

# MONTANA METH PROJECT

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## YELLOWSTONE CLUB AND MONTANA METH PROJECT HOST BENEFIT SKI RACE AND AUCTION

*Two days of great skiing, fine dining, and distinctive Gaja wines to support  
the Montana Meth Project*

**BIG SKY, Montana—February 1, 2008**—Yellowstone Club and the Montana Meth Project today announced a special benefit ski race, dinner, and auction event on Friday, February 29, and Saturday, March 1, 2008, at the Yellowstone Club in Big Sky, Montana. Tickets for the two-day event are \$2,500 and include skiing at the world's only private ski and golf community, Yellowstone Club and Big Sky Resort, two evening receptions, an exclusive dinner featuring 5-star cuisine and wine pairings, and a special benefit auction. Proceeds will support the Montana Meth Project's statewide prevention program, which is credited with reducing Meth use among teens by 45% and Meth-related crime by 52% in two years.

Other activities during this two-day event will include team racing and cross country skiing at Yellowstone Club and Big Sky Resort. Saturday evening dinner will be an exceptional gastronomic experience designed and prepared by acclaimed chef Tony Mantuano, with exquisite Gaja wine pairings hand-selected by Italian winemaker Gaia Gaja.

Chef Mantuano, of Chicago's noted Spiaggia, will create a memorable culinary feast for the Saturday evening dinner. Long considered a trailblazer who is credited with bringing regional Italian cuisine to America, Mantuano was awarded the prestigious "Best Chef: Midwest" designation by the James Beard Foundation in 2005. Under Mantuano's direction, Spiaggia has earned a reputation as one of the very best Italian fine dining restaurants in America, hailed by Zagat, *Chicago* magazine, and the *Chicago Tribune*. With co-author Cathy Mantuano, Mantuano wrote *The Spiaggia Cookbook: Eleganza Italiana in Cucina*, voted one of the 25 best cookbooks of 2004 by *Food and Wine* magazine.

Gaia Gaja, a passionate and erudite fifth-generation winemaker, will personally select and introduce the wine pairings for this extraordinary meal. Her family's vineyards, the Gaja Winery, is located in the famed winemaking Cuneo region of Piedmont, Italy, and has built a reputation for producing some of Italy's most prestigious wines. In addition to popularizing Piedmontese wines across the world, the Gaja Winery has been credited with a number of innovations in wine-making, including the use of barriques, the 225-liter French oak barrels for aging Barbaresco, the production of single vineyard designations, and planting the Piedmont's first Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc vineyards.

For more information and to purchase tickets for this event, please contact Elizabeth Marchi at 406-863-4044, or [liz@frontierangels.com](mailto:liz@frontierangels.com).

**About the Yellowstone Club**

Founded by Tim Blixseth and Edra Blixseth in 2000, Yellowstone Club, the world's only private ski and golf community, is located in Big Sky, Montana. The Club sits on 13,600 acres of private land near the northwest corner of Yellowstone National Park. Membership at Yellowstone Club is by invitation only and, as real estate ownership is a requirement of membership, the Club is limited to only 864 residential membership properties. Outdoor activities around all seasons at Yellowstone Club include world-class skiing in the winter on more than 2,200 acres of skiable terrain, 60+ trails, and 2,700 vertical feet, as well as snowshoeing and miles of Nordic ski trails. In the summer, Yellowstone Club features a Tom Weiskopf-designed, 18 hole championship golf course, hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, rock climbing, and fly fishing.

**About the Montana Meth Project**

Launched in September 2005, the Montana Meth Project, a not-for-profit organization headquartered in Missoula, Montana, implements a range of advertising and community action programs to reduce methamphetamine use in the state. Combining extensive research with a hard-hitting, integrated media campaign, it has been repeatedly cited as an effective response to a devastating social problem.

For more information about the Montana Meth Project, visit [www.montanameth.org](http://www.montanameth.org).

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**Schedule of Events**

**Friday, February 29, 2008**

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.            Skiing at Big Sky Resort  
6:00 p.m.                         Welcome Event and Cocktail Reception: Yellowstone Club

**Saturday, March 1, 2008**

7:30 a.m.                         Breakfast Reception: Big Sky Resort  
9:00 a.m.                         Ski to Yellowstone Club  
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.        Team Racing  
11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.        Lunch at Yellowstone Club  
3:00 p.m.                         Ski back to Big Sky Resort  
6:00 p.m.                         Cocktail Reception and Dinner: Yellowstone Club  
8:30 p.m.                         Awards Ceremony and Auction