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Alta Awards University of Utah Scholarship



Alta Ski Area (ASA) partnered with the [University of Utah's Environmental and Sustainability Studies](#) program to offer an annual full-tuition scholarship. The *Alta Environmental Center (AEC) Scholarship* is designed to benefit students enrolled full-time as majors in the Environmental and Sustainability

Studies Program. This spring's 2014 recipient will be Jamie Murphy, a senior with an outstanding volunteer background and a desire to influence environmental awareness beyond her undergraduate studies.

"We are always excited to support education in any form. With this scholarship at the U we hope to help secure and influence our future in pursuing a career in environmental awareness, science, and stewardship," said Maura Olivos, Sustainability Coordinator for AEC. "This is Alta Ski Area's first external scholarship and we are committed to sharing their resources in the pursuit of sustainability – a mission that entails improving and protecting the well-being of Alta's environment, ski industry and community."

The Alta Scholarship will ensure that future leaders have access to understanding the importance of sustainability and participating in sustainability initiatives. In line with this mission students within the Environmental and Sustainability Studies program are led to develop an "understanding of environmental systems and the consequences of human-environment interactions" with a strong emphasis in science (envst.utah.edu).

For more information on this scholarship and for Fall 2014 allocation visit: call (801) 585-5656 or visit <http://envst.utah.edu/students/scholarships/>.

Summer in the Winter – Alta Environmental Blog Series

Blogs are the newspaper and newsletter of this day and age. They are also a great way to share one's story and the inside scoop of a project or event. Alta does so much in the summer in terms of conservation management, stewardship, events and more. However, sharing these stories and events with all our patrons and employees becomes a difficult task when they're primarily only around in the winter. That is why the Alta Environmental Center is doing a four-part blog series on *Alta Ski Area's Environment* and sharing the inside details



with all its skiers and employees throughout the 2013-2014 ski season. If you thought the winters are fun in Alta, the summers are a strong competitor.

We hope this blog series not only informs the public, but builds environmental awareness, shows how much fun it is to be a steward, and share Alta's true commitment. Alta is a wonderful place to live, work, and play - it's a lifestyle that we invest our minds, bodies and souls into. We hope to share that side of the story with you. "Part One: Building a Forest" is out and ready to read at www.alta.com/altablog/. Stay tuned for Part 2 in January.

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Last Minute “Green” Gifts

Are you looking for that special something to show how much you care and how thankful you are for them? Here’s your chance to support a greener future. Make a donation or purchase a membership for your family or friends with any of these local non-profits.

- [TreeUtah](#) – planting trees & education
- [Utah Conservation Corps](#) – trails & conservation
- [Cottonwood Canyons Foundation](#) – education and trails
- [Friends of Alta](#) – landtrust

Still looking for that unusual green gift. Check out any of these sites for just that thing and at the same time support a greener future.

- [Terracycle](#) – upcycled goods made from recycled items to support non-profits and public schools across the nation.
- [Protect Our Winters](#) (POW) – Check out their chill gifts in support of climate change advocacy.
- [Tracy Aviary, Adopt A Bird](#) – All the pleasure of taking care of our fine feathered friends without the hassle.
- **Green Adventure Tickets** – The perfect gift for stocking stuffers, neighbors, friends and families: [The Living Planet Aquarium](#), [Swaner EcoCenter](#), [Ogden Nature Center](#), [The Hogle Zoo](#), [Red Butte Gardens](#), or the [Natural History Museum of Utah](#).

December - January Sustainability Events

The holiday season is here and so many great things to do – if you are not skiing. Check out these local Salt Lake area sustainability events for the family and friends or a venture out with that special someone.

- [Roar Before Christmas](#) – **December 24, 12pm:** Watch Hogle Zoo’s animals unwrap their yummy gifts with free admission until 3pm.
- [Snowshoe with a Naturalist](#) – **December 26, 10am:** A great little break from skiing for a couple hours and its FREE. To register or for more info contact 801. 466.6411 – info@cottonwoodcayons.org.
- [Alta Torchlight Parade](#) – **December 31, 5:15pm:** A great event to watch or be a part of, but don’t forget to dress extra warm. \$5 to participate with 100% of proceeds going to the Utah Food Bank.
- [Energy & Climate Film Series](#) – **January 9, 7pm:** Join Utah Clean Energy and Westminster College for this FREE showing of the film *Generations – A Skiers’ & Snowboarders Perspective on Climate Change*.
- [Exploring our Communitrees](#) – **January 11, 2:3pm:** With admission visit some awesome birds & their favorite trees at the Tracy Aviary.



“Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land.” – Aldo Leopold