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## **Favorite Things, Favorite Places Ski for Light Returns to Colorado**

The silver-white winters of Colorado call Ski for Light, Inc. (SFL) back to Granby and Snow Mountain Ranch to celebrate its 51<sup>st</sup> international week. Active adults with visual or mobility impairments will gather to learn the basics of cross-country skiing February 1-8, 2026.

This will be the organization's 15<sup>th</sup> visit to Colorado and 13<sup>th</sup> visit to Snow Mountain Ranch (YMCA of the Rockies). "There's always a reason to get excited about Ski for Light returning to Snow Mountain Ranch," says Event Chair David Fisichella. "The variety of terrain, consistent snow conditions, and regional hospitality makes Granby Colorado a favorite among SFL skiers and guides."

Founded in 1975, Ski for Light is an all-volunteer non-profit that attracts participants from across the U.S. and around the world. Based on a Norwegian program called the Ridderrenn, each visually or mobility impaired participant is paired with an experienced, sighted cross-country skier who acts as instructor and on-snow guide for a week of skiing, sharing and learning. First time skiers will be introduced to basic technique while returning skiers will have an opportunity to enhance existing skills.

"When the cold bites, when the frost stings, when I'm feeling bad, I simply remember Snow Mountain Ranch, and then I don't feel so sad," croons veteran guide Tim Feldman with a smile. "But seriously, it's the wonderful and dependable snow, expert grooming, gentle trails -- the skiing at Snow Mountain Ranch is perfect for us."

"Snow Mountain Ranch is my favorite place to ski," says skier Krista Erickson. "There's such a variety of nature to experience, including sometimes having to stop if inadvertently skiing upon a moose or two snacking on the trailside foliage."

While the focus of the week is cross-country skiing, there are plenty of after ski activities including presentations, workshops and evening entertainment, where participants have an opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

So, grab your warm woolen mittens and join the fun by participating as a skier, a guide or a volunteer. Applications and additional information will be available in the summer at [www.sfl.org](http://www.sfl.org); meanwhile, join our community on Facebook (Ski for Light, Inc.), and check out our YouTube channel (Ski for Light International).

The experience of a lifetime awaits!



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