of cross country ski and snowshoe trails, horse drawn sleigh rides, dog sledding, ice skating and snowmobile tours. They have snowmaking capabilities on a 1km Loop and grooming on 40km is done daily. Only 11 miles from Killington, the Resort is set majestically on 350 acres and is known for its sweeping mountain vistas, endless winter adventures, sumptuous innovative cuisine, and warm hospitality. The Resort has 29 Lodge guest rooms and five “pet friendly” mountain cabins. For more information call 802-483-2311 or visit www.mountaintopinn.com.

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