

Copper Mountain, Colorado
January 12 - 17, 2014

A group of 18 of us traveled to Copper Mountain Resort for a wonderful post holiday trip to kick off the JSC ski season. The weather and the snow could not have been better. The first two ski days brought tons of fresh powder and the last two ski days were filled with bright blue skies and groomers.... a perfect combination for everyone.

We all traveled together on the non-stop Southwest flight from Jacksonville to Denver. We loaded our luxury motor coach at the airport and after a quick grocery stop we were at the resort in about 2 hours even in the winter storm conditions. After settling into our condos we had a welcome pizza party, handed out lift tickets, and discussed our ski plans for the week.

For those renting equipment, the location of the shop could not have been better. It was just steps from the lifts and they offered complimentary overnight storage. Although our accommodations were not ski-in/ski-out, we were in Center Village and only about a 1 minute walk to the ski shop, dining, shopping and slopes.

Many of us met up for lunch on the slopes throughout the week, saw each other out for dinner at the various restaurants, and had a few fun pool tournaments. The happy hours at Jack's Slopeside Grill were a great way to unwind with a lively crowd and live music.

Copper is located in Summit County which offers a free county-wide shuttle. Many of us took advantage of this by having a night out in Frisco (a quaint mountain town) or hitting up the outlets in Silverthorne.

We all gathered at CB Grille in Copper for a fantastic farewell dinner. It was a wonderful way to reminisce about the week with the new friends that we all made.

Our travel day to Copper was a Sunday and we returned home on a Friday. This was perfect. We encountered no crowds at the airport, on the roads, and most importantly on the slopes.

We're all looking forward to our next JSC trip. Keep Thinking Snow!