

Kicking Horse gets into the spirit

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It may still be the first days of fall, but the top of Kicking Horse Mountain Resort last Tuesday gave ski hill staff a good dose of winter weather.

It's the shoulder season. Kicking Horse Mountain Resort (KHMR) has closed down its fall operations, vendors at the Golden Farmers' Market won't be putting up their tents until next year and the weather is so bizarre it's a daily toss up between wearing a t-shirt or a down jacket.

With the fall season comes KHMR's sale of their Spirit Pass. Now in its second year, the Spirit Pass is a partnership between KHMR and the Golden & District Community Foundation. All revenues from the \$2,000 pass will go to the endowment fund which will be managed by the Golden & District Community Foundation.

The pass, which goes on sale beginning October 4th, is a fully transferrable season pass that can only be purchased by businesses or companies. There are only 20 passes available for sale and each one is valid for Winter Season 2010/2011 and Summer Season 2011.

"Kicking Horse Mountain Resort and the Golden & District Community Foundation are excited to launch the Spirit Pass program," said Steve Paccagnan, KHMR president. "The community foundation is designed to support programs which advance the widest ranging community improvements in such areas as arts and culture, health and social services, heritage preservation, community facilities and programs, education, sports and recreation."

During the winter season, the pass is valid for skiing snowboarding and sightseeing. During the summer season, the pass is valid for access to the Gondola and the Catamount Chair for the Grizzly Bear Refuge.

The business or company paying the \$2,000 will receive a Charitable Tax Receipt to the value of \$1,199.20 issued by the Golden & District Community Foundation and Kicking Horse Mountain Resort will donate the remaining \$800.80 to the endowment fund.

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