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Iowans can ski in state

When winter comes to Iowa, it brings with it snow ... lots of snow. Snow means warm coats and boots, icy streets and snow tires and shovels. But it also means sleds and toboggans, snowmobiles, and skis and poles.

Each year thousands of Iowans indulge their enthusiasm for one of their favorite winter sports without ever leaving the borders of the state. Crescent, Decorah, Estherville, Forest City, Humboldt, Montezuma and Waterloo all have excellent supervised ski areas nearby where everyone from the most wobbly beginner to the confident expert can tackle the snow-covered slopes.

Crescent Hills, just north of the town of Crescent, offers skiers two slopes, each with its own tow rope, as well as facilities for equipment rental every weekday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Nor-Ski Runs are located near Decorah, one and a half miles north of the intersection of U.S. Highway 52 and Iowa Highway 9. Each Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., enthusiasts can take advantage of four slopes and tow ropes whether they bring their own equipment or rent it at the area.

School Board Association plans meetings

GARNER — The Iowa Association of School Boards will hold a meeting at Garner at 7 p.m. Jan. 12, one of ten meetings across the state scheduled for January to discuss teachers' pay.

Blythe C. Conn, executive secretary of the association, said a new dimension will be discussed at these meetings—the relationship of money to people.

Students plan space experiment

SPACE CENTER, Tex. (AP) — Highschool pupils have been invited to propose experiments for use aboard Skylab, the U.S. manned space laboratory scheduled for flight early in 1973.

The Skylab Student Project is being co-sponsored by the Na-

One of Iowa's largest ski resorts is located one mile southwest of Estherville on Highway 4. Private instruction as well as a daily ski school at Holiday Mountain build up confidence while the skier braves one of the four available ski slopes, equipped with three rope tows and one T-Bar lift. Equipment can be rented between 9:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays and holidays; from 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sundays, 10 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays; and between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Thursdays. The resort is also open to private parties only on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

A county-owned ski area one-fourth mile west of the entrance to Pilot Knob State Park three miles east of Forest City provides winter sports buffs with three slopes, a rope tow and equipment rental every weekend.

Three miles east of Humboldt and one-half mile north of Highway 3 lies Winter Playground where skiers and tobogganers enjoy the snow between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekends and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. during the week. The facility provides three ski slopes, two toboggan chutes and two motor-powered lifts as well as rental equipment.

Fun Valley near Montezuma challenges skiers with five slopes and three rope lifts between 1 p.m. and 9 p.m. weekdays; 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays, and 1 p.m. and 9 p.m. Sundays. Other facilities include snowmobile trails, ski instruction and equipment rentals. Fun Valley is located just outside of Montezuma on Highway 63.

South of Waterloo on County Road "X" is Hickory Hills Ski Slope where skiers can rent equipment and obtain instruction in navigating the two available ski slopes, equipped with three tow ropes. The ski area is open from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Fridays; from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturdays; and between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Sundays. The resort is also open for private groups only on Thursday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

For further information on any of these ski areas, contact the Tourism Division, Iowa Development Commission, 250 Jewett Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50309.