

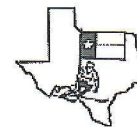


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KEYSTONE THANKSGIVING TRIP

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A total of 38 skiers woke up to sunny skies and snow-covered mountains on their first day of skiing at Keystone. This was one Thanksgiving trip with snow!

Starbucks catered our club's morning group breakfast. Everyone ate fast, as they were anxious to hit the slopes. After a perfect day of skiing, the Texas Ski Council held their welcome dinner at the Keystone lodge.

SCSC will certainly meet its goal of having younger members in the future due to the success of the Youth Camp that was sponsored by Keystone Resort. Space City had thirteen youths participate in the camp, ranging in age from three to fifteen. Andrew & Amanda Zavala, twins of Becky & Albert Zavala, were the youngest in the camp. Others included Paula & Eddie Bauer, Miranda Ross, Matthew Marchetti, Daniel & Alexander Duenas, Bronte & Annie Ye, Xena Murugappan, and Luke & Jenny Huebner. The camp met daily for four days and included lessons, lift tickets, ski rentals, and lunch. On the last day, there was a special awards party for all the youth that participated. Matthew Marchetti won the award for the best racer in the NASTAR races.

On Thanksgiving evening the group started their ritual of having a glass of wine prior to going out for dinner. ATC Laurie Haischer arranged for a Thanksgiving buffet in which everyone ate like there was no tomorrow.

It seems like Judy Weison came home with some new jewelry, which hubby, Les Weison bought her as her reward for skiing so hard.

Jose Araujo was unable to ski the last day due to a bad fall in which he bruised his upper leg. He has pictures of his injury if you have any doubts. Pilar Gonzales, who Jose met in Singapore, shadowed our trip. Pilar lives in Washington, D.C., but is a member of Space City Ski Club because she says we are a fun group to ski with. That is if you can keep up with Pilar!

John Zavala was fluctuating between spending time with his family and meeting new friends.

Tina Williams brought her son, Eddie, and her daughter-in-law, Tammy Bauer and their three children. Eddie took a bad fall on the last day of skiing and broke his collarbone. Eddie seems to be used to broken bones, being a motorcycle driver.

Laura Ritter, Gillian Muragappan and Jenny Huebner all have children who attend the same school in Houston and have become good friends. Now they vacation together!

Marti & Nelson Turner drove up from Houston and visited places they have always heard of, but never had an opportunity to visit, such as Amarillo, and Texarkana. Their car is now equipped with snow chains due to the snow that fell prior to leaving. They will be prepared for the next blizzard in Houston.

Art Duenas brought his two boys so they could participate in the youth camp and start training for the US Olympic team.

Linda Wang and Mark Ye were the "never ever" skiers on our trip. Keystone has their ski school on top of the mountain, which

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created a problem for Mark. He missed the learning school chair lift stop on his first day and had to try to make it down the mountain on his own. After falling one too many times, he asked to be rescued.

Don Smith joined Anne Marchetti and her son, Matt. Don, who was complaining of a painful fall, was surprised to learn that he had broken his leg after a doctor's visit when he returned to Houston. He has a copy of the X-ray if you don't believe him.

Evan Lowe skied the back mountains of Keystone most of his days by himself. Since they were not groomed, he ruined one pair of skis, but who cares, since they were rented.

Tor Lileng managed to find the nightlife in Keystone.

Craig Campbell was our club's race director. Space City came in third after Dallas and Austin. Craig did his best to recruit everyone to race. The Texas Ski Council final awards ceremony was held at the Summit House on top of the mountain. Best of all, Keystone offered night skiing.

Returning to the airport we had a narrated tour of the Colorado Rockies from our bus driver, who used to be a tour operator.

Maybe it was the good snow, maybe the sunny weather, but one thing is for certain, it was the people and camaraderie that made Keystone 2005 a trip to remember.



Keystone Thanksgiving Skiing Trip
(Above: Sunny day on the Slopes)
(Below: SCSC Kids having fun)





Keystone Thanksgiving Skiing Trip
Top: Evan Lowe and Pilar Gonzales; Bottom: Keystone's Youth Camp