

NASA Lewis Ski Club goes to...



Pictured from left to right: (kneeling) Jim Slifka, Shelli Sharp, Len Abrams, Lori Manthey, June Rickey. (standing 1st row) Christina Reeber, Chris Shaw, Aaron Swank, Toni Horn, Christiana Boieru, Pete Meitner (where'd you get those wings?), John Parsons, Judy Traxler, Carol "Martie" Travis, Janet Dubas, Jim Childers. (standing 2nd row) John Ballasch (sportin' his Iron Man jacket), Matt Dubas, Jim Zinser, Mike Crute (not pictured: Doug Morris, Jim and Patty LaFontaine, Allen Porter, Roger and Sue L'Hommedieu - awww!!)

Saturday, January 14, 2012, started very early for 26 members of NASA Lewis Ski Club. Many of us rose before 3 am to catch our flight out to Hayden Airport. We landed under clear skies and boarded the bus for the short trip into Steamboat Springs.

We checked into our home for the week at The Phoenix and learned that if the walk to the gondola was too far, we had several shuttles at our beck and call. After the afternoon grocery and beverage run, we gathered for our welcome party where rental equipment was delivered with supreme efficiency. Glen & Stephany of Ski Butlers really took care of us all week.

Sunday brought our reason for being there - SKIING! Fortunately (Huh?), the conditions were comparable to New York skiing, so the locals stayed away (Oh! Right!). We enjoyed the absence of lines and traffic on the slopes that day and into Monday. Monday evening the snow gods accepted our offering of nachos and margaritas and dumped nearly a foot of fresh powder on the mountain overnight. Hey, Lori, what say next time we serve those margaritas on the rocks instead of frozen so that the temp pushes higher than 8° for the day?



The ski patrol can get skiers off the mountain on snowmobiles and sleds - If anyone misses the mountain, call Christina's cell phone - Don't talk to Lori when the plane is landing - Judy has an awesome brother - If you don't remember any names, just yell "JIM!" - Skis stop when they hit grass - long stories ... Tuesday afternoon, Steamboat entertained with the Annual Cowboy Downhill. It's exactly what it sounds like - cowboys on skis... in their chaps! YeeeeHAW! Wednesday night the entire group enjoyed a family-style dinner at the Steamboat Smokehouse. Thursday and Friday were fabulous days for skiing, happy hour, the hot tub, and shopping. Friday night we met again at The Clubhouse and brought all our leftovers to share. I must say, I was shocked at the amount of leftover beverages! Anybody for a round of pool?

It truly was a great week. Let's do it again next season!

Let it snow!

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(Shelli-N-Lori)

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