

## SISU Ski Fest Grants Awarded

The SISU Ski Fest Board of Directors recently approved 4 grant requests for the 2016-17 year. One of the goals of the SISU Ski Fest, a non profit organization, is to support the local community and promote silent sports. The SISU Ski Fest was able to award \$3000 in grants to several organizations.

### This year's recipients are:

**CXC Nordic Rocks Ski Program** -\$1000 grant award to assist with purchasing ski equipment and providing lessons for local elementary school youth to learn how to cross country ski. The Nordic Rocks program was developed to introduce a new generation of children in grades K-6th to the excitement found in the sport of cross country skiing. Nordic Rocks gives students the opportunity to experience nordic skiing during the school day with their teacher and classmates and to learn about the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

**Ironwood High School Cross Country Running Program** -\$1000 grant award to assist this self-funded sport with purchasing much needed team warm up jackets and a tent shelter for use at cross country meets.

**Hurley School District Nordic Ski Program** -\$600 grant award to assist the school with expanding their cross country ski program to middle school school age kids. The Hurley Nordic Program began 7 years ago with the second grade students learning to ski on equipment borrowed. Over the years, through successful fundraising, the program has expanded to include all upper elementary grades and now will include middle school students as well.

**Ironwood Parks and Recreation Department** -\$400 grant award to be used to help with purchasing building materials for a handicap accessible observation platform to be built at the top of Mt. Zion Ski Hill and look out area. Once completed, the scenic views will be able to be enjoyed by all.