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Pajarito Mountain Kicks Off Ski Season Saturday, Dec. 16!

Los Alamos, N.M. -- Get those skis and snowboards ready! Pajarito Mountain Ski Area kicks off ski season this Saturday, Dec. 16. Pajarito's new Magic Carpet and the Beginner Lift will open at 9am with access to beginner terrain, including the trails Mushroom, Run Out to Zero Road East, and the Beginner's area.

"Even though we had to delay our opening due to unseasonably warm and dry weather, our mountain crews were able to take advantage of colder temperatures and make sufficient snow for our opening day," stated Tom Long, general manager of Pajarito Mountain. "With snow in the forecast this week, everyone at Pajarito is excited to get ski season started on Saturday!"

Discounted lift tickets are available at the Ticket Office. Lift tickets are \$24 for all skiers and snowboarders. Pajarito will be open daily through Sun., Jan. 7, during the holiday season. For updates on operating dates beyond Jan. 7, please visit [Pajarito's website](#).

When the lifts are turning, the Café will be open 8am to 4pm for breakfast, lunch, and snacks, the rental shop is open 8am to 4:30pm, and Ski and Ride School is available for lessons.

New this season! Pajarito replaced the old Mitey Mite with a new Magic Carpet, which provides beginners an easier way to learn the sport and doubled the teaching area for beginners. Pajarito is launching a new website which will be live Thursday. The new site provides easier navigation, a better online buying experience, enhanced imagery and snow report, and additional information about the mountain.

Pajarito is hosting several exciting events this winter. Usher in the new year at Pajarito with the Torchlight Parade on Dec. 31. Pajarito's annual K2 Women's Weekend, Feb. 10 - 11, helps raise money for the Anita Salas Memorial Fund, which supports New Mexico men and women diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer.

The Telebration Festival is Feb. 25 - 26, with Telemark clinics, gear demos and some of the best Telemark instructors in the region. Mark your calendar for the 75th annual Skiesta, Mar. 17. Skiesta is a long-standing tradition at Pajarito that celebrates the unique mountain culture of Los Alamos and skiing and snowboarding.

For more details on mountain operations, conditions and events, visit [Pajarito's website](#).

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About Pajarito Mountain Ski Area

Located in Los Alamos, New Mexico, and 30 minutes northwest of Santa Fe, Pajarito Mountain Ski Area offers 40 trails, 6 lifts and one terrain park, all located on 751 acres on the eastern edge of the Jemez Mountains. Known for its spectacular views of the Rio Grande Valley and the Valles Caldera National Preserve, the ski area was founded and developed in the late 1950s by the Los Alamos Ski Club. The fall line and bump runs are heralded as some of the best in the state, and the mountain offers a ski school, restaurant, and ski rental facility. During the summer season, Pajarito Mountain is home to an extensive mountain biking trail system with lift

served access and hosts several New Mexico Brewers Festivals throughout the summer. For more information, visit www.skipajarito.com.