

Greetings MMRT Families ~

The 2009/2010 ski season is fast approaching and the MMRT Board has continued to meet over summer to ensure a quality program. Due to the 2008 Annual Ski Swap profits being considerably down from previous years and increased liability insurance costs to our organization this past season, the MMRT Board after much discussion has recently voted to raise its membership fees for the 2009/2010 ski racing season. We realize the \$80 membership fee has remained the same for as long as many of us can remember, however MMRT can no longer continue to operate at its current level with the ever changing circumstances. The new membership rates are as follows:

Membership Fee: \$140
Second Child Fee: \$100
Additional Children: \$100
Late Fee: \$20 (after December 1st)
Bib Fee: \$12

Additional fundraising ideas are currently being considered that would help offset each individual family's fees should you wish to participate. Information will be shared with the MMRT membership as it becomes available.

The MMRT program continues to be a great value considering last year's schedule which consisted of 7 races at Marquette Mountain plus race invitations to Pine Mountain and Mont Ripley, clinics held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings as well as Saturday and Sunday clinics on non-race days. A typical "training only" week consists of 6.5 hours of skiing with MMRT coaches.

Similar programs in the Upper Peninsula including their annual membership rates are as follows:

Mont Ripley Race Team; \$250 (includes Tuesday nights, weekend training, and races)
Team Norway Development Team; \$50-\$75 (mornings and/or afternoons on weekends only)
Team Norway "C" and "B" Teams; \$100 and \$200 (weekends only)
Pine Mountain Ski Team; \$75 (weekends only including 3 races)

Updated registration forms for the upcoming 2009/2010 season will soon be available on the www.skimmrt.com website. As always, email announcements will continue to be our primary way of keeping the MMRT membership informed. The MMRT Board appreciates your understanding and looks forward to another great ski season.

Respectfully,

Jill Churchill
MMRT Board President

