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### **Sierra Grant awarded to Ski Jamin**

**Porterville, CA** —Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce a Sierra Grant in the amount of \$2,000 has been awarded to Ski Institute for Junior American Minority Inner-City Neighborhoods, Inc. (Ski Jamin). Ski Jamin is a non-profit outdoor program designed to inspire, educate and create new experiences for underserved at risk, minority inner city youth, ages 9 to 18, to participate in winter sports. The winter sports program sets up dry land ski and board clinics in local city parks to introduce the children to ski safety and on the slope etiquette. They provide the needed transportation to the mountains on ski days and collect donated equipment and clothing from local ski resorts to outfit the children head to toe for the snow. The funds will be used for their upcoming 2012 ski season and the Annual Dry Land Ski Clinic.

The Sierra Grant Program is designed to improve the quality of life for the families, especially the children, who reflect the diversity within Bank of the Sierra branch communities. The Sierra Grant Program is focused on three areas: community services, park preservation, and education. Anyone involved in a non-profit program that is interested in a Sierra Grant can pick up an instructional brochure at any Bank of the Sierra branch, or visit the bank web site at [www.bankofthesierra.com](http://www.bankofthesierra.com).

#### **About Bank of the Sierra**

With over \$1.3 billion in assets and strong performance ratios, Bank of the Sierra is the largest independently owned community bank headquartered in Southern San Joaquin Valley's Heartland. The bank serves 17 different communities with 25 branches, two Ag Centers and one SBA Center. For more information visit the web site at [www.bankofthesierra.com](http://www.bankofthesierra.com) or call (888) 454-BANK.

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