

College Ski Weeks

What happens when 1000 college students get together for a week of skiing and fraternizing? Officials at Aspen, Colorado and Mount Snow, Vermont found out one week this past January. That was the week the Student Ski Association held two of its "Great Ski Carnivals".

"We honestly didn't expect so many people," admitted one SSA organizer. "A lot of students slept in cars in the parking lot the night before the carnival opened. Registration on the first day at Mount Snow was like trying to get into a Rolling Stones concert."

That didn't deter the students from skiing, racing, partying and mingling in two of the biggest college ski weeks ever held. "Judging from the number of phone calls we received afterward, inquiring as to the address of 'Mary Ellen in room 26', there were quite a few friendships made." One student happily discovered she was sitting between John Denver and Spider Sabich at a cozy bar in Aspen.

After it was all over, everybody agreed that the week had been a big success and SSA announced the same carnivals will be offered this January. In all this season over a dozen carnivals will be offered at major resorts in the East, Midwest and Rocky Mountains. Eastern carnivals last five days; Midwestern carnivals are usually held over weekends; Rocky Mountain carnivals last six days and seven nights. This winter SSA will also offer five day carnivals in the Midwest featuring skiing at a choice of up to five ski areas. For one low price students receive lodging (first class only, no dormitories), lift tickets and, at most carnivals, two full meals a day. There are also enough activities to keep even the most energetic collegian entertained for the whole week. "They have their choice of fun and serious races, Miller Beer parties, dances, night club shows, swimming, saunas — you name it."

At last January's carnivals hundreds of students took advantage of special discounts on ski lessons and equipment rentals. Lesson and equipment rentals, which are available at every carnival, make the carnivals ideal places for students who are learning to ski.

According to SSA Assistant Director Hilary Pender, "The popularity of our carnivals is in large part due to our removing the normal hassles associated with going skiing. We pick top ski resorts, the best lodges and take care of all the details. Students can come solo or with friends. SSA will find roommates for those wanting them. We will even arrange car pool transportation, charter buses or low cost flights through our official travel agency, Adventura Travel. Because of the large number of students, we can get very low rates from the ski areas and lodges and pass the savings on to the students."

Here is this season's schedule of SSA Great Ski Carnivals. Unless

otherwise noted, prices include first class lodging, daily lift tickets, two meals per day and admission to all activities. Taxes and tips are extra. Transportation, if desired, is additional. Contact SSA for details.

Rocky Mountain Carnivals: December 13-20, Steamboat, Colorado, \$109. (Condominiums, no meals included).

January 3-10, Aspen, Colorado, \$119. (5 days lift tickets, no meals).

March 13-20 and 20-27, Steamboat, Colorado, \$119. (Condominiums, no meals).

Eastern Carnivals: January 4-11, 11-16, 18-23, 25-31, Mount Snow, Vermont, \$89.

January 4-11, Mount Washington Valley Areas, N. H. (Ski Wildcat, Mt. Cranmore, Attitash, Black Mountain, and Tyrol), \$89.

March 14-19, 21-26, March 28-April 2, Killington, Vermont, \$94.

March 21-26, Sugarloaf, Maine, (Condominiums, meals \$25 extra), \$73.

Midwestern Carnivals: December 19-21, Mount Telemark, Wisconsin, \$48.50, taxes and tips included.

December 19-21, Schuss Mountain, Michigan, \$41.50 complete.

January 4-9, Mount Telemark, Whitecap, Port Mountain, Big Powderhorn, Indianhead. Wisconsin Michigan, \$111, complete. Daily choice of areas.

January 4-9, Schuss Mountain, Caberfae, Crystal Mountain. Timberlee, Shanty Creek. Boyne Mountain, Boyne Highlands, Michigan, \$103. Daily choice.

January 23-25, Schuss Mountain, Timberlee, Michigan, \$41.50 complete.

January 30-February 1, Sugar Hills, Quadna Mountain, Minnesota, \$41.50.

February 20-22, Boyne Mountain, Boyne Highlands, Walloon Mountain, Thunder Mountain, Michigan, \$48 complete. Daily choice.

Ski clubs and non-students are welcome. A free 16 mm sound film is available showing last season's Aspen carnival. For reservations send a \$20 deposit specifying carnival and dates to the nearest SSA office: STUDENT SKI ASSOCIATION, 223 No. Pleasant Street, Amherst, MA 01002 or 2438 No. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60614.

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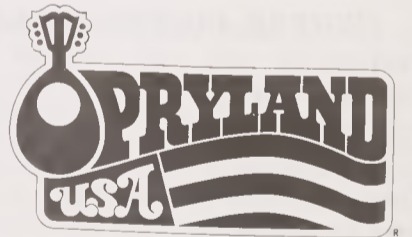
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