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New Year's Eve Bash for teens

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This year, area teens will have somewhere to party on New Year's Eve. "The New Year's Eve Bash is all set for the night of Dec. 31," said Matt Strader of Basin Recreation. "The second year of the Monster Ball on Halloween was a big success, so we asked dozens of kids about doing something big on New Year's Eve. We got an enthusiastic response." With The Canyons as the presenting sponsor, the New Year's Eve Bash will run from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. and will feature wall-to-wall music.

"We will have two DJs playing all night," said Strader. "DJ Jarivicious comes from U92, Salt Lake City's No. 1 hip hop/urban station, and DJ Gray m.a., who was at the Halloween disco ball, will be back for New Year's Eve."

The event is being produced by The Entertainment Cooperative, a partnership that includes Charlie Bessey, who recently left Skullcandy, and Toby Martin from Park City Concerts.

"Between them they have been involved in more big shows than anyone in the area," said Strader. "Charlie, who is just 23, really knows the music scene through his years at Skullcandy, and Toby is going to bring in a stage, lighting and the same sound system he uses at the **Newpark** Amphitheater. This is going to be some night."

The party will be another "no parents allowed" event, but Strader promises that plenty of professional security and Recreation staff will be on hand to supervise. "This event is for the kids," he explained. "They are helping to plan it, and we want them to feel they are on their own within common sense limits."

Strader is hoping area merchants will support the event with \$100 sponsor donations. "High school students have fewer entertainment choices in this area than any age group," he said. "The Fieldhouse is huge, and we want to do more of these special events."

Tickets for the New Year's Eve Bash are just \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets are available at all the area high schools, at the Fieldhouse and at www.smithtix.com. For more information, log on to www.basinrecreation.org or call 655-0999.

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