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Picking Up Speed and Smiles, Tube Riders Caren Down Silver Mountain



Christina Mesack, 12, of Indian River, races to the lift for another ride up the hill on the opening day of Doc Holle's Silver Mountain Ski and Tubing Hill Friday, December 28. She and her family drove to the Upper Peninsula to take advantage of the snow and clear weather. The hill had eight inches of snow, "and we need more," said manager Jake Tamlyn, who has managed the hill for 11 years. He and his crew moved snow from the parking lot to the top of the hill, where the wind had blown some away. The hours for the ski hill are Fridays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. when the weather permits. People considering an outing to the hill can call 643-6083 to check conditions. The ski hill is located at the intersection of US-2 and Cheeseman Road, west of St. Ignace.

At left: Trevor Blair assists the youngsters at the ski hill by hooking them up to the lift. Tyler Barthelemy and Zach Phillips also worked on the hill during opening day Friday, December 28. One person is posted at the top and one at the beginning of the lift. The third attendant monitors the base of the hill to make sure no one is in the path of people sliding down. Additional employees operate the concession counter at Doc Holle's Silver Mountain.



Above: Averie Mesack spends an afternoon at Doc Holle's Silver Mountain in Moran Township. (Courtesy of Renee Mesack)

At left: Wesley Mesack, 9, grins after his first run down the hill. Moran Township owns and operates the ski hill with a ski hill committee consisting of Township Supervisor Jim Durm, Don Gustafson, Lara Gustafson, and Brian Olsen.



Above, center photograph: Christina Mesack (front row, from left), Tamara Mesack; (back) Averie Mesack, Carmen Wright, Renee Mesack, Gerri Mesack, and Wesley Mesack enjoy the snow during Silver Mountain's opening day. (Mesack family photograph)

Above: Sarah Klein, 20 (from left), Emily Klein, 12, and Katie Klein, 22, of Lansing, are among the first to try out the tubing hill west of St. Ignace. The three sisters were in the area to spend time at their cottage in Mackinaw City for the holidays with their parents, Tom and JoAnn Klein (not pictured).

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