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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Alta SKE-COLOGY and Project Learning Tree Workshops**

Alta, UT—January 13, 2012— Alta Ski Area's [Alta Environmental Center](#) (AEC) has partnered with the [Utah Society for Environmental Education](#) (USEE) to offer professional development workshops combining both Project Learning Tree (PLT) and AEC's newly revamped SKE-COLOGY program. The workshops will highlight SKE-COLOGY, a self-guided tour that is a fun, educational opportunity to explore the ecology and cultural history of Alta on skis in the winter and by foot in the summer along with providing additional resources and lesson plans for use with students. The workshops, hosted by USEE, are for formal and non-formal educators, as well as interested citizens. The first workshop is scheduled for Saturday, January 14, 2012 and additional workshops will be offered intermittently through the winter, summer and fall.

The workshops, which are approximately 6 hours in length, combine both classroom instruction and a ski tour. After experiencing the PLT's *Places We Live* workshop, which highlights place-based education, participants will have the opportunity to take a tour of Alta's SKE-COLOGY program on skis! The SKE-COLOGY program allows students to learn about their natural environment through a first-hand experience and has been developed to work with K-12 grade core curriculum standards. Students can explore the terrain and wildlife of Alta, while learning the connections to current environmental issues.

K-12 educators, ski instructors, naturalist guides and more are welcome to Alta for this training or for fun family skiing experience!

- On-line print at home version of the [SKE-COLOGY brochure](#) available.
- Eligible for 6 Re-licensure Points.
- Cost: Materials \$15 + ½ off Adult Area Day Pass \$33.50 (Reload & winter only) = \$48.50.
- Participants must provide their own gear and be intermediate skiers (green and blue runs).
- For more PLT info or to register contact Charice Bourdeaux at USEE – [charice@usee.org](mailto:charice@usee.org) or (801) 328-1549.

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