

Winter Park, Colorado

March 24-30, 2013

Trip Leaders: Tracey Lee & David Atlee

During the Duval, Clay and St. Johns county spring break 39 members of the Jacksonville Ski Club headed to Winter Park, Colorado for some end of season spring skiing.

Most of the people on the trip had never met each other before. But by the second day, the camaraderie was strong among the group and all had good times.

We were so excited to have had so many families on the trip. We had ten children and young adults ranging from age 3-17. One family of three joined us for their first ever ski trip!

The weather was quite cold and windy when we arrived, but warmed up during the week. Those of us that went to the Mary Jane bowl early in the week; experienced -11 degree wind chills at the top. Brrrrr! We had as good of conditions as you could ask for in late March. With fresh snow falling the whole week prior, to receiving 5 inches on the second night of our trip, there was no shortage of perfect runs.

We had several snowboarders on this trip. Three of them were beginners and signed up for a group lesson. By the end of the first day, their instructor had them on blue runs and catching some air on jumps. He said he never had a group catch on so quickly.

Just when we thought we had too much fun skiing, a handful of people from the ski club went snowmobiling on the continental divide at 12,000ft! It was indeed a trip to remember.

Each day after skiing saw at least half of the group join together for celebratory après ski beverages and appetizers at places like Lime Cantina and Cheeky Monk. On Thursday evening, we all dined in town at Fontenot's for a fabulous meal.

On our last evening we gathered with our leftover food and beverages and watched the NCAA playoff basketball games.

Many of our travelers are already getting excited about next year's spring trip!