

**Jeff said...**

It was a good year; I really appreciate your hard work and dedication to making sure your customers have an enjoyable experience. I know my 8 year old daughter had a lot of fun learning to Snowboard this year, I just wish there was more time to get my wife out to learn as well. Thanks again and I'm looking forward to next season.

8/3/06 11:06 AM

**Anonymous said...**

Thanks guys.....truly a pleasure visiting you area. You treated us well and seem to care more about making our visit memorable than we ever dreamed. Snow was excellent. A good time was had. Sorry to see spring jump up at us.

8/3/06 9:10 PM

**Anonymous said...**

Blog us we miss your chatter. Truly been some fantastic skiing.

23/2/06 8:35 PM

**Jim Bowman said...**

Good snow skiing this morning. What a workout! I almost had the entire resort to myself. I'd recommend skiing first thing in the morning for those who can getaway. Snowstar is the Quad Cities best kept winter secret.

14/2/06 10:30 PM

**Anonymous said...**

I know the weather is killing ya.....but I must say I was at your neat little place over the Holidays and had a great time! Kids had a great time and a kind sole in your office lent me his ski pants as I had forgotten mine. Great compassion. Thanks 11/1/06 7:30 PM

**The Jack M. said...**

Overheard my sons discussing their days at Snowstar and thought you should know that they really like the variations in the terrain you keep creating. Keeps it interesting and exciting they said. You have a amazing park there; so well maintained, a fantastic staff, and determination to make up for what Mother Nature's not doing a very impressive job of doing; making snow! Thank you for all your hard work. Our family loves to play at your park.

**John Schirle, Program Director, Camp One Way, Mt Auburn, IL said...**

Once again we had another two wonderful days at SnowStar with our Jr. and Sr. Highers. Thank you all so much for making the whole process of coming and getting checked in so smooth and easy, and for your tireless efforts to keep snow on the ground when nature hasn't quite provided enough yet! And from the instructors, to the ski patrol, to the personnel in the lodge and office, everyone was terrific, friendly and did a great job. We all enjoyed the Magic Carpet on the Tube Hill. The new improvements to the lodge look great. We'll plan to see you again next winter for at least two more trips. We're even talking about a family trip as well, so perhaps we'll add another. If you want a reference that another group can contact, please feel free to give them our name, phone number or email.

**Gary Metivier Said...**

Thanks for the skiing opportunity. The instructors did a great job with our son Josh. He said that was a blast for him—"really cool, dad"—quoting him. We expect to be back more now that we know he can ski with us. See you on the slopes!

**Gary A. Conklin said...**

Members of my family and I visited Snowstar on Saturday to ski. It was our first visit to your winter park. We had a great time! But more importantly, I wanted to let you know how impressed I was with your staff and facilities. From the moment we stepped up to the lift ticket counter in the morning, to the moment we dropped off all the equipment at the end of the evening, we were greeted with courtesy and friendly smiles from all of your staff. The kids who were working the rental equipment counter were the best... helpful, knowledgeable and more than willing to assist us all, in what often can be a less than pleasant task for those on both sides of the counter. A few of our kids took lessons and the instructors did an excellent job. By the end of the day, they were skiing like champs. All those operating the lifts were attentive and friendly each and every time we rode the lift. Those working the lodge were quick with a greeting and service. Prices were very reasonable, the facilities clean. While I don't make it a habit of taking the time to write letters of thanks such as this, I was that impressed during our visit that was compelled to do so on this occasion. We have skied at other venues in the Midwest over the past few years, and I must say this was the best experience yet. While your runs may not be as long as others, the kids had a riot with the jumps and trails. We are looking forward to our next visit.

With Thanks!

**The McIntyre Family said...**

It was truly sad to see today's snow report on your website...and to have to accept that the season is over. But what a great season of skiing it was, thanks to Snowstar and your fantastic staff. We're so lucky to have our little ski resort here in the plains of the Midwest. Needless to say, the McIntyre family can hardly wait to see the words 'open' on next season's snow report for ski runs. Thanks again for all the fun. We really enjoyed skiing this winter. Keep up the good work.

Jane Stricklin  
Springfield, IL

**Bob said...**

Hi, Just wanted to tell you that my 2 boys and I were there in FEB and your staff was wonderful..... they made our trip great. We did your tubing hill which was a BLAST the hill was much bigger then I expected and the people working the job there was FUNtastic. We played on the hill from 1pm until 2pm and then came back again from 6pm to closing. My boys and I hope to make the trip up your way again before spring thaw shows up. Thanks again!!!!

Bob

Just wanted to drop a line to let you know how much fun our group had Sat. (Jan 29). We all had a blast and already talking about our next trip. Most of us never skied before. Our Coach was Mr. Sam Morter. What a nice guy. Three of us from his class went on to the BIG hills. Two of the three even made it to one of the black hills (Outer Limits). We all had a Blast. I'm 39, never skied before. It was just a great Day and a great clean place. Everyone was so nice and everything went smooth. Thanks again, and let Mr. Morter know we had a blast and want to thank him for sharing his talents in skiing and teaching. Thanks Snow Star, from Milton Christian Church.

Doug Bristow

Just wanted to let you know that we had a great time skiing at your place on Friday. We had beautiful weather and a blast skiing. We had to laugh when we saw the llama farm near your entrance. My oldest daughter said to me, "Dad, where the hell are we?" Your staff at the lift ticket sales and rentals were very helpful and polite. Hope to see you all next season.

Dan Czapek

Ed-

I emailed you the beginning of last week hoping you'd have snow for this past weekend and YOU DID!! I brought 26 seventeen years old yesterday for my son's birthday-WHAT A SUPER PLACE YOU HAVE!! We are from a small town 60 miles south of Chicago, I came across your internet site when we were looking for a close place to ski for the day and we thought we'd give it a try - SURE GLADE WE DID!! The facility was impressive, clean, beautiful and the staff was so nice and helpful (we have been north to the "big" name resorts in Wisconsin and we were just as impressed if not more so with Snow Star). The whole group had a SUPER time. My son loves to ski so I wanted to say thank you for making his birthday and the other kids' day off a GREAT one!! We will be back! Thanks again.

Sincerely,

A Whole Bunch of Sold on Snow Star Skiers!!!!

Kendra Wright, Office Secretary

Reddick Grade School

210 N Main St

Reddick, IL 60961

Dear Snowstar Staff,

I just want to thank you for all your help in setting up a ski / tubing fundraiser night for our girl's softball team. Everybody had a great time tubing and skiing. Your staff was extremely helpful and polite. Everyone we encountered from the lift operators, rental staff, to office personnel was very service oriented, and that made for a very enjoyable trip to your facility. The slopes were in great shape considering the weather you have to work with. For a small ski area, you have a lot offer. Thanks again for an enjoyable evening.

Thanks! Larry

Hey!

Just thought I'd share another way Ski Snowstar is awesome for our part of the country! My nephew and his new wife took a Colorado ski honeymoon. There was one glitch in the planning, though--the bride could not ski! In order for my nephew to have a good time--on and off the slopes--we all knew that his wife had better have fun as well! There was no way she would want to hang out in some lodge alone while her husband was schussing down a mountain. He took her to Snowstar last week when you had just re-opened (crazy weather!) and she took a lesson. What a patient, helpful staff of instructors you have! My nephew also took an intermediate lesson, since he hadn't skied for a few years himself. He honed his skills and corrected some bad habits. Thanks to Snowstar the honeymoon was saved and there are two more skiers hooked on enjoying winter! Great staff! Charming lodge and a wonderful winter park!

Sincerely,

"Aunt Kay" Muscatine, Iowa

We really enjoyed our trip! I'm not sure if it's your snowmaking machines or how you groom, but you have the best snow. I never hit icy patches there. It gives our kids a confidence boost, and by the end of the day they are a little more daring. Our snowboarders love your rails--a ton of variety for all the skill levels. We were sooooo tired by around 8pm. We did spend time enjoying the band.....fun! Thanks again for everything!!!! I said it before and will say it again: You guys are the nicest people in the ski business!!!! Snowstar is a no-snob zone...everyone's so friendly. We appreciate your hospitality!!!!!!

Kelly Corday

Y98FM Nights/Music Coordinator

Our family always looks forward to visiting our local ski resort. The weather has made it tough, but you always seem to get us some great snow conditions to enjoy! From a professional aspect, your P-R firm is doing a good job keeping us better informed of when snowmaking defies the weather and when it cannot. We had a great time. The pork chops were fantastic and skiing conditions were good and got even better when it snowed.

Good luck.

Marcia Lense

Thank you so much for our enjoyable time at SnowStar. We had a slide show in church on Sunday with some great shots of the kids enjoying the slopes. We had a great time and the snow was great! Your staff was very helpful and friendly with our kids. We appreciate that! You have a very nice facility and a great staff to back it up. We'll be back next year. Thanks again for everything!

Holly Gallagher

Vermont Street Youth Group

Quincy, IL

Dear Snowstar team:

Thank you for the hard work and cooperation to make the Peoria Ski Club activity and race day a huge success. Don set up a great race course. Your hospitality is top notch. A good time was had by all! All of your efforts were very much appreciated for making our race day a memorable event. Snow was excellent!

Thanks again, Gerry Wren, Peoria Ski Club

Jeremy Matherly here.... I worked at Killir Sports when they were still around until I moved out to Portland Oregon to ride Mt. Hood. Anyways, just wanted to commend you on your attitude towards snowmaking and keeping your resort open. You guys make snow whenever possible right up until the end and the conditions are the proof. As a snow lover, it is greatly appreciated. I really do miss Snowstar. Even after living and working on Mt. Hood for over 5 years now, my best snowboard memories will always be from you guys and Snowstar. Whenever I am back in the Quad Cities, I never pass up a chance to visit the area and do some boarding.

Take care

Jeremy

Ski Snowstar Staff,

My 13 yr old daughter (Katie Amber) and I drove over from Champaign on Sunday so she could have her first ever skiing experience at Ski Snowstar. Obviously we all lucked out with the weather that day and my daughter lucked out by picking your facility for her first skiing experience. She took a private lesson and then practiced another hour or so on the beginner slopes. She had a marvelous time!! Everything about her experience was positive. Thanks very much for making her first skiing experience an outstanding one! We will see you again next year!

Dale Herron

Champaign IL

I'm John Smith, anchor over at Channel Four. Just wanted to say I had a great time at Snowstar over the weekend, and thanks so much. Sports caster Jay Kidwell and I talked on camera about the fun we had there. You have an excellent facility, and I will return soon. Next year I'll get a season pass. Thanks again.

John Smith

WHBF-TV

Thanks for the great day on Sunday. We had a blast! My daughter took to skiing quite well. I think we're going to be bringing four more little girls (our other daughter, and 3 nieces) down on a weekend before the snow melts. Thanks again.

Dan

2/11/06 [kellyc](#) writes: We hit the snowbound beach party Saturday and it was a great time! Coverage was complete...their snow is awesome--real powdery. To top it off, we had flurries all day. Too cold for a bikini though!!!! Nicest people in the ski business.

To the wonderful staff at Snowstar-

Thank you for accommodating our group this past weekend. Our youth truly enjoyed the experience. Thanks to the instructors for assisting our beginners; they made their day fun and injury-free! The food was delicious and very reasonably priced. Your staff is truly a joy to be around and treated us like family. We appreciated the opportunity to have a great time in a safe environment-----thanks so much!

Susan Carrigan

Youth Ministry Coordinator—St Joseph's Church

I'd like to thank the entire Snowstar Staff for offering the Learn-to-Ski program to our area schools. It has introduced an activity to them that they can enjoy for a lifetime with their family and friends. The staff is always friendly and helpful and a true pleasure to work with.

Sincerely,

Bill Collett

Outdoor Education Department

Bettendorf Schools

As a student at West Burlington High School, I have found that a good job can be rewarded even though it does not happen often. In January the honor roll students got the opportunity to SKI SNOWSTAR! What a memorable trip. The students spent a fun-filled day on the slopes. We started at 10am and when it was time to leave the chaperones literally had to drag us off the slopes as we simply could not get enough!

Brian Moeller

I just want to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" for the hospitality you wowed us with on our recent ski trip. I am a pastor of a small church in central Illinois and recently spent a weekend skiing at your facility. We had a great time. The rental process went so smoothly both days. The cost was very reasonable, the staff very pleasant and helpful, and most of all it was a great time had by all in our group. We cannot wait to come again. This is my fourth trip to Snowstar and I have been impressed each and every time. Thanks again, keep up the good work and God Bless you all!!

Don E Long Jr.

Pastor, The DeLand United Methodist Church

In a day and age when the customer usually gets no respect, it was refreshing to be treated like royalty when my children and I were at your facility yesterday.

Everyone, without exception, was kind, friendly, helpful, and courteous. The instructors, Conrad and Jeri were outstanding. The lift operators went out of their way to help us all.

As a result of your patience and encouragement, my children both had fun and left your facility with and activity that they will enjoy for the rest of their lives.

Thanks to all for making our day at your resort a very enjoyable and memorable experience.

Bill Hollein

Toulon, IL

To everyone at Snowstar!

I have just completed four weeks of ski lessons and I want to thank everyone at Snowstar for a thoroughly enjoyable experience. The instructors were excellent and the entire staff was helpful, friendly, and patient. I truly enjoyed every minute of it. I'm sure that my family, friends and fellow teachers thought I had lost touch with reality when I announced my intentions to learn to ski, but as the weeks passed, their fascination grew and I even have been an inspiration to a few of them to try it themselves. They figure if a 51 year old grandma can do it and enjoy the heck out of

it.....why not try it. I most certainly have shamed my husband and grandson into joining me. What a wonderful activity that can be shared by all 3 generations of my family!  
Keep the snow machines running and I will see you next year. Thanks again for a wonderful time!  
Bonnie King  
Davenport

A big THANK YOU from my sore muscles and my fiancée! We had a wonderful time. I must be honest with you in saying that when I found out there was a ski area in the QC, I pictured a little hill with a rope tow and maybe one chair lift. I stand corrected and greatly mistaken! We have skied in Colorado and all over the upper Midwest and your facility is truly a gem! Again, thank you for the hospitality and I will personally recommend your facility highly and look forward to returning.  
Kellie Halligan  
Rock Island

Last Wednesday we arranged for a group of 4<sup>th</sup> graders from Mulberry and Grant elementary schools to ski at Snowstar near Andalusia, IL. What a wonderful experience! From the beginning, everyone there was knowledgeable, courteous, and helpful beyond our expectations. The rental staff maintained incredible patience as we invaded their shop. Once on the slopes, the instructors greeted us and immediately organized us into small workable groups. We were so impressed with their enthusiasm, caring and professionalism in teaching and going the extra mile for some. What a wonderful experience that will always be etched in our memories.

Kay Roof  
Muscatine

Just wanted to drop you a line and say thank you to everyone for all their patience and help. We really had a great time! Word is spreading of how nice your resort is and we are all looking forward to a return visit.

John Goleman  
Greg Harrison  
Divernon Methodist MYF  
Divernon, IL

Thank you for all you did to make our yearly ski trip an excellent one! Every year you are kind, helpful and willing to give us that extra TLC. This year was no exception! Our ski trip is always a highlight of the winter. Thank you for all you do to make it that high point of the year. See you next year.

Sincerely, Marilyn Phelan  
Lourdes School

We would like to sincerely thank you, the management, and all the staff of Snowstar for the excellent service we received from you on our two ski trips. It is always difficult to manage of 100 middle school aged students at one time, and you really rise to the occasion! We especially wish to thank your ski patrol for visiting our school and outlining what to expect and promoting safe skiing with our students. Your rental staff does an excellent job of quickly moving people through the process; thus giving the kids maximum skiing time, which they truly enjoyed. The instructors are so helpful in helping with rental gear and the feedback on lessons is outstanding. One additional note... what great snow conditions despite the uncooperative weather.

See you next year.

Sandy White  
Sandy Mc Nerney  
Bettendorf Middle School

From all of us a big Thanks for your help and cooperation. The kids had a wonderful time and cannot wait to go again. Your instructors were friendly, helpful, and informative. The kids were on the big hills with confidence and skiing safely. A credit to your Ski School. Thanks again to all the staff of Snowstar for the wonderful hospitality we were given and for the exciting time we enjoyed.

A big thumbs up!

Paul Beadle  
Youth Recreation Services  
Rock Island Arsenal

I wanted to write and thank you for the enjoyable ski trip we experienced at Snowstar. Many of our kids were first timers and by the end of the day, they were hooked on an activity that they can enjoy for a lifetime. Your facility was neat, clean, and well laid out. The most outstanding feature was your friendly and patient staff that helped us out whenever help was needed. Truly a great job by all. See you next year.

Daniel Stewart  
Good News Baptist Church  
Cedar Rapids, IA

I would like you to be aware that my family had a wonderful experience at Snowstar last weekend. After 3 years of cross-country skiing, my 9 year old daughter requested downhill ski lessons for her birthday. I had looked at Chestnut when a friend recommended Snowstar. When I called your facility I was impressed with the helpful way my questions were answered and with how quickly I received the requested brochure. As an educator, I recognize a good teacher and the instructor provided a great experience for my daughter. He was excellent as he encouraged and challenged her. What a thrill she had. His patience was never-ending. You certainly exceeded our expectations! We will return and will highly recommend you!

Rebecca Laiblo  
Lacon, IL

The Edison staff and students appreciate your outstanding service. We had an excellent time and many of the kids are still talking out the experience. It was the best field trip we have ever had! Your patience and hospitality are top of the line. Will be back again!

Daniel Rees  
Assistant Principal Edison Jr. High  
Pekin, IL

Will try to ski on Saturday. I've thoroughly enjoyed my time at Snowstar this season. I was able to spend precious time with my three kids doing something that I love and now they do too. We now have a family activity that we will enjoy together for the rest of our lives. All thanks to Snowstar!  
Jim.

Hello to ALL,

Super bowl Sunday was -5 and the place was corduroy top- to bottom. Your crew did a great job. I must say that your people were so nice I was almost shocked at how courteous some of the young people working the chairs were. Last Friday night My Wife, Daughter (7) and I skied till close and your staff thanked us for coming as we were leaving. You made us feel valued and will be sure to visit again.

Thank you  
Dan C.  
LeClaire Iowa

Justin Said.....

wow!!! I was very impressed! My family and I stayed for a weekend and wow. The conditions were perfect for the whole family! Out of 10, 10 being the best and 1 being bad, SnowStar earns a 9.

Angela Said....

Just wanted to compliment the entire staff of Snowstar on our great experience last Sunday! It was our first family ski/snowboard experience and we all had such a wonderful time! From the instruction we received at our group lessons (thanks Terri for being so patient with Caleb) to the help at the lifts for us newbies, to the yummy lunch in the lodge, we all can't wait for another time to come back! Thanks for making the 11 year old have a happy birthday!

The Tevik family

Julie Oest Said.....

I just wanted to let you know that everyone we encountered at Snowstar, didn't just help three middle aged women learn how to ski and enjoy our time there; they helped fulfill someone's dream. My mom had always wanted to try snow skiing, but never had. We visited Snowstar yesterday and at the age of 65 my mom can now say she has been on skis. We weren't sure what to expect or what people would think about 3 out of shape, middle aged women showing up and saying they wanted to ski. We were (and still are) amazed at the patience, humor and expertise of everyone we met. The woman who assisted us in adjusting our boots and our skis deserves a medal for her patience with us. I wish I had gotten her name...but I'm sure she will remember us...we spent a lot of time together. Sandy, our instructor, was great. Her skill, encouragement and patience were more than we could have asked for. Her concern for my mother was an added bonus that touched my sister and me. Her extra guidance with me on the advanced bunny slope was more than I could have asked for. I didn't think I would do much more than move a couple feet on my skis, fall over and be done. Instead, I've learned how to stop and do turns...and look forward to my next visit to practice them. Todd, who passed by and saw my sister having trouble, was awesome. He assisted her with a run, skiing next to her and giving her encouragement and advice, while Sandy worked with me. This wasn't even his group! Everyone we met, associated with Snowstar, made this so enjoyable, that we will be returning again soon.

Thanks for a great time, Julie

Hey!

The boys had a great time Saturday and are eager to visit again next year! They were especially excited that they were able to take a break and go tubing for a couple of hours. I want to compliment you on your facility and employees. Thanks again for a great (but chilly) day! And we hope Sheri had a great birthday!

Michael Morris, Troop 25, Assistant Scoutmaster

Kimbyrlee McCracken Said...

I just wanted to tell you how much fun we had this weekend at Snowstar. My dad, brother and 11 year old daughter had an absolute blast. Thank you Snowstar. We plan on coming back next weekend. We live in Champaign, but it is well worth the drive. Thank you Snowstar!

kimbyrlee

Bryan Epley Said....

Way, way, way back...I think it was 1980...the STARS debut year a good friend, God bless his Soul, and I tried something new. We really hadn't thought this through. We arrive in cotton blue jeans, hooded sweat shirts and socks! When one is learning skiing one spends much time IN the snow. We are soaked, cold and frustrated. We don't need no stinkin' lesson!?! We stuck it out for several hours and never made it successfully down NORTH Star. The next day we return much better equipped wearing our Polyester work pants...way better than jeans and a more suitable coat. A retired dentist took an interest in us by showing us some basic moves and before lunch we tamed NS w/out falling. Now where ever I'm skiing the first run I give that dear sweet old man a thumbs up. 2 decades of rippin' up fall-lines all over the USA later I owe thanks to you guys for putting up a bull wheel close to my home to get me back to the top and of course that retired dentist. Keep up the good work!

Bryan

Paul Knapp Said.....

So here I am almost 25 years old and I have lived in the Quad Cities my whole life. I particularly love warm weather and would rather be near an ocean, but circumstances have kept me around the QC. Last year when it started to get cold I remembered thinking to myself, "Great...here comes winter and its miserable cold and snow." Let's just say I wasn't excited for it to come. A couple of friends of mine who had been snowboarding for a while at Snowstar invited me to come out. They told me to "give it a try". I'm a good sport so I decided to try it out. And let me just say I had a blast! I'll admit I was not much of a snowboarder and I fell probably more than anyone there that day but I kept getting back up wanting to get it right. I stayed on the beginner hill pretty much the entire time. But just before we were about to leave I was ready to hit my first jump. So there I was racing down the hill slightly out of control yet able to keep my balance. As I neared the jump I thought to myself "I'm gonna die!" "Boom" I hit the jump flew through the air (probably only a few feet at most) and landed it! The feeling I got from hitting that jump was awesome! It was a pure rush that I have been needing for quite some time. Now, with the first snowfall this year I am super thrilled to get back out there this season and give it another go. All I can say is for all the people who don't enjoy winter for the obvious reasons, give skiing/snowboarding a try. Make the best of the weather we get and have fun with it. I used to be one of those people who would stay in doors all winter dreading the cold...but since my visit to Snowstar I have found something completely new and enjoyable to make winter 100 times better. Thank you Snowstar for a great time!

Paul

P.S. - The ski lodge was a great place to unwind as well. The beer tasted great!