

Top Ten Winter Activities

Find out the best winter  
vacation spots

# Winter Wonderland

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# Spin Cycle

As the snow starts to fall over the rocky peaks of Granite Mountain, and the temperature starts dropping, the town below starts the final preparations for their favorite winter activity.

All the snowboards are waxed; all the ski-boots are fitted. And all the coffee shops are stocked up on hot chocolate. Finally, winter has arrived.

A boy by the name of Chris Lauvask is one of the many people getting ready for the mountain. Now, Chris isn't your everyday snowboarder; he is a very skilled winter-athlete. He has been practicing his half pipe for over 6 years. Perfecting flips and spins, this 14 year olds goal is a 1980 that is the world record for most full spins on a snowboard.

This year, he was ready for the final jump. He traveled his way up the mountain towards the half pipe. Now ski lifts are very high up, but very safe and most people get used to them after a while.

As Chris is mentally preparing himself for the jump the ski lift jolts to a halt, Chris was not expecting the stop. He fell from the lift, screams went out, and he hit the ground.

Immediately he felt the pain in both of his legs. As he lay there in pain, not able to move, the ski patrol helped him into the lodge. He broke both of his legs.

Chris later awoke in a hospital a day later. "I have warned him all his life to be careful on those terrible machines" his mom said. Chris had no feeling in both his legs.

The doctor told him that he was very lucky that he was used to landing the right way when falling on a snowboard. He could have damage his spinal cord and would've been paralyzed. It would be a few years before he will be able to get back on the mountain and try to beat the record. His parents had assigned him a physical therapist. His training would start as fast as Chris found out he had a therapist. The very first time he had tried to walk, he fell flat on his face. He burst into tears. The therapist asked him a question, what has hurt worse, his face, or his pride. Weeks later Chris was walking, but not normally. He tried to fix it and walk normal. He was not able; to this day he still walks with a cane.

The next step in the physical treatment was to try to get back on his snowboard. This process took a while.

Two years later, Chris had fully recovered. He completed the jump and broke the record. To this day he still holds this record for the most spins on a snowboard in the half pipe.



Dear Josh,

I loved the snowmobile repair companies you recommended in the last month's issue. I recently got in a snowmobile crash with about 8 other people and they all went to different places to get their snowmobiles fixed and they all complained about issues that happened while it was getting fixed or after it was fixed. After I read your article on the best repair companies, and I went to the one that was ranked best and got great results! Thanks for adding that to your magazine!

**Dear Joshua Giese:**

I was very excited when I heard about your new magazine you are creating that has to do with winter sports. I don't really like winter but I am excited to see what your magazine is going to provide. Also, I am confused about how many different winter activities there are and will this be important to the public? Just thought I would give you my opinion. Keep up the good work.

**Sincerely,**

*Jason Huang*



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# Top ten winter activities in Wisconsin

Winter is a cold and brutal season in Wisconsin, but there are plenty of things to do while everything is white. These are the top ten most popular things to do in winter, so grab a nice hot steaming mug of hot chocolate, and enjoy!

10. Playing hockey. Hockey is a terrific sport which involves two teams fighting to shoot a puck into a goal all while trying to balance on ice skates with people trying to slam you into a wall.

9. Sledding. Sledding is a very fun thing to do when there is snow, and there are many different kinds of sleds. There is the saucer, which is a round sled, the tube, which is an inflated rubber tube, and then there is the toboggan, which is the oldest sled, which is a wooden platform on steel skis.

8. Drinking hot chocolate. Hot chocolate is one of the most popular things to drink during winter; it's a melted chocolate with marshmallows and milk. It is very delicious.

7. Building Snow Men. Snow men are made of 3 different sized balls of snow stacked on top of each other, and each is unique.

6. Skiing. Skiing is really fun, I mean, how can having two long plastic boards strapped to your feet and speeding down a hill not be fun. And there are two different types of skiing. There is downhill, and then there is cross country.

5. Building a snow fort. Building snow forts are some of the most popular things to do during the winter. And the best part is that once you are done, there is still plenty of snow for a snow ball fight with the new defense.

4. Watching the winter Olympics. The winter Olympics are the biggest winter sport competition in the world, where countries send their best athletes to go and compete in different sports in hope to win golden medals.

3. Snowboarding. Snowboarding is a very fun and very fast sport that involves strapping your feet to a plastic board and hurtling down a hill extremely fast. It is very fun.

2. Riding a Snow mobile. Snow mobiles are like very fun and very fast. It's like riding a four wheeler in the snow, but cooler.

1. Sleeping in. When it is cold outside, there is no better time to lie under a five pound comforter. It works perfectly. School gets canceled, so you can stay up until midnight and then you can sleep in as late as you want.



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# Hunting

By: Camden Thern  
I am a hunter; my family and I go hunting every year! I thought I could give you some tips, tricks and the best part of hunting, and types of hunting!

## The best things:

- Going with family and friends
- Sitting in the stands

## WHY?

I like these things best because; if you went alone you would be very bored you would have none to talk to and hang out with it is always more fun! If no one was with you and would have nothing to do after you are done hunting. Another thing that I like to do is hang out and talk with the people with me

I like sitting in the stand because you get to wait for a deer and get ready to shoot the



it. Another thing that is fun while sitting in a stand is looking down, or up at all of the trees and nature. I also love to wait for it to

come by me in the stand, if I'm on the ground.

## The worst things:

- Bugs
- Waking up early
- Walking in the dark

## WHY?

The reason why I hate the bugs is because the reason is that while I am walking I will get hit in the face by a bug and it really annoying and while I am in the stand I will get bite by a mosquito and then I will be itching more than I can concentrate on look in or seeing a deer

The reason I hate waking up is because I'll be so tired that I fall asleep and then I could miss an opportunity to shoot a deer

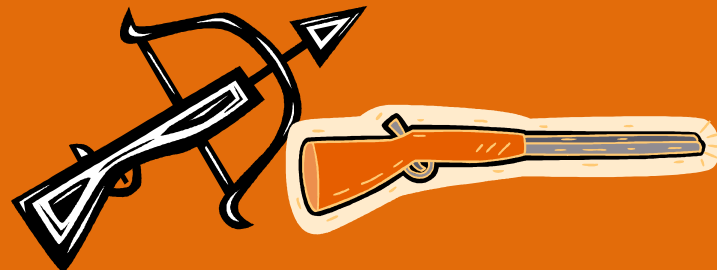
The reason I hate walking in the dark is because it is dangerous because you can't see where you're going and you can fall onto a log or fall in mud. It's ever more dangerous if you have a gun in your hand, because they could injure yourself, or someone else!



## Types of hunting

There are many types of hunting but the most common is Gun and Bow. What is the difference? Guns have bullets that do

more damage and will shoot farther. Bow hunting with an arrow and depending on what type of bow you have the maximum feet it will go is maybe 50ft if you're lucky!



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# Winter Stops

When the snowflakes start coming down I start thinking of fun things to do and where to go. A popular place to go is The North Colter Lodge.

Colter Lodge is in Wyoming. It is a lodge right by a Ski hill. In Wyoming they have lots of animals and when you are skiing you might spot some moose, deer, bison (American buffalo), also you might see some antelope. At North Colter Lodge there is a nice hot tub on the deck and you might spot a moose or two while you're taking a dip.



many fun activities. They wide from snowboarding to canoeing on ice. Come to Wisconsin and enjoy the outdoors.

- Written by: Makenna Krause

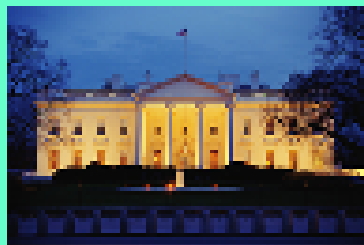
Another great place to stay is Washington D.C. Some things that look really beautiful is the Lincoln

Memorial, The White House, and The Capital Building.

In D.C. during winter the

Washington Ballet

plays the nutcracker. They also have tons of Christmas Trees there. They have a 30 foot tree right by the White House. This was donated by Norway. The activities they have there are Skiing, snowmobiling, snowboarding, sledding, and more!



Another one is Wisconsin. Wisconsin has so

# What If...

By: Zachary Matthews

So imagine you're in the ice land. You are about to go down the slope of Mount Snow when the ground below you opens up and swallows you. As you fall you look up and see a wave of snow coming down the hole.

You start skiing down a mountain you just landed on with the snow following close behind.

The snow rushes in front of you and turns into a galactic snow monster. The monster looks at you and starts throwing millions of little snow balls at you. You dodge everyone. You start going around in circles on your skis when you notice an igloo has formed in the middle and you just learned to ski so your awkward turns must have created it.

You tried really hard to turn in. The snow monster threw an exploding snow ball. You barely made it in. There was a slope down that made you fly down the slope. When you came out of a whole you ran into an elf.

"Hay! What was that for?" It yells at you.

"It was an accident," You pleaded.

"We will see what the Elf King has to say," the elf tells you leading you to a glories castle.

Suddenly you find yourself in front of the Elf King. "Why are you in the Elf Land?"

"I... I..." You stammer.

"I will put you in the dungeon, if you defeat the snow dragons I will talk to you again," The Elf King says.

Suddenly the floor from underneath is not there, "Not again," you yelled as you fell.

You looked down and noticed that there was swirling clouds that swallowed you up.

Later when you look up you see another land. All you can see is a green field.

"Ha, so what if there was supposed to be a big snow dragon with snow flying all around," you scoff.

You look around again and see that the land had morphed into a land that was what you said.

You hear the sound of a roar. The winds are licking your face as you turn to look at your enemy.

He's coming in for an attack when you get blown off your feet in a furious wind.

You are barely missed by his swoop attack when you hit the ground with a big thud.

"Ow," you groan, "What if you fell down defeated right now."

You were just about to be hit by the dragon's breath when the dragon exploded in a cloud sending you back to the Elf King's castle. As soon as you can tell you're in the Elf King's castle you black out.

Your eyes flutter open. You look around and realize that you're in the throne room of the castle.

"So this is where I would be if the dragon was defeated right now," You look down at yourself, "I'm alive!" You cry in excitement.

"Yes you are," Says the Elf King behind you.



“What happened?” you asked.

“The dungeon is a ‘what if’ dungeon and any ‘what if’ that is said in there becomes true,” Says the King.

“So... What if there’s a galactic snow monster at the entrance of the castle?” you joke.

“It will take you to where you were before you came on this adventure,” the King looks behind him, “Bring in the snow monster!”

“Thud! Crack! Boom!”

The snow monster that was battling you earlier reached down and threw you up into the sky. You closed your eyes as you flew up.

When you opened your eyes you were skiing down a mountain. Your family cheering you as you skied successfully down the hill. You wondered if your latest experience was just a strange dream.

You enjoyed the rest of the day skiing with your friends and family, almost forgetting all about the power of the words “what if.”

