The Weekender

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Hot deals make for cool winter sports

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When winter rolls around, you have to be prepared to take the good with the bad. Even though the nights will be longer and the days colder, there will always be the downhill thrills at the Hillberg Ski Area to take the edge off winter in Alaska.

Although much depends on the weather's cooperation, you can get a jump on the season and some deals at the Pro Shop, which opens today. The Pro Shop's current hours of operation are Friday-Sunday from 1-6 p.m. The shop will be extending its hours as the ski season gets into full swing.

Although the Pro Shop's hours may be limited, there is seemingly no end to the deals you can take advantage of. Besides the bargain prices being offered on ski equipment, clothing, and accessories, you can save 10 percent on all season passes purchased before Thanksgiving.

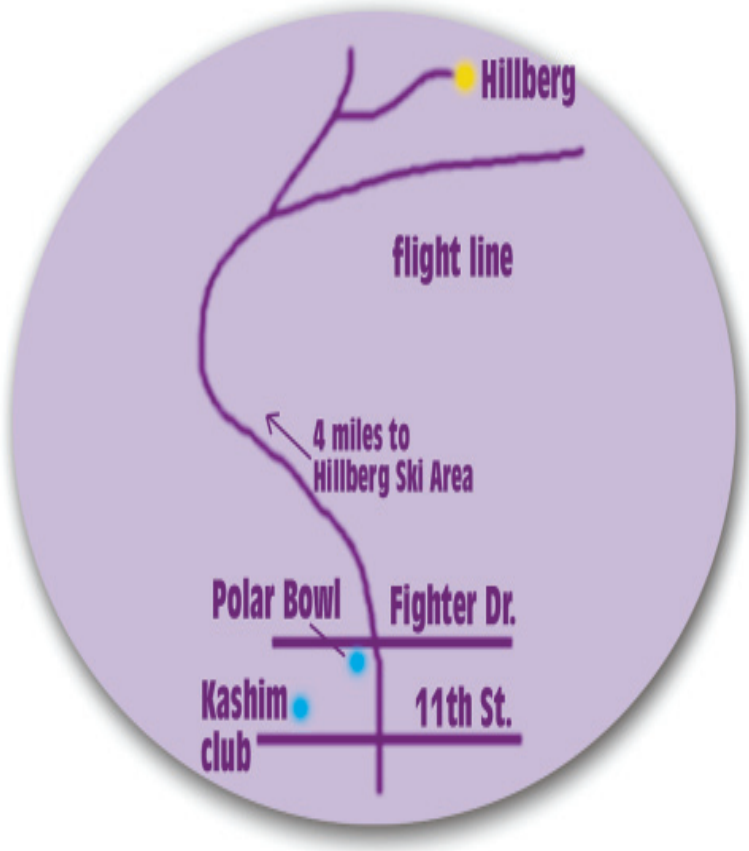
As always, Hillberg makes skiing for the season an affordable experience for the whole family. Season passes are $190 each for the first, second and third pass, and $50 for each additional pass.

Although skiing is a large part of the fun to be had at Hillberg, there are many other ways to entertain the family. Snowboarders can check out the half pipe, and those with a need for speed can take in the excitement of Hillberg's tubing hill, which has the added benefit of a lift to take some of the work out of your fun.

Snow lovers who will be visiting Hillberg less frequently can take advantage of reasonable daily rates for skiing and tubing as well. Daily lift passes are $14 per day for either skiing or tubing and $16 for use of the entire hill.

Hillberg even offers some fun off the slopes with ice skating and ice fishing on Hillberg Lake. Also available is a lodge with a warm fireplace and a snack bar featuring everything needed to warm your bones and fill your stomach for those who need to take a break from the slopes or who enjoy taking in the fun from afar.

For more information about Hillberg or other offers that will be heading your way once the snow falls, call 552-2023.



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Hillberg Pro Shop Opens, today from 1-6 p.m. Discounted season passes are on sale. 552-4838

CGOC Night, today at the Cave. 753-3131

Pajama Jam, today in the Glacier Night Club. 753-3131

Give Parents a Break, Saturday from 1-5 p.m. at the Sitka Child Development Center. 552-6403

Family Game Day, Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at the Arctic Oasis Community Center. 552-8529

9-pin No Tap Tournament, Monday-Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Photo Illustration Festival, Monday-Thursday at the Young Adult Center. 552-8336

Airmen's Special, E-4s and below and their families save 50 percent on open bowling and shoe rentals Monday from 5-9 p.m. at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Football Frenzy, Monday at the Kashim Club. 753-3131

Preschool Story Hour, Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. for youth up to 5 at the Library. 552-3787

Bowler Appreciation Night, Bowl for $1.50 per game Tuesday from 5-9 p.m. at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

New Parent Orientations, Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Sitka and Denali Child Development Centers. 552-6403

Children's Take It and Make It, Pick up a complete children's art project Wednesday at the Library. 552-3787

Lunchtime Vendors, Will offer items for sale at the Arctic Oasis Community Center Wednesday. 552-8529

Wednesday Night Madness, Enjoy unlimited bowling for $15 per lane for up to five people from 5-9 p.m. at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Family Night Buffet, Thursday at the Susitna Club. 753-3131

Children's Story Hour with a Special Guest, Thursday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Arctic Oasis Community Center. 552-8529

Morning Coffee Conversation, Thursday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Arctic Oasis Community Center. 552-8529

Red Pin Bowling, Win free games Thursday from 5-9 p.m. at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Ceramics A-Z Homeschool Program, Thursday from 2-4 p.m. for $15 at the Skills Development Center. 552-7012

Surf-and-Turf Specials, Oct. 22-23 at the Susitna Club. 753-3131

Operation Night Hoops, Oct. 22 from 8:30-11:30 p.m. for teenagers at the Youth Center Gym. 552-2266

Free Waking Norman Show, Oct. 22 at 9 p.m. at the Kashim Club. 753-3131

Xtreme Bowling, Oct. 22-23 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Beginning Beading Crystal Bracelet, Oct. 22 from 3-5 p.m. for $15 and $18 for supplies at the Skills Development Center. 552-7012

Beginning Cake Decorating, Oct. 22 from 6:45-9 p.m. for $35 for the classes and $26.95 for supplies at the Skills Development Center. 552-7012

** Sign up for art classes at least three days in advance.*

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SHOP EARLY: Last year's unpurchased cross-country ski equipment packages go on sale today at the Outdoor Recreation Center. 552-2023

MOVIE: *Superbabies: Baby Geniuses 2 (PG)* The baby geniuses find themselves at the center of a scheme and in a race against time, to stop the villainous, powerful media mogul Bill Biscane from using his state-of-the-art satellite system to control the minds of the world's population. 7 p.m.

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SEA FARE: Dine on the best of the catch by enjoying surf-and-turf specials Saturday at the Susitna Club. 753-3131

MOVIE: *Exorcist (R)* Father Merrin thinks that he has glimpsed the face of Evil. In the wake of all he has seen, both his faith in his fellow man and the Almighty have deserted him. He can no longer honestly call himself a man of God. Merrin travels far from his native Holland in a desperate attempt to escape the horrors that he witnessed there. While drifting from place to place, he finds himself in the place where Evil was born and he finally sees its true face. 7 p.m.

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EAT UP: Fill your plate to overflowing at the all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Susitna Club. 753-3131

MOVIE: *Suspect Zero (R)* FBI Agent Thomas Mackelway investigates the murder of traveling salesman Harold Speck, which turns out to be the first of three seemingly random killings. Or perhaps they are not random at all. 7 p.m.

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SAVE BIG: The 2004-2005 Northern Lights Entertainment Coupon Book will be arriving soon at the Information, Tickets and Travel Office. Books will be available for $40 each and are filled with savings. These books go fast so be sure to purchase yours. 753-2378.