

Idaho ski resort can't be beat with a stick

By Joyce Brandemihl
special writer

I have just discovered my favorite ski resort; Sun Valley, Idaho. We just returned from a week there with the Livonia Ski Club, which is a fun and practical way to go. This happened to be an annual ski week with parties and things to do every evening.

Sun Valley opened in 1936, a luxury resort for the rich and famous. The resort is off the beaten track, requiring two planes and a three-hour bus ride from Detroit.

The village of Sun Valley was built one mile east of Ketchum, a small mining town surrounded by the beautiful Sawtooth and Smoky Mountain ranges. Pattered after European resorts, Sun Valley offers excellent skiing, glass-enclosed hot pools, exquisite food and live entertainment nightly.

The cozy Tyrillon Village has restaurants, shops, the Ham Bar with a delightful young comedian. Another evening we went to the old Opera House showing the nostalgic "Sun Valley Serenade," filmed there and starring Sonja Henie and John Payne. There is no charge for this, and the popcorn is free too.

Complimentary bus service takes you to Ketchum or

Warm Springs at the base of Mount Baldy, or just about anywhere you desire to go. There are three quad lifts on Baldy, the longest 9,000 feet, which brings you to the top in nine minutes. There are 58 runs and 16 chair lifts.

Cross-country skiing is done in the valley beside the lovely Creek Trail with snow-covered mountains on all sides.

Another tradition greatly loved by all visitors is the horse-drawn sleigh ride to Trail Creek Cabin for dinner. We had a wonderful dinner there with many people from our group. This cabin was a favorite hunting spot for Ernest Hemingway, whose memorial is seen on the trail. We were greeted by a roaring fire and sang along with a lovely accordion.

Our accommodations at Sun Valley were well-appointed condos, walking distance from the village. Most had kitchens, some had fireplaces and all had gorgeous views of my favorite ski resort.

This Livonia Ski Club trip, usually taken late in winter, cost \$700 per person double-occupancy and covered air, seven nights in a condominium and ski tickets for five days at Sun Valley. You don't have to live in Livonia to join the Livonia Ski Club. Call 684-5516 for more information.



KEVIN KRUSZEWSKI

These hearty skiers recently flew off to Idaho for a vacation. From left are Mike Clancy of Livonia, Heidi Kruszewski of West Bloomfield Township and Gary Brandemihl of Westland.

travel notes

WEST B'FLD GOES DUTCH

West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation offers a day trip to the Tulip Time Festival in Holland, Mich., on Wednesday May 15. The trip costs \$39 per person, which covers bus transportation, lunch and many festival attractions. Register before the April 15 deadline.

They have also scheduled a June

14-16 trip to the Mackinac Island Lilies Festival, where you can find 60 varieties of lilies in bloom. Make your reservation by May 1 and pay \$299 per person for bus, Lake View Hotel accommodations and some meals.

Some of West Bloomfield's other trips include a guided tour of the Tennessee Civil War sites at Chattanooga and Chickamauga, a three-

night, four-day trip April 1-4 for \$295 double-occupancy; and a 12-day trip to Hawaii December 9-21 for \$2,999 per person double-occupancy. Call 534-5660.

JAZZ WEEKEND

This is the time of year special weekends are promoted for those of us who can't sit still any longer. The Terrace Inn, a restored old place in Petokey run by a great young couple who need no restoration, offers its third annual spring jazz weekend April 26-28.

They'll feature the New Reformation Dixieland Band along with the Epalon Jazz Band of Petokey. The package includes two nights lodging, meals and tax for \$139 per person double-occupancy. Call toll-free (800) 530-8989.

YOUTH HOSTELS

The Michigan Council of the American Youth Hostels Inc. offers backpacking classes for beginners from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. through April 23 at the AYH office in Berkley. The \$20 fee covers all four classes.

Classes will be taught by John Kalam and include camping and backpacking equipment, compass and map reading, lightweight menu planning and wilderness safety.

Kalam will also talk about hiking and backpacking trails in Michigan. At the end of the course, an optional weekend trip into a wilderness area will be offered. To register, contact AYH, 3024 Coolidge, Berkley, MI 48072 or call 545-0511.

WINE LOVERS' WEEKEND

Omens Shores Bed & Breakfast and L. Mawby Winery in Leelanau County have joined to offer weekends for wine lovers through May. Wine-tasting weekends can be arranged for up to eight people.

Indy moppet museum isn't just for children

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By now your head is probably spinning with everything this "kids" museum has to offer. However, don't leave yet. The museum has "temporary" displays that bring visitors back again and again. Through Sept. 8 an introduction to the animal kingdom for young children will be on exhibit, providing a play area where youngsters can try on earthworm and shark costumes, and lots more.

Before exiting, join the crowd gathered in the lobby and marvel at the intricate operation of the world's tallest water clock. It stands 30 feet high.

Once outside the museum, climb aboard "Spike," an armor-plated di-

nosaur called an anklosaurus. Feel his warmth (or coolness, depending on weather conditions) as you shut your eyes and imagine Earth when dinosaurs roamed the land.

Spike missed out on The Children's Museum of Indianapolis. You shouldn't.

The museum, on Meridian Street, is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, until 8 p.m. Thursday. Memorial Day through Labor Day it's also open Mondays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults 18 through 59, \$3 for 60 and older. Kids 2-17 pay for a \$3 annual pass, and families can buy an annual pass for \$25. Free admission Thursdays 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Parking free.

Ask Iris

I read your travel tips and many have been useful. I'm planning to retire to New Mexico in the near future. Could you tell me where to pick up some brochures for the best possible retirement areas?

Robert J. Adams
Livonia

about particular U.S. destinations. You can always call your local library or the Detroit Public Library travel department.

Or you can play this game: What is the capital city of the state that interests you? Every capital has a state government office devoted to tourism. Call toll-free information at (800) 555-1212 and ask the operator for a number for the state government tourism or travel office.

If that doesn't work, check your phone book for the area code and call regular information. In this case (813) 555-1212. AT&T allows one free information call per month outside your area code. You'll be billed for additional calls.

The short answer is: Call toll free, (800) 545-2040, and ask the New Mexico Tourism Department to send you a package of vacation information. Their literature will include addresses of chambers of commerce offices in towns throughout the state.

The long answer is in case you, or any of our readers, want information

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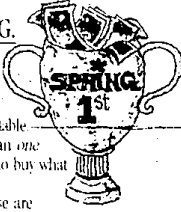
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