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## SKIING & WINTER ADVENTURES 2015/2016



**Aspen, Colo. (September 2015)** - The Little Nell's [Skiing & Winter Adventures](#) that debuted last season to great response will return in 2015/2016 with an expanded program. Building upon the popular Friday Powder Cat Skiing, First Tracks on Ajax, Ski Patrol Sweep and Groom the Mountain is a new activity. Snowcat Academy offers instruction from a professional operator and a chance to take the reigns yourself. Please see below for details for adventures this ski season, all of which are available to guests of The Little Nell, Residences at The Little Nell and The Limelight Hotel. Plans for additional programs are also underway with more news to come this fall.

### FRIDAY POWDER CAT SKIING

Aspen Mountain Powder Tours are made all the more special when The Little Nell takes over one of the snowcats. Your knee-deep hosts for the day are The Little Nell's Managing Director, Simon Chen, and Director of Sales & Marketing, Pete Hayda, as well as our Ski Concierge aces. Guests meet at The Little Nell Ski Concierge and board the Silver Queen Gondola at 8:15 a.m. to greet your cat at the top of Ajax. Each tour averages 10-12 untracked runs on a blank canvas of intermediate to expert terrain, followed by an intimate late lunch at a wood stove-heated cabin in the heart of the Elk Mountains. Lunch offerings are perfectly paired with cuvee wines, specially bottled for our restaurant, element 47. After your backcountry workout, enjoy relaxing with a chair massage therapist at the cabin. The Little Nell Powder Cat Tours experience is offered on Fridays from December 15, 2015 – April 2, 2016. Cost is \$465 (lift ticket included) per person; if a group would like to buy out the cat (10 seats) the pricing is reduced to \$400 per person. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Contact The Little Nell Ski Concierge to register at 970.920.6315.

## **FIRST TRACKS ON AJAX**

You know you always wanted to be the first one down the mountain. Well, set your alarm clock, because that's exactly what you'll do. Imagine the thrill of starting your day with top-to-bottom turns on groomed corduroy that couldn't be any fresher. With luck, instead of corduroy, you'll be navigating your way through waist-deep powder. Participating guests will meet at The Little Nell Ski Concierge at 8 a.m. to upload Aspen Mountain's Silver Queen Gondola at 8:15 a.m. (before Aspen Mountain officially opens to the public). First Tracks is limited to intermediate to advanced skiers only, and participants must be 18 years of age or older. This complimentary program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis during the ski season operating dates November 26, 2015 – April 19, 2016. Contact The Little Nell Ski Concierge to register at 970.920.6315.

## **SKI PATROL SWEEP**

Ever dreamed you could have the mountain all to yourself? Presented in conjunction with Aspen Mountain Ski Patrol, this is an opportunity like no other. As part of their safety measures, Ski Patrol must "sweep" the mountain every night to ensure all are safely down and everything is in order. You'll join these pros to get a behind-the-scenes look at how they put the mountain to bed at the end of each day. This exclusive opportunity is open to intermediate and advanced skiers and riders. Ski Patrol Sweep meets at 4 p.m. by the fireplace in the Sundeck at the top of Aspen Mountain on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from December 15, 2015 – April 2, 2016. Guests must be signed up by noon the day of the sweep. Minors under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. This adventure is offered on a complimentary basis. Contact The Little Nell Ski Concierge to register at 970.920.6315.

## **GROOM THE MOUNTAIN**

Get a glimpse into the daily mountain operations of a ski resort while discovering firsthand how Aspen Mountain's slopes are groomed each night. This is your chance to ride shotgun as the snowcat lays down carpets of corduroy for early bird skiers and snowboarders. Artists in their own right, your snowcat operator will show you exactly what it takes to transform the mountain at day's end. The top-of-the-line Prinoth "Bison 350" snowcat can accommodate two guests and you'll ride alongside the driver who will describe the machine down to the bells and whistles. Guests meet in the Living Room at The Nell and are escorted to the base of Aspen Mountain in front of Ajax Tavern. The Little Nell Groom the Mountain tours leave at 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the ski season operating dates November 26, 2015 – April 19, 2016. Ages 5 years old and up are welcome. 24-hour cancellation applies. This excursion includes two laps of Little Nell ski run and costs \$100 for two people. Contact The Little Nell Ski Concierge to register at 970.920.6315.

## **SNOWCAT ACADEMY (AKA "SNOWCAT SKOOL")**

For those who want more than to simply ride in a snowcat, this is your opportunity to learn how to command one. With wrap-around windows for ultimate visibility and expert instruction, you'll get to operate this snow machine, laying lines of corduroy. Guests meet on Panda Peak at the base of Buttermilk Mountain for a safe, educational and fun adventure in a Prinoth "Bison 350." With room

for up to two passengers, opt for one-on-one instruction or bring a parent, child or friend along for a shared lesson. The class lasts approximately three hours, starting with initial training then time to play in Panda Peak's sand (snow) box with other trails available as needed. Safety is a priority and the course can be easily catered to the desire of each guest, whether it's simply to push snow or go groom a trail of your own. Class is dependent upon snow conditions and mountain operations' workload. Opening Week and the two weeks surrounding X Games will not allow for any classes to be offered. Pricing and more details are forthcoming. Contact The Little Nell Ski Concierge to register at 970.920.6315.

### **MAROON BELLS SNOWMOBILE TOUR & MINING CABIN APRES-SKI**

This ski season, The Little Nell introduces a "Snowmobile Tour & Apres-Ski" at T-Lazy-7 Guest Ranch. Set off from T-Lazy-7 lodge on a guided snowmobile tour to the scenic Maroon Bells followed by an apres-ski reception at Klondike Cabin, a mining era setting with sweeping views of Pyramid Peak. Element 47's culinary team will prepare a rustic interpretation of our Colorado cuisine such as house-cured charcuterie, grilled meats from our partner ranches, fresh salads and confections such as fruit cobblers, warm chocolate cakes, and gourmet s'mores over the fire. A sommelier from The Nell will serve a selection of wines, including our own private label Champagne from Robert Moncuit, a grand cru blanc-de-blanc exclusively produced for element 47. Capping off the apres-ski adventure is a snowcat ride to the lodge. 2:30 – 6:30 pm, \$500 per person ++. Scheduled for Weds., Feb. 10, and select dates by request. To book, email [nellevents@thelittlenell.com](mailto:nellevents@thelittlenell.com).

### **MORE WINTER ADVENTURES TO BE ANNOUNCED**

Plans are in motion on several other ski season adventures currently being developed. Blending food & beverage, stargazing and other elements to enrich your visit to Aspen's only ski-in/ski-out hotel, stay posted for forthcoming details.

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### ***About The Little Nell***

*Cosmopolitan yet intimate, contemporary yet timeless, The Little Nell invites guests to experience Aspen's only Forbes Five Star, AAA Five Diamond, ski-in/ski-out hotel – a Relais & Châteaux resort – and the distinctive element 47 restaurant. For more information and for reservations, call 888.The.Nell (888.843.6355) or visit [www.thelittlenell.com](http://www.thelittlenell.com).*

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