Four Southern Indiana Ski Resorts Ready for Winter Snow Skiing Season

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If skining is your way of spending a
winter day, then the Columbus area
has four places to participate in that
winter activity
Available in the Columbus area
are Nashville Alps and Long Mountian Ski Resort both in Brown County. Paoli Peaks at Paoli, and Ski
Starlight, near Sellersburg
At Nashville Alps, there are seven slopes for skining, divided for both
the novice and the experienced skier
Nashville Alps has three intermediate
topes, two advanced, and two 'bunny' or beginnner slopes
Vicky Burton, office manager,
said the anticipated date for opening
the resort is Dec. 15. But like every
ski resort, the opening date depends

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Like all the ski slopes in the area. Nashville Alps offers ski instruction for groups and individuals. We have different programs for different needs." she said. The Alps offers specific times for group instruction but is able to "adapt to someone's needs." for private instruction. The Alies will offer special dis.

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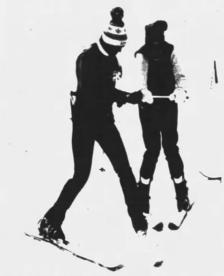
A lodge is available at the Alps which offers a restaurant, snack bar and lounge. The Alps has 1.100 pairs of skis available for rent.

Once the season gets underway, the Alps will be open Monday through Thus saley from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and 8 a.m.: to midnight Friday through Sunday. The Alps is located on Ind. 46, just west of Nashville.

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Long Mountain has six slopes with a 150-foot vertical drop. Long Mountain has one advanced, one beginner and four intermediate slopes. The resort has one chairlift and one cable tow that can handle 2.300 skiers per hour. Long said.
Ski instruction is offered seven days a week in both group and private lessons: "We teach the American traching method," said Long, which is training skiers on full-length skis instead of short skis. Long said 25 in-



LEARNING HOW—Even if you do not know how to ski, all four southern Indiana ski resorts offer lessons — for adults and children. First-time skiers should have some instruction before hitting the slopes.



FEYING ALONG—As long as the weather is cold enough, there will be snow on the ski slopes at southern Indiana's four ski resorts — even if it doesn't snow — thanks to ski slopes at southern In snow-making machines.

structors are available, and private lessons can be arranged "whenever it is convenient". Special discounts can be arranged for groups of 15 or more. The Long Mountain Lodge offers a restaurant and game room for skiers, overlooking the slopes. A package plan has been arranged with motels and hotels in the Nashville area, he added.

Ski equipment can be rented from the lodge. About 750 pairs of skis available.

Long Mountain is southwest of Nashville on Ind. 46 eight-tenths of a mile west of Nashville. The slopes will be open 9 a m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

If one wants to get an early start

on the skiing season. Ski Starlight at Sellersburg plans to open Sunday if the weather conditions are right. We have everything ready to go. said Steve King, marketing director. We need two or three nights in a row of 25 to 26 degree weather. Ski Starlight boasts the highest vertical drop of any ski slopes in the area. Said King, which is a little over 500 feet. Starlight has eight slopes presently with three new slopes becoming available the first week of December. The 11 slopes include five expert two intermediate and four for beginners.

King said Starlight has two double charlight said four platter lifts. King said the platter lifts are cables with discs that the skier can either hang on to or sit on.

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must be made one week in advances. Starlight's regular rates are kept the same throughout the year. Ski Starlight is located seven miles off Interstate 65 on Ind 60 Ski. Starlight is so pen Monday through Thursday from 9 a m to 11 p m and 9 am to 5 am Friday through Sunday. Near Paoli is Paoli Peaks, which is scheduled to open Dec 12. Jim Bakeer, ski school instructor, said Paoli Peaks has six major runs. Four in termediate, one beginner and one advanced. The slopes have a 300-loot vertical drop Paoli Peaks has a large area with three tow-ropes and a "pony" lift for beginners. The area is set off for beginners beginners that ac is a shadel." The slopes have a 300-loot paol peaks had Baker Paoli has four chair lifts that can handle? 200 people per hour. Baker said Paoli has a "complete ski a shadel." with 55 instructors.

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Paoli has 1.800 pairs of skis available for rent. Special discounts are available for groups of 25 or more during weekdays. Groups must give a three week, notice to qualify for the discounts said Baker

Paoli Peaks is open 10 a.m. to 10 pm. Monday through Friday and 8 am to 10 pm. Saturday and Sunday During holidays, extended hours are offered.

