

# Press Release

Online Fundraising Auction: December 5 - 15, 2006

Proceeds of this *Ninth Annual Event* will benefit the free public services offered during our 12<sup>th</sup> season online

December 4, 2006: Bidding will open on or about December 5 for the 9<sup>th</sup> annual online auction held by the CSAC Avalanche Center. A wide variety of items generously donated by the outdoor industry will be on auction. This annual event helps raise funds for the public services offered online at [www.avalanche-center.org](http://www.avalanche-center.org). To visit the auction follow the link on the homepage, or go to <http://www.avalanche-center.org/auction/>

The list of products and contributors is still growing. A few of the companies who have donated goods and services so far are *Scott USA, Climb Max Mountaineering, Buck Knives, Columbia Sportswear, Prana, Tough Traveler, Grangers Waterproofing, Alpine World Ascents,* and more ... Donations are still being received.

Bidding will continue for ten days, closing by the end of the day on December 15. Most items can be shipped before Christmas upon prompt online payment. In addition to the industry-donated items open for bidding for the duration of the auction there are short-term specials from the Avalanche Center store, and individuals can use the auction to sell their own outdoor items.

The avalanche center is a recognized non-profit organization with 501c3 status. We have offered free educational and informational resources to the public for twelve years. All time and expertise is donated but we need to raise funds to pay the operational costs (office, server, etc).

*Background on the Avalanche Center can be found at: <http://www.avalanche-center.org/Organization/>*