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# SOULBOARDERS WELCOME

Dear SOULBOARDERS,

Thanks for taking the time to check out our First **SOULBOARDERS REPORT** for 2008! We have come a long way since our first meeting in the kid's lunch room at Steamboat in 2007!

In our inaugural year we did an amazing job establishing ourselves both on and off the mountain.

As a result of our Summit and off-season contacts we have since doubled in size. We continue to receive positive feedback from boarders across the country excited to find rare breeds like themselves.

Let's continue to **MAKE IT HOT!!!**

Be sure to tell every **ROCKSTAR** snowboarder that you know about our crew and encourage them to connect with us through email, Facebook and Myspace. Feel to forward this email so they can see what we are all about.

The 2008 NBS Summit was a wild success for the crew! We rode hard and partied harder. We met a ton of new friends from across the country and increased our visibility amongst African American snowboarders. Word of mouth travels fast because our Myspace page is getting lit up!

If you would like to contribute to this newsletter in ANY WAY with ideas, stories, news, cool links, images or other content please drop us an email at: [soulboarders@soulboarding.com](mailto:soulboarders@soulboarding.com)

A special thank you to Toni, Pam, Tarik, KB, Leon, Derrick, Will and Jacques (OUR MOST GUNG-HO RIDE OR DIE MEMBERS) for doing what they did to keep us going last season!

Let's make 2008 just as GREAT!

**Get Soul!**



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# NEW MEMBERS

Please give a warm welcome to our newest crew members!

- \* Corey Maxey - Detroit, Michigan
- \* Jason Jones - Detroit, Michigan
- \* Ahmaad Brunson - Detroit, Michigan
- \* Chris Williams - Alexandria, Virginia
- \* Will Gilbert - Atlanta, Georgia
- \* Berlin Onumonu - Atlanta, Georgia
- \* Julian Bostic - Atlanta, Georgia
- \* Connie Mack - Houston, Texas
- \* Steven Smith - Houston, Texas
- \* Sheryl Hicks - Washington, DC
- \* Jermaine Simmons - Washington, DC
- \* Rob Toney - Oakland, California
- \* Michael Russell - Denver, Colorado
- \* John Johnson - Denver, Colorado
- \* Devika Parikh - Los Angeles, California
- \* Vela Kimbo - Los Angeles, California
- \* Diema Calhoun - Los Angeles, California
- \* Deena Williams - Los Angeles, California
- \* Develyn Watson - Los Angeles, California
- \* Robin Shaw - Los Angeles, California
- \* Ralph Waddy - Los Angeles, California
- \* Mercedes Carnethon - Chicago, Illinois
- \* Denise Nelson - Chicago, Illinois
- \* Lawrence Carter - Tampa, Florida
- \* Del Ray Feagin - Columbus, Ohio
- \* Ky Hester - NY, NY
- \* Vincent Bowen - Boulder, Colorado [www.fateclothing.com](http://www.fateclothing.com)

I WANT 2 JOIN THE SOULBOARDERS...

If this newsletter was forwarded to you then you are NOT on the official Soulboarders Member list. If you want your name to appear as a NEW MEMBER and you want to receive this communication directly please make sure that you join our official list.

Send an email to [newmember@soulboarding.com](mailto:newmember@soulboarding.com).

## SOULSHOTS!

### *2008 Summit - Breckenridge*

"Click!" Yeah...we heard a lot of that at Summit!

Below is the link to view ALL photo submissions received thus far:

## [SEE PICTURES HERE!](#)

or paste this link directly into your browser:

<http://www.kodakgallery.com/I.jsp?c=obwsl0j.15acfxqr&x=0&y=-mx3ecp>

**\*\* Please note: There is no need to log into the KODAK system. \*\***

**Just push the VIEW PHOTOS link. That will take you to the sign-in page. Select the **YELLOW** button on the top that says "**VIEW SLIDE SHOW.**" That will take you directly to the photos and slide show. From there you can **RIGHT CLICK** and **SAVE** the photos you want to your computer.**

Special thanks to Toni, Preston and Ky for sharing the photo love.

IF you have photos that you'd like to share with the crew please email them to:  
[Soulboarders@soulboarding.com](mailto:Soulboarders@soulboarding.com)

Be sure to check out our Myspace page for more photos!  
[www.myspace.com/soulboarders](http://www.myspace.com/soulboarders)



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# EVENT CALENDAR

## February

Feb 6-10

NBS

Western Regional

Lake Tahoe, NV

[www.nbs.org](http://www.nbs.org)

The Western Regional Winter Carnival will be held in Lake Tahoe at the Heavenly Ski Resort. If anyone is interested in heading to the Western Regional let us know.

WHO'S IN?

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Feb 16

NBS

Jim Dandy Ski Club 50th Year Anniversary "Ski-Lebration"

Mt. Brighton, Michigan

<http://www.jimdandyskiclub.com/>

This event is an historical milestone in the African American ski culture. The Jim Dandy Ski Club, founded in 1958, is the oldest Black Ski Club in the world. Three energetic and daring young men, Frank Blount, William Morgan and Reginald Wilson are responsible for the club's inception, which later lead to the creation of the National Brotherhood of Skiers (NBS). We owe it to them that today we can go out on the mountain freely and enjoy the sport we all love so much.

Black History Month is just around the corner. What better way to celebrate then with our own fellow Black skiers and snowboarders!!!

There are three (3) packages to select from. They range from \$56 - \$80. Payments received by Jim Dandy after January 31st are subject to a \$10 late fee. Payment mailing instructions are on the website.

Detroit crew and Peoria Pathfinders ... we know you're in!

WHO ELSE?

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## March

Feb 29-Mar 2

## **Mammoth BlackOut Weekend**

**BlackNLA & Bad Boarderz**

**Mammoth, CA**

<http://www.blacknla.com/mammoth/Ski08.asp>

<http://www.badboarderzinc.com/>

If you are down to party ... then the Badboarderz / Black-N-LA "Black Out Weekend" is your trip!

It is primarily targeted toward singles and dating couples. As you can see from the website photos it is a fun-filled weekend full of snowboarding and partying with 300 of your new best friends. If you decide to attend this event let us know so we can see about getting a SOULBOARDER condo or in the alternative coordinating condo roommate requests. This event sells out fast, so if you plan on going be sure to register early!

If you plan on heading to Mammoth and prefer to make your own condo and transportation arrangements you can still party with the Bad Boarderz. You can either "pay to party" at the door (approximate door fee of \$20.00/per party) or you can purchase the BlackOut Weekend Party Package for \$50.00. The package includes the Friday Night Mixer, Saturday Afternoon Jam and the Saturday Night Party.

To purchase the Black Out Weekend party package follow this link:

<http://www.badboarderzinc.com/BlackOut-Party.html>

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**March 7-9**

**UCLA**

**Black Alumni Ski Weekend**

**Mammoth, CA**

<http://www.ubaaevents.org/ski/>

The UCLA Black Alumni annual ski trip is a very popular So Cal event that draws people from across the country. It's like the NBS Summit...only younger, hipper and much cuter!!! (haha)

Seriously, it's approximately a 300-person mixed crowd of families and singles alike. Most of the participants are UCLA grads, but they won't hold it against you if you have a different alma mater (unless of course you attended arch rival USC).

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## **Want More Info?**

If you need additional information on any of these events let us know and we can forward you the email flyers. Also, if you know of other trips in your community send us the details and we will share it with the crew.

# RACING CIRCUIT

## OLYMPIC:



If you missed the X-Games last week then you missed our own **Errol Kerr** make the US SKi Team in the Skier Cross race!

Errol is a member of TEAM NBS and at age 21 is the youngest member of the Skier X roster. Errol is a product of Squaw Valley's race program and will compete in both alpine and skier cross during the 2007-08 season.

Be sure to show him some love on his Myspace page:  
<http://www.myspace.com/errolkerr>

## NASTAR / SUMMIT:

The Soulboarders repped the set at the NBS Summit race track in Breckenridge!

Soulboarder **Lyron Maxey** (Jim Dandy) scored two big wins...he placed first in the Men's Snowboarding Race and second in the Expert Ski Race. (Show off!)

His uncle, Soulboarder **Corey Maxey** (Jim Dandy), placed second in the Men's Snowboarding Race.

Soulboarder **Lenworth ("Quick") Gordon** (Thrillseekers) placed first in the Expert Ski Race and placed in the Challenge Cup. (See...we do make exceptions for bomb skiers!)

Soulboarder **Toni Fields** (4 Seasons West/Peoria Pathfinders) placed first in the Woman's Snowboarding Race.

Soulboarder **Denise Nelson** (Peoria Pathfinders) placed second in the Woman's Snowboarding Race.

Congrats to our racers for thier wins and for showing the NBS how DA SOULBOARDERS get down!

## TRICKS OF THE TRADE:

Soulboarder **Kacy Wilson** (4 Season's West) is a snowboard instructor at Mammoth Mountain. He recently penned an informative article for the BLACK OUTDOORSMAN MAGAZINE on snowboard ridding techniques for black diamond runs.

To check out his article use this link:

[KACY WILSON's BLACK OUTDOORSMAN ARTICLE](#)

or paste this link into your browser:

<http://www.blackoutdoorsman.com/magazine/featured-articles/snowboarding-black-diamonds>

## STAYING IN TOUCH



Don't let the friendships you made on the mountain disappear once the snow melts ...  
Be sure to stay in touch!

### MYSPACE:

<http://www.myspace.com/soulboarders>

### FACEBOOK:

<http://www.facebook.com>

Search the name: SOULBOARDERS

### EMAIL:

If you need our help tapping someone just send us an email with the person's name and we will pass along your email. It is up that person to contact you directly. We are not a dating service,

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In closing, feel free to contact us with any questions, comments or feedback at:  
[soulboarders@soulboarding.com](mailto:soulboarders@soulboarding.com)

Sincerely,

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