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LETTER FROM

Dear Readers,

I would like to inform you that you will get completely hooked to this magazine. As a skier I have gone skiing at Powder Horn Mountain in Michigan along with Indianhead. I also went to Granit Peak in Wausau Wisconsin along with Nordic Mountain. My dream ski trip would be to fly down the slopes in Canada at either Lake Louise or Whistler.

I have been skiing since about the age of four or five and it is one of the best winter activities on the planet. Every year in December we rent a hill side condo at Powder Horn and the whole family comes up for great times on the slope. At our school, which has a ski club, many of my friends and I ski and we all do ski club not just to ski but, also to hang out because it gives us a lot of opportunity to spend time together.

Anyone that skis or snowboards knows what it is like to ski on a bright sunny day with blue sky's but, if you can night ski it gives you a whole different mind blowing experience when skiing and snowboarding. I have been lucky enough to experience this many times at Granit Peak and at Nordic Mountain. Many people ski or snowboard different styles from tricking or to just going up and down the slope. This magazine has articles for each type of skier or snowboarder with coupons to save you money on your new equipment. A must read article by Ally Garson called "Olympic Material" is about a snowboarder when a tragic event takes place which drives her to enter the Olympics.

If you really want to take up skiing or snowboarding and are still in school you should join your ski club. This gives you great opportunity to get out on the hill and maybe even get a new hobby. Ski club can also be great for senior skier and snowboards to spend more time mountain. But, for those just starting to learn how to

snowboard read Nick Fassbender's article "Snowboard" for some great tips to help you catch on faster.

So many people love skiing and snowboarding but really don't know how to explain to people why they love the sport well, Nathan Lichtfuss and his article "Why We Love Skiing and Snowboarding" has answered that question for many and is a great article to read. Not only has style changed over time in skiing and snowboarding but, the technology in the sport has also changed.

In Bethany Jennerjohn's article "Chairlift of the Future" it explains what the new advanced chair lifts will be like in the future and it is a very exciting read. Also Dean Kuettle's short story "Ski Adventure" is a story about a boy named Chills and he is going skiing for the first time and it will keep you on the edge of your seat the whole time.

There are great ads in the magazine to keep you up to date on the new ski and snowboarding gear that comes out like Rocket Powered Skis and Sugar Snow also the glow in the dark ski goggles are a must have if you love to night ski. When you are a skier or snowboarder you just want winter to last all year long so you can just ski your heart out.

But, we all know that we can't have winter all year long so the plan was to try to keep all you skier and snowboarders excited during the off season with the magazine. I know it isn't the same as being out on the slopes but, it's better than nothing.

All the content from this magazine has come from over fifteen students with great writing, ads, and so much more. Without these hard working students most of this magazine wouldn't be possibly to put together and I just can't thank those students enough.

Everything made for the magazine looks great and when you put it together it is a

THE EDITOR

great magazine and you should be proud of your hard work. The magazine "Slope Physco" is the only magazine that gives you that rush to be back on the slopes.

I can't wait to get out more exciting issues for all you ski and snowboarders to give you great articles to read and keep everyone up to date on all the new gear. Thanks for reading "Slope Physco" I hope you enjoy the magazine.

Sincerely,



Tyler Swichtenberg
Editor in Chief, *Slope Physco*



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Your magazine is very well written. Every article I read got me excited about skiing. The stories I read in this magazine got me on the edge of my seat waiting to see how the story will end. If I were to rank this magazine, I would give it five stars. I find myself waiting at the mailbox every month just to spend that day reading your magazine. Thank you for the great stories, tips, and articles on skiing. You made skiing my favorite sport.

From,

Blake Heimmermann

Hortonville, WI



Dear Slope Psycho,

What brand of snowboard do you recommend for a ten year old boy who is really into snowboarding? He would like a durable long lasting snowboard that is nice for gliding across snow. He plans on taking a snowboarding trip with his friends this winter to Snowy Peaks.

Sincerely,
Tyler Ziegler



Dear, Editor

I really enjoyed your last issue on Skiing. I learned a lot on how to ski since I'm a beginner snowboarder. I now know what kinds of brands to buy and what places are good to snowboard. I would like to see more on beginner snowboarding tactics and how to do tricks on snowboards. Keep the good issues coming.

Sincerely,
Benny Magalski



Dear Editor,

I really wanted to thank you for the coupons in your magazines. I just love coupons! Last year I broke my skis while tricking. This year my friends and I combined our coupons so I could buy a new pair of skis. I only had to pay seven dollars by using fifty-eight coupons. I was surprised that they even let me use that many. Thanks for having coupons in your magazines!

Sincerely,

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Snowboarding

By: Nick Fassbender

Winter finally comes after a hot summer with an abundance of snow! Kids go outside to play in the snow while adults work or play in the snow with their kids. Most teenagers hit the slopes! Skiing and snowboarding can be difficult once you first start.

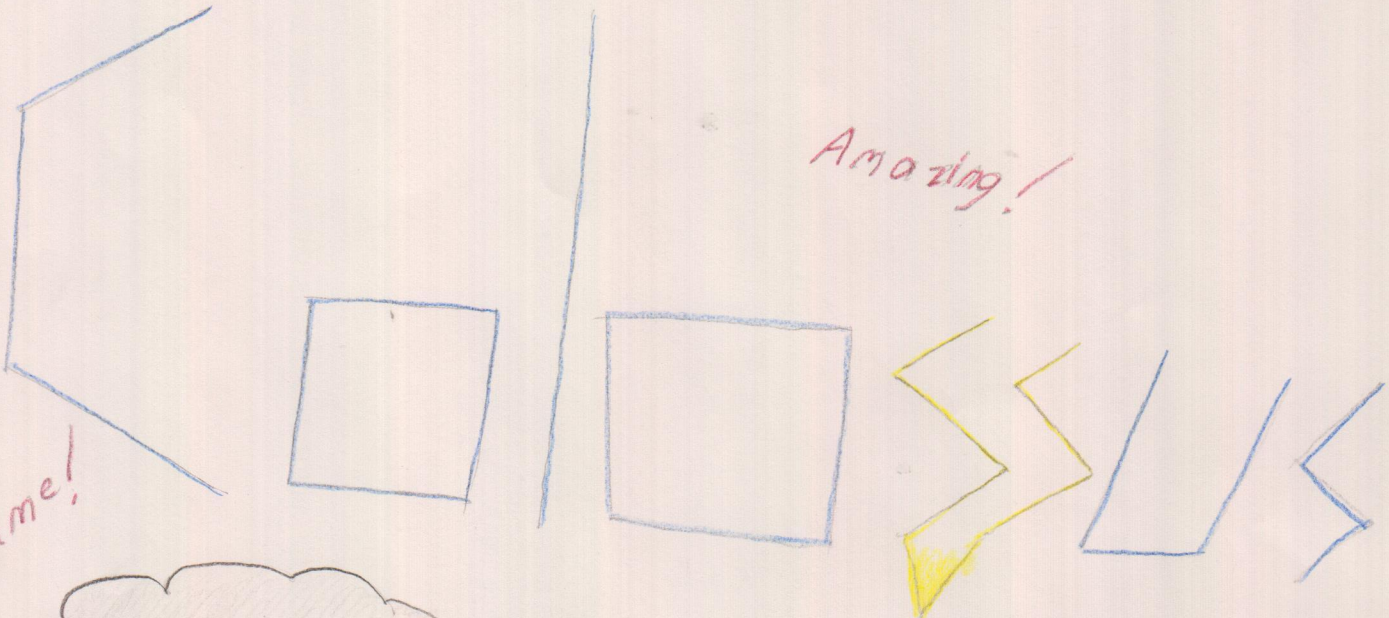
Snowboarding consists of a snowboard, snowboarding boots, helmet, and goggles. Snowboarding has been around since the 1600's when they used a thin piece of wood as a snowboard. Snowboards have become much better since then with them now made out of a heavy and very durable plastic. The snowboards are extremely hard to break! Beginning snowboarders should start out with a little and light snowboards with slip on loops to hold you to your snowboard while going down a slight slope with no trees. Practice balancing while slightly bending their knees. Once you conquer the smaller slope, try a steeper slope. The more and more you practice the better you will be in the near future and in the long run. Also, don't be afraid to fall down. Everyone falls down, just always get back up and try again. After, you overcome the second slope, try stopping and turning corners so you can dodge trees. After you have the smaller slopes dominated, buy a new snowboard with boots that clip into the snowboard with heavy and very durable snowboard. Try your new snowboard on smaller slopes with very few trees. After you have your new snowboard mastered try some steep slopes. Always wear a helmet and goggles. Helmet can save you from a concussion and goggles can save you from going blind. Why would you want to risk your sight? Concussions can give you many problems in your future with constant headaches, memory loss, and forgetfulness. Once you have some of the hardest slopes

subjugated, you have learned how to snowboard at the highest level.

Snowboarding is one of the hardest things to learn in such a short winter. Snowboarding can be fun for everyone! The next time there is a major snowstorm, hit the slopes with your snowboarding skills!



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Chairlift of the Future

By: Bethany Jennerjohn

April fifteenth. Two thousand sixty-four. Snowboarding and skiing were the hot topic back in my parents' days. Now, well let me show you around.

So I think almost everyone knows the basics of snowboarding or skiing. Maybe even both. You ride a lift, jump off, land on your face and start imitating an icicle shaped like Frosty the Snowman. Yeah, yeah, I know, we've all been there once before. Nowadays, it's the same thing except for one little catch. The Rollerlift. In my parents' days, you rode on a normal chairlift in order to jump on top of the hill and then land flat on your face. If you're lucky, you would land on your feet and at least ski down a couple a feet. Currently, in the time of our outrageous lives, we have a little something we like to call the Rollerlift. The Rollerlift is a mix between the ol' regular chairlift and a rollercoaster. As you know rollercoasters can vary from height, speed, and length. The Rollerlift exceeds all of the above.

The Rollerlift is a super-fast, super cool, and super fun rollercoaster and chairlift put into one magnificent masterpiece. While you're riding, you go through loop-de-loops and get a ton of air time. How awesome is that?! You even go underground! Now I guarantee that 99.9% of people will be scared out of their wits to even just look at it, but if you can find your guts inside of you, you will have the time of your life.

After screaming your insides out, and possibly even puking, is the trickiest part. After the Rollerlift abruptly stops, you have exactly one full minute to get out, or fall out, of you seat. The next part is to start skiing down the hill. Otherwise if you don't, the Rollerlift makes a complete turn going back the way it just came. This puts people

standing in the way in danger of their lives. This in the end may possibly kill you. That's why before the ride they warn you: "Beware of the coaster."

Like I said, our days of technology has transformed into machines that were never imagined one hundred years ago. All I can say is: welcome to my world.



Olympic Material
By: Ally Garson

It was the winter Olympics of 1999, I was thirteen, it was Christmas and my big brother Mitchell had just been taken to the ER because of a snowboarding accident. He was going down the slope when he got to a jump and his snowboard snapped in half causing him to fly off course and hit a tree; head first. When we got to the ER they rushed him in and my mother and I soon found out he was in a coma and may or may not have long to live. That was the first time since I was eight that I had sobbed. Mitchell was my brother and my best friend. I didn't have many friends so he was always there when I didn't have anyone at all. At 1:57 A.M. December 26th Mitchell John Wilson passed away. I didn't talk to anyone for weeks, even months. I never stopped snowboarding though it was my escape from all the tears and pain of losing my best friend. One day while I was snowboarding I fell and broke my wrist so they took me to the nurse at the ski hills and she wrapped me up and told me I should go home. I refused to go home so she said she would have to watch me snowboard then to make sure I didn't hurt it anymore. I agreed to that and I went back on the ski lift. She watched me snowboard and then we went and got something to eat she told me I was a really good snowboarder, she said I reminded her of someone; Mitchell. I told her about that he was my brother and she apologized but stated that I could be better than him if I kept working at it. She even got me a snowboarding coach who was so good it was hard to even comprehend.

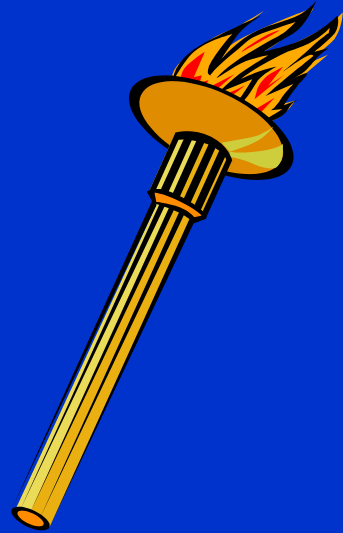
Two years later I was fifteen and still working with the same coach and I had been in the junior Olympics and placed second overall. That year I got the letter; stating that I qualified to be in the Olympics. I was stunned and my mother was hesitant because

of the last Olympic worthy child, but I promised her I would be careful and that I needed to do this to make Mitchell proud. I knew Mitchell would be proud of me because he had always wanted to be the one to make me a child prodigy. I responded to the letter saying I would be there. I was set out to redeem the Wilson name.

I had trained hard; so hard that I would spend all night at the slopes that my mom had to come and make me leave. The Olympics were two weeks away and I was doing everything I could to prepare for the fierce competition. I had gone to so many smaller competitions to prepare for this; and I refused to be average. Nervous couldn't even begin to explain how I was feeling about the upcoming 2001 Olympics. I knew they were going to be epic.

When we arrived at the Olympics in Alberta, Canada, the place was packed! I grabbed my equipment and headed into the check in building. When I walked in there were signs of Mitchell and I, welcome signs for me, and rest in peace signs for Mitchell. It was a great reminder that my brother was a great person and snowboarder. There was one person who was not too happy about the fact that I was there. His name was Nick Johnson, he was the competition for my brother when he was in the Olympics and now he was my competition. Mitchell had beaten him the last time he competed but Nick won by default. Now I think Nick knew that it was my time to shine. I was here to win and I will win against him, I needed to; for Mitchell. Nick and I walked up to the starting line and we made some awkward small talk. I knew he wished that I wasn't there but he didn't really have a choice. We got to the top of the hill and I began to put my boots into my bindings and get going on my first run through. Nick went before me and he got eight points out of ten, then it was my turn. I was so nervous, knowing that Mitchell was watching me

some where made me feel so much better; I was ready. I got a start and the half-pipe was slick and speedy. My first jump up I nailed a 360 backflip, the crowd went wild. I did a ton of cool tricks and saved the best for last on my last jump I did a trick Mitchell taught me when I was younger a switch back 1080 double cork; nailed it. Nick was livid, I got a ten out of ten and I had won the Olympics, I knew Mitchell was up there smiling down on me that I had achieved our goals. My mother was so proud of me, I was content and so the rest of my life I went around bringing awareness to snowboarding safety. I knew how much it hurt to loose someone you love so dearly and I didn't want it to happen to anyone else. My gold medal really makes people listen to my concerns.



Ski-Ful Word Search

See if you can find the words below, in the word bank. The words go horizontal, vertical, and diagonal. Good luck!



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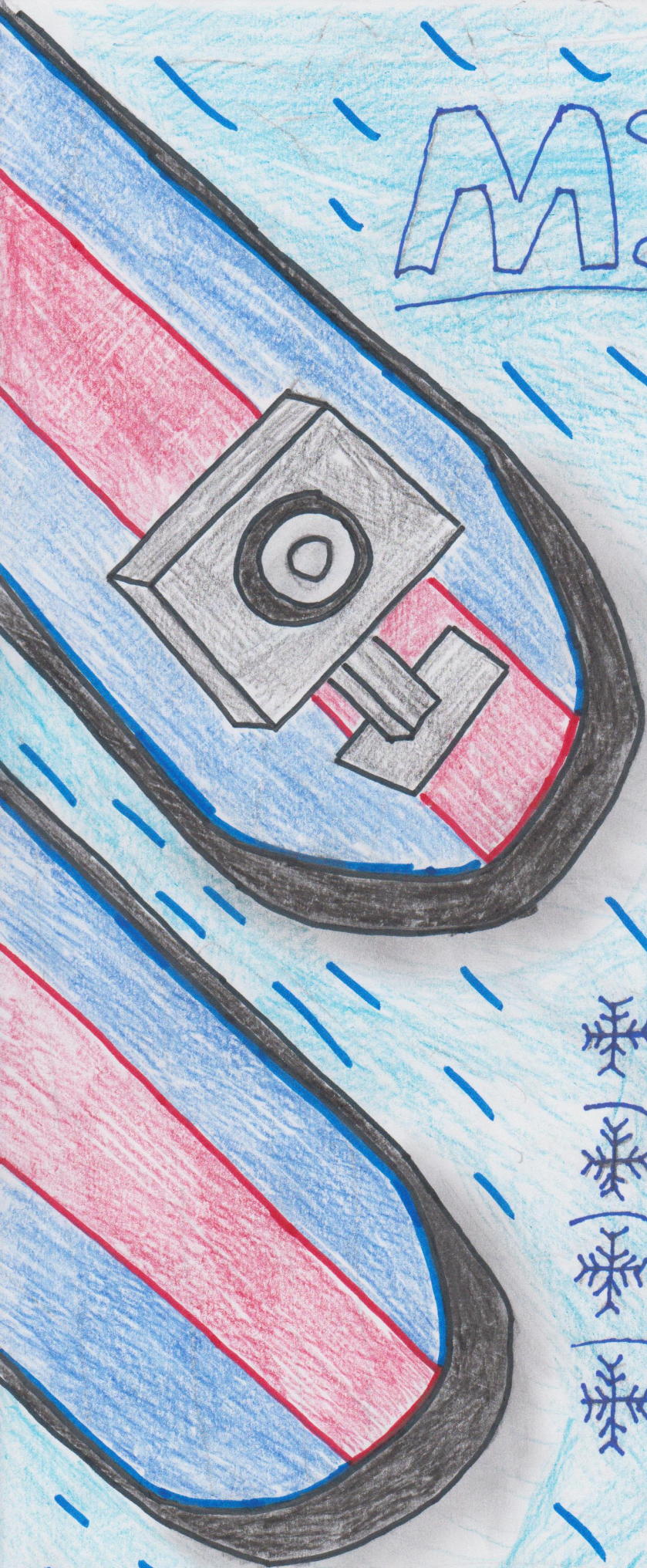
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Skier Gets Caught in Massive Avalanche

By Claudia Tausel

Vail, Colorado - Professional skier Art Hibke gets pummeled by ten feet of snow during an avalanche. The day after he won the championship title, Hibke decided to show off his skills by skiing down a steep, prohibited area on the mountain. Unfortunately, Hibke must not have heard the warnings of a possible avalanche that same morning. After skiing all morning long, he started descending the mountain, but not early enough. The avalanche came quickly down the mountain, too fast for Hibke to get out of its path.

Because that the part of the mountain the avalanche happened on was a restricted area, no one thought anyone would have gotten hurt. Reports of the avalanche were made that same afternoon, but not about Hibke, because nobody knew he was there.

Buried under ten feet of snow, the world renowned skier went unnoticed for several hours. After not returning before dark, friends and family started to get worried. They decided to wait until the next day to begin searching, because Hibke was a risk-taker, and like to stay out after dark. The family didn't panic, reassuring each other that everything would turn out alright.

Daylight came, and he still didn't return. His immediate family called the police, and reported a missing skier on Tread Mountain. Knowing that Hibke didn't like to follow rules, mountain rescue teams decided to go to Tread Mountain and start searching the avalanche site. Upon arriving, Hibke's car was found in the parking lot. It covered roughly two square miles, and after six hours of searching, the group agreed to take a break. Hibke was buried deeper than they thought, because rescuers covered the whole area and found no sight of him. Randle Malachi, leader of the rescue team, says, "We knew if Hibke

stayed under any longer, he would freeze to death. That just can't happen; he has a wife, kids, and his career."

Malachi was certain that with his rescue dogs, Hibke would be found. After bringing out his best dogs, they instantly began sniffing around, and found a trail. Rescuers were led around the mountain, very close to the peak, when the dogs stopped. It was apparent to the team that this was where Hibke was buried. A colleague of Malachi's, Gorton Niemen, was actually excited about getting to rescue someone. "We never get this much action around here. The only thing us rescuers have to do all day is sit and wait for something to happen."

Malachi and Niemen called in the rest of the rescuers, telling them to bring shovels. Once beginning to dig, the gang figured out that the snow was extremely heavy and compacted down. After digging for an hour, they found a thick winter glove covered in snow. That's when Malachi was able to make out a face in the snow. The team began digging furiously, trying to unearth Hibke from the icy snow. They finally were able to pull him from the snow's grip. A Life Flight was on the way to bring Hibke to a hospital. The helicopter had trouble landing because of the snow and trees, but found a spot a quarter of a mile away from them that was safe to land in. Rescuers ran to Hibke, carrying a stretcher. After having to transport him to the helicopter, Hibke immediately began getting treatment.

Hibke went in and out of consciousness for the next couple of days, the doctors struggling to keep him alive. He was severely frostbitten on his toes and fingers. Unfortunately, both of his big toes had to be cut off, but some strength therapy will take care of that factor. His family and friends were in ruins the following day,

hoping that Hibke would survive this dilemma.

After gaining full consciousness in the hospital three days later, Hibke tweeted a thank you message to all the people who rescued him. "Thank you all so much for using your heads to find me! I have learned my lesson, and will NEVER ski somewhere I'm not supposed to again!"

Lots of messages were sent that day through social media, showing peoples love for Hibke, and skiing. All of Hibke's friends, family, and fans were grateful that he survived.





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Ski Adventure

By: Dean Kuettel

It was a brisk January morning and it was going to be an exciting day. David Chills had never been skiing and this was going to be his first time. He was going to the local slopes in Icetown, Wisconsin, and Chills was really scared. All of his friends are pro skiers and go down the biggest, longest slopes. He's new at this so they say they will teach him how. He says he's scared that they will tie him to ropes and pull him down, and if he falls, he keeps going.

On the way there, everyone was laughing and joking except Chills. He was more scared than he was before they left. As they approached the slopes, the great white mountain loomed over him. It was so intimidating that he was already having second thoughts about it but refused to back down. His determination stopped him. He had to show his friends that he was just as good as they were, although he wasn't. But they didn't need to know that.

At the slope Chills suggested that they go on the smallest slope called The Kitten. Nobody agreed with him. They wanted to go on the slope called the Destroyer. They agreed on the one in the moderate course called the Destroying Kitten. This is where they decided Chills would learn some useful technique. To start, they told them to put the tips of his skis together to slow down. Then they pushed him. He immediately fell over and rolled the entire way down. His friends met him at the bottom to tell how horrible he did and that he needed to try again. They took the lift to the top of the hill. On the way everyone was giving separate advice at once.

Now that he was back up, Chills started by himself, and he managed to stay up. He was

doing good, for a while, anyway. He was doing well until one of his friends came and now he was getting irritated and needed to get himself together. He rode back up with determination on his face. He went right down the hill with no trouble at all and he was going fairly fast, so he thought. When he got to the bottom his friends all cheered. But that was the easy hill. Next came the Destroyer. Even the name was intimidating and he didn't believe that just because he could go down the Destroying Kitten once he could actually take on the Destroyer. It was the largest mountain in Icetown and he had to go for it. If he didn't his pals would never let him live it down. They would call him David Chills: the boy who was too afraid to go down the Destroyer. He couldn't let that happen to him. He had a reputation to protect and that meant something to him. He had to go for it.

The Destroyer looked like it was 1,000 yards long, but it was only 9,484 yards long, and pure white unforgiveness. He was about to turn around when he reminded himself of his reputation. He was going to do it. So without thinking he was already going. At first it wasn't so bad, then he looked down and fear settled in. He closed his eyes for a second and when he opened them he realized he gained a ton of speed. Trees whizzing past, and he must have been going 45 mph, at least. He almost passed out. He actually may have and just woke up little further along on the path. Then he realized he was actually doing well. His friends were next to him cheering the whole way but there was a bump coming incredibly fast. He was almost to it and it would toss him into the air like a mad bull. It came so fast and he went way up into the air. He hit the ground, rolled once, and was amazingly back onto his feet. He kept going until he hit the bottom and then some because he still couldn't slow down. He had successfully taken on the

Destroyer and he won! He was so pleased with himself that he decided to buy all his friends hot chocolate to end the day.



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Why We Love Skiing and Snowboarding

By: Nathan Lichtfuss

Some people have been skiing or snowboarding for as long as they remember and still can't get enough. Some have never even left their area and are not bored of the same hills they have gone down a million times. What do we love about going down a mountain? Why don't we become bored of going down the same hill over and over? I believe that each person has their own reason on why they either love skiing or snowboarding.

There are always the common answers for the question "Why do you like skiing?" It is fun. The scenery is pretty. Does it go farther though? I believe that we love skiing and snowboarding so much really has a lot to do a lot with the atmosphere. It is the fact that you are away from civilization. It also has to do with the sensation of going down the hill at fast speeds and sometimes flying off jumps. It has to do with the feeling of sinking the edge of your ski or snowboard and swiveling down the mountain.

Going down the mountain is only a part of the actual fun of skiing or snowboarding but it is simply amazing. The feeling of gliding down the soft snow as the wind whooshes past your face is surreal. Getting away from your busy life and putting little to no energy in going down the hill silently is amazingly relaxing. Gliding over the gentle snow can only be compared to the feeling of flying. The only sounds you hear are the swooshes of the snow going back and forth as you carve into it. This amazing feeling happens in the day, but when lights are shown onto the lanes, it adds a whole new dimension to the feeling we already love.

Skiing at night sets you free. Everything is still as you weave in and out of trees. The snow sparkles as you glide

over the top of it. The crisp night air circulates through your lungs. It is a great activity to do with friends as well. You can go in and have a cup of hot chocolate afterwards and return to the peaceful environment. Not everyone enjoys skiing and snowboarding for how peaceful it is though.

Some people live for the thrills of flying of jumps. The stereotype is that only snowboarders live for this thrill. Although this is usually true, skiers also enjoy this. Jumps come big and small but they both offer the weightless feeling as if you are flying for a few moments. Skiing and snowboarding can be an adrenaline rush as you go down steep and treacherous terrain missing rocks and trees at a moment's notice. This high speed rush can be dangerous and is why people who don't care for the peaceful aspect of skiing and snowboarding love it as well.

Sadly, this sport and activity, in my eyes, has become a slight bit old fashion. The only reason why this comes to mind is because of ski clubs shrinking. Clubs that had to take a few buses before now only have to take one that they can't even fill up. The new generation has had less and less ski and snowboard lovers. Grant it I have seen children as young as four years old out there conquering the hills like a champ. Hopefully I am wrong in this judgment since I do believe that everyone should learn this valuable and worth while skill.

Whether you are a person who enjoys quietly gliding down a ski hill, or likes tearing the hills with some sick jumps, everyone that has experienced it loves it. It is both a family and singular activity that allows you to escape from reality. It is also a safe fun environment that we all have learned to come to love. We have our special reasons on why we go skiing or snowboarding year after year after year, but

in the end we all just simply love this feeling like no other.



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