

Snowmass 2014 Web-Site Article
Saturday, January 25th – Saturday, February 1st

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With sunny skies and mild temperatures forecasted for the week 40 of Jacksonville's snow seeking skiers headed out to Aspen/Snowmass Resort via Southwest Airlines direct flight to Denver.

We arrived Saturday evening at approximately 6:00 P.M. local time. This gave our group time to unpack and get rental skis if they wished, then the party began. This was a Florida Ski Council trip, over 500 of our fellow Florida skiers from several different clubs were here with us for a week of parties, dancing, racing, eating, and oh yea skiing.

Sunday morning greeted us with great conditions sunny skies and beautifully groomed runs. Our lift tickets were good for four mountains including: Snowmass, Aspen, Buttermilk, and Aspen Highlands. After a day of magnificent skiing, many of our group headed out for the final night of the X-Games at Buttermilk Mountain in Aspen.

Tuesday was our annual race where many of the Florida clubs race against each other for a year's worth of bragging rights. Jacksonville placed third this year, but we had some of the fastest male and female skiers in their respective age groups.

After a couple nights of parties, one unbelievable skilet race on the snow, in the dark, on the mountain, and a fantastic happy hour at Venga Venga restaurant, we finally got what we all came for. It started snowing Wednesday after lunch, and didn't stop for 2 days. We walked out of our ski in/out Top of the Village Condos to thirty inches of fresh deeeeep powder. The snow was so deep it was actually hard to ski at times, we watched many of the boarders have to get off their boards and walk out of the deep stuff. It was some of the best conditions we've ever had on an Aspen/Snowmass ski trip, and will put lasting memories in all our minds.

New friends, a great mountain resort, beautiful conditions and the experience of skiing in 30" of fresh untracked powder make for one fantastic trip, one that will be talked about for years to come.