

NR 10-10

For Immediate Release

Contact: Dax Allcorn, 715-674-7675

### **Blackwell Job Corps Center Students Hit the Slopes at Ski Brule**

**Laona, WI – January 3, 2011**

This year heavy snow came early for the Northwoods in Wisconsin and for bordering Michigan. This allowed for more than normal depth of snow at a local ski hill in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Blackwell Job Corps Students that were in a positive standing were chosen to be part of a winter retreat



that took place on December 15, 2010, the day before they left on Winter Break. This event was kept a secret until the day before, so this trip was a complete surprise for the students that were chosen for the trip. Several staff were also chosen to attend with the students and were able to ski with the students and assist them in navigating the slopes.

Before the students departed for the trip, they were able to choose whether they wanted to ski or snowboard at Ski Brule. Only a few of students had done either, so this was an exciting and new adventure for the students to embark on. The majority of the students chose to snowboard as The Flying Tomato, Shaun White is more known to them than Picabo Street.

As the students arrived at Ski Brule, they were greeted by Ski Brule staff whom were very excited the students were there for the days activities. Their staff helped each individual student in fitting for their equipment and got the students on the slopes in a very short period of time. Students had to go through training with Ski Brule staff before they were allowed on the slopes. There were so many staff on hand that the students had all the help they needed to learn how to snowboard or ski and have fun on the hills. Staff at Ski Brule went out of their way and spent even more time with the students both on the bunny slope and on the slopes, even when their shift was over.

Once the students graduated, they were able to take the



chair lift up the hill and ski and snowboard as much as they wanted. Job Corps staff had to make the students take a break to eat lunch because the students were having so much fun. The weather was perfect, the sun was out and there was no wind, which made for a beautiful day. By the end of the day the students had so much fun, they took a group picture and most of them fell asleep on the bus ride home. The students had a great time as did the staff and this created memories for both to remember the rest of their lives.

The Blackwell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center is associated with the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. The Blackwell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center serves 205 students. The USDA Forest Service operates 28 Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers across 18 states with a capacity of 6,200 students. For more information, visit: <http://www.jobcorps.gov/>

The mission of the USDA Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The Agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to State and private landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world.

The Blackwell Job Corps Center is located in Laona, WI. For more information on the Center, please call (715)674-2311 or visit the website at <http://blackwell.jobcorps.gov>