Dear Friends

former clients of the NCBVI with the help of Fontenelle Tours and arrow Bus Line are excited to offer an opportunity to the blind, visually impaired and physically challenged individuals to travel to the week-long Black Hills Ski for Light winter event in Deadwood, south Dakota January 25-30,2015! The week-long program is of course a lot of fun but any participant or volunteer for the program would tell you that more than that it is the most inspiring and motivating event offered to blind, low visioned or otherwise physically challenged individuals. Persons with physical and vision challenges are constantly dealing with obstacles in their daily life. The Ski for Light program provides a break from the constant attention of dealing with blindness or mobility problems while the program also builds confidence and the wonderful feeling of independence that is often lost to the blind and physically challenged as they deal with the problems dealt to them by an often prejudice society. The program is available to all individuals who are meeting these challenges in life but as usual the transportation to such an event is difficult. With the help of Ward and Kathy Kinney of Fontenelle tours and Arrow Bus Line there will be a bus leaving Omaha on January 25 to the Black Hills of south Dakota to attend this event. The bus will return on January 30. We will make stops across Nebraska to pick up interested participants. You need to make arrangements now with Fontenelle Tours to reserve your seat on the Bus!

**What is the Ski for Light event?**

The event is a wonderful get away that has fringe benefits offered as you become successful in outdoor activities that even you may have thought were not possible for you. The week-long event each January offers lodging, meals, entertainment, all ski equipment, lift ticket, sleds, snowmobiles, all in city transportation and a banquet ticket for each participant  at the cost of $200 or if individuals qualify they may receive financial aid and then the cost is $100 for the week. Our bus arrangements will not handle the application for the program so you will need to do this by contacting the Black Hills Ski for Light office to apply and to fill out a short form for financial assistance. (See BHSFL contact info below

**How do I reserve my seat on the bus?**

**Now is the time to contact Fontenelle Tours to reserve your space on the bus. We are asking for a $50 deposit which will be applied to the total of the cost of your travel. At this time the round-trip cost is $200 but we are working on grants and donations to lessen this expense.).**Our reserved bus is wheel chair equipped. Fill out the bus application form and send it and $50 to the Fontenelle Tour address below. This deposit will be put twards the $200 (or maybe less ) to hold your seat on the bus. ACT NOW!

**Are there other ways to get involved if you do not qualify as a participant?**!

 Another way to participate is as a volunteer for the event and volunteers will receive the same transportation offering as participants as long as there is room on the bus! Volunteers in the program get a reduced rate of $200 for the lodging and will receive meals if they pay for the meal package which is $68 for the week. They also have all ski equipment and lift tickets paid. Volunteer cost. total for the event is $268
Volunteers will also need to pay the bus transportation fee which is separate and should be held with a $50 deposit to Fontenelle tours now to hold your seat! . To be a volunteer contact the Ski for Light program. To ride the bus contact Fontenell Tours. Both are listed below.

 If you cannot attend as a volunteer but would like to help us get the cost of the bus lowered, you may send donations to Karen Lemmon whose address is listed below.

**To hold a seat on the bus each participant should send a deposit of $50 to :**

**Fontenelle Tours**

**2008 W. Broadway #329**

**Council Bluffs, Iowa  51501**

**Phone: (712) 366-9596**

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(This deposit is part of the $total expense of the bus transportation)

**For more information or to apply for the week-long event (last week in January) go on line at: bhsfl.org**

**Mailing address: BHSFL**

**PO Box 3707**

 **Rapid City, South Dakota 57709-3707**

**phone number is 1-605-341-3626:**

For further information contact:

Karen Lemmon

phone 308-667-2054

email: klemmon@bbcwb.net

      or

Warren Bennett

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Please help us get this information to the blind, visually impaired, physically challenged or volunteering individuals who are interested in this awesome event.

Thanks

Karen Lemmon, Warren Bennett, Carolyn Schaeffer,Nancy Galloway, Kim richards, and George fisher (SFL Nebraska participants)

**APPLICATION FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION**

**TO BLACK HILLS SKI FOR LIGHT**

\_\_\_\_\_\_check here if you are a disabled Veteran.

TO RIDE THE BUS FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING SHORT FORM AND MAIL IT ALONG WITH YOUR $50 deposit to hold your bus seat:

**Fontenelle Tours**

**2008 W. Broadway #329**

**Council Bluffs, Iowa  51501**

**Phone: (71(2) 366-9596)**

We prefer checks or money orders

Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ email address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Appropriately Check below so that we provide adequate service to you:

\_\_\_\_ I travel with a service dog

\_\_\_\_I use a wheel chair

\_\_\_\_ other accommodations you may need on the Bus

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