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COMO PARK SKI CENTER NOW ACCEPTING LESSON REGISTRATION *Snowboard, Cross Country and Downhill Ski Lessons Will be Offered*

SAINT PAUL – The City of Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for Snowboard, Cross Country and Downhill Ski Lessons at the Como Park Ski Center.

The Como Park Ski Center, 1431 North Lexington Parkway, opens on Saturday, December 26 – weather permitting. The Como Park Ski Center is a convenient in-town ski area featuring 1.7 K of lighted cross country ski trails for beginner-level skiing and 5K of intermediate/advanced level groomed classic and skate style cross country trails. Fresh powder is almost always in the forecast thanks to the ski center's snow machines, and four lighted tow ropes keep twilight winter activities safe. The Como Ski Center chalet offers food service, downhill and cross country ski/snowboard rentals and affordable lessons taught by professional instructors. In addition to Como Park, cross country ski trails are groomed at the Highland 9 and Phalen Golf Courses (cross country skiing is not allowed on the Highland National Golf Course).

Regular Como Park Ski Chalet Hours are: Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sundays, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3 - 9 p.m. The Chalet is closed Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Extended holiday hours will be offered December 26, 2009 through January 3, 2010 and will be available at www.stpaul.gov/parks.

For information about snowboard, cross country and downhill ski lessons, equipment rental, trail conditions, group rates and chalet rentals, please visit our website at www.stpaul.gov/parks (Click on "Winter Activities" on left tool bar) or contact Eric Thompson at (651) 266-6143. Beginning December 26, the Como Park Ski Center Chalet can be reached at (651) 488-9673.

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