

Sun Valley Ski Trip

27 skiers started our "Sun Valley" adventure early on Saturday departing March the 7th at 6:30 am for Dallas. Arriving at the Boise airport on time around 11 am Mountain Time. Loaded up the bus for our 3 hour trip to Ketchum. We stopped at just short of our destination for lunch and groceries.

Arriving at the Sun Valley Lodge we were welcomed with a reception of light snacks and beer, wine and soft drinks. A Sun Valley representative was on hand to tell us about the ski area and activities available to us during our stay. Here we also received our lift tickets and condo keys packets. The Lodge has many amenities, including outdoor hot tubes, pool, skating rink, bowling alley and cozy lounge area to relax. Also, there was a nice restaurant and bar. The Lodge Apartment condos were well equipped, spacious and had nice fireplaces. We even had warm ropes to use while at the facility.

While we were enjoying our refreshments our luggage was being delivered to our rooms and condos.

There was a Mountain Orientation available for those who were interested. There are two ski mountains at Sun Valley. The majestic Mount Baldy has skiing opportunities for every level and Dollar Mountain provided a nice area where novice skiers could hone their skills. Sunday started out sunny and a little crisp. We soon found out that the best conditions could and be found on the top of Mount Baldy on the sunny side, others enjoyed the skiing on Dollar Mountain.

On Monday night we had a wonderful Jacksonville Ski Club group meal at the Ketchum Grill. On Wednesday we met for lunch at Lookout Day Lodge, 9,150 feet atop Mount Baldy with breathtaking 360 views. On Thursday evening, everyone had fun at Whiskey Jacques for a group Pizza party.

During the week, some of us took a day off to visit Ketchum's stores and restaurant. Others enjoyed snow shoeing, fly-fishing with a local angler and friend of Dick Keith's, site seeing in the Sawtooth Mountains, spa day at the Lodge, yoga and ice-skating.

Early Saturday morning we departed Sun Valley for our 3-hour trip to Boise. Our trip home for the most part was uneventful arriving back in Jacksonville around 10 pm.

While the ski conditions were not ideal due to warm temperatures and low snow levels, our Jacksonville Ski Club travelers has a wonderful time. The resort closed the day after we left due to the Covid-19 virus.