

message from the founder



I know it's winter when the snow smoothes out like frosting somewhere beneath my snowboard. At least that's what it feels like to me when I'm knee-deep in powder and can't see my board. I start dreaming about gliding and jumping just about the time the season pass promos hit my e-mail in-box. My goal this year is to grab and hold the edge of my board in the air, rather than my two-second touch (picture me squatting down to touch the board, rather than its flying up to meet me). I'd also like to get a little more lift on my 180 (well, any lift, really, other than the shoulder shrug I count as getting air). More than this, I just want to smile ear to ear and not end up stuck in a tree well for so long that I can't move my arms to swim back out and I get that oh-so-familiar turtle-on-its-back embarrassment.

Though I've been boarding for years now, I'm still not beyond taking a tumble off the lift (I've got the snapped tendon across my pinky to prove it), so I'm excited to read this issue's tips for the slopes from some of the best female skiers, riders, and mountaineers in the world. I believe that, with their help, I just might be able to take my riding to the next level.

You'll find the season's best gear and apparel along with how to plan your own winter yurt excursion, and we've also got tips on how to skate-ski and speed skate. After reading this issue, you're going to be so ready for the snow to start flying!

As we move into 2007, look for us to expand the magazine as we continue our growth (of which you are such an invaluable part). Based on our reader survey, you want to see more travel and health coverage, so we'll be delivering it to you in all six issues, along with more inspiring profiles, informative features, and helpful how-to's. Don't forget to renew your subscription and please consider giving *Women's Adventure* as a gift to those you play with in the great outdoors. Happy New Year and all the best!

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Michelle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, prominent "M" at the beginning.

Michelle Theall,
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