



SOLITUDE MOUNTAIN RESORT MEDIA FACT SHEETS 2004/2005 Winter Season

LOCATION

Nestled in Utah among the towering peaks of the Wasatch Mountains in Big Cottonwood Canyon is an undiscovered jewel. Award winning, private, yet unpretentious is Solitude Mountain Resort, a four-season resort, just 40 minutes from the Salt Lake City International Airport.

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ACCESSIBILITY

Solitude Mountain Resort boasts a 40-minute drive from the Salt Lake City International Airport to the base of the alpine village. During the winter season, public transportation is available from locations throughout the Salt Lake valley including the airport. If you are staying in Salt Lake City expect a 35-minute drive, or from the mouth of the canyon about 20 minutes.

SEASON

The winter season opens November 19, 2004 and runs through April 17, 2005 (weather conditions permitting). Lodging and dining facilities are open year-round with breaks in the shoulder season. Don't miss the summer activities; when the snow melts the mountain biking, disc golf and hiking begins.

AMENITIES OVERVIEW

Historically an uncrowded local's favorite, boasting spectacular scenery and perfect terrain mixture, Solitude Mountain Resort is now Utah's newest full service pedestrian only mountain village. The vibrant ski in/ski out lodges are all warm and expansive, designed to pamper and relax. The dining options are crafted to become among the best lunch, après-ski and dinner spots in the Wasatch Range.

Club Solitude covers overnight village guests for rest and relaxing after a big day on the hill. There is an outdoor heated pool and Jacuzzi complete with on-deck fire pits, a movie room, billiard room and kids only game room (featuring X-boxes). In the heart of the village there is also the Essentials Spa, offering just what's needed in spa services.

MOUNTAIN STATISTICS

Hours of Operation:	9 AM – 4 PM
Runs & Terrain:	There are 64 named runs with 20% Beginner, 50% Intermediate, and 30% Advanced/Expert
Average Snowfall:	Over 500 inches
Top Elevation:	10,035 ft (3,059 m) Summit Chair Top
Bottom Elevation:	7,988 ft (2,435 m) Eagle Express Chair Bottom
Village Elevation:	8,175 ft
Vertical Drop:	2,047 ft (624 m)
Skiable Acreage:	1200 Acres
Snowmaking:	Coverage of 5 lifts and 18 runs
Lifts:	1 High Speed Quad, 1 Quad, 2 Triples, 4 Doubles – 8 Total
Uphill Capacity:	12,550 riders per hour
Lift Vertical Rise:	Link, 160 ft; Moonbeam, 640 ft; Honeycomb Return, 860 ft; Eagle Express, 1500 ft; Summit, 1235 ft; Sunrise, 810 ft; Powderhorn, 1600 ft; Apex, 880 ft.

GENERAL TICKET RATES

Solitude Mountain Resort features a hands-free electronic ticketing system called an access card. This product allows guests numerous flexible and unique ticketing options as well as direct-to-lift service. More importantly, it allows for more efficient use of lift lines — hands-free means that guests don't need to fumble for their ticket and a lift attendant doesn't need to slow a lift line while checking tickets — all equates to putting guests where they want to be: on the snow.

All-Day Adult:	\$47 (14 – 69 yrs)
All-Day Junior:	\$26 (7-13)
All-Day Child:	FREE (under 6 yrs)
All-Day Senior:	\$10 (70+)
Beginner Lifts:	\$36 (link and Moonbeam lift only)
Half-Day Adult:	\$41 (12:30pm – 4pm only)
Multi-day Pass:	\$45 per day (must purchase between 2 and 10 days)

RIDE ACCESS CARD RATES

This is a very unique product. Buy a 20 ride ticket and ski/ride for two days, or more. If you only ski two runs, our electronic system only takes two rides off. If on that same day you ended up actually skiing 22 runs, our system only deducts 10 rides - you never lose more than 10 rides a day. So, someone could actually ride at the resort 3 or 4 days on a 20 ride pass! The pass is also completely transferable day to day.

10 Ride Ticket	\$48
20 Ride Ticket	\$94
30 Ride Ticket	\$141
40 Ride Ticket	\$188
50 Ride Ticket	\$235

SOLITUDE'S UNIQUE CUSTOM SEASON PASS

Why pay for days you don't ski? With the Custom Season Pass you build a product to fit your needs, not ours! The pass works like this: You must pick one day Monday through Thursday for \$199. Add any additional day you want: Monday through Thursday for \$59 per day; Friday for \$89, Saturday for \$359; and Sunday \$169. The pass is only available during pre-season sales and there is a cap on the number sold to guarantee a quality experience while skiing or riding at Solitude.

Examples Combinations Season Pass Total Price

Everyday but Saturday: \$634

Monday (\$199), Wednesday (\$59), Friday (\$89), Sunday (\$169) \$516

Tuesday (\$199), Friday (\$89) \$288

Every day (Unlimited Season Pass) \$993

EAGLE CLUB CARD

\$39.00 membership fee. The unique feature of the Eagle Club Card is your credit card is automatically charged for each daily use and the rates per day change based off of the time of year and week. This product also allows holders to completely bypass the ticket window! Must be purchased by Dec. 17, 2004.

Opening - Nov. 26, 2004:	\$22
Weekdays:	\$30
Weekends:	\$39
Holidays:	\$41

Holiday Dates are 12/23/04-1/1/05, 1/15-1/17/05, 2/19-2/21/05

April 1-closing 2005: \$22

SOLITUDE NORDIC RATES

Just around the bend, hidden in the woods is Solitude's best-kept secret: The Solitude Nordic Center. Easily accessible from the Solitude Village, the Nordic Center offers nearly 20 kilometers of brilliantly prepared trails set for both classic and skating styles of Nordic skiing.

All-Day Adult	\$12
Half Day Adult	\$8
2 out of 3 days	\$16 (<i>Must be purchased at Nordic Center</i>)
Discount Card	\$50 (<i>Allows holder to half price rates</i>)
Adult Unlimited Season	\$150 (<i>Purchased before 11/30/04, \$175 purchased after 12/1/04</i>)

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS

Handicapped	\$39 <i>See Ticket Window Supervisor for details</i>
Happy Birthday	\$22 <i>Valid only on actual birthday must show valid ID</i>

GROUP RATES ARE AVAILABLE

Whether visiting for a day or for a weekend retreat, Solitude is the perfect place to host your group and has all of the amenities you may need, whether you simply require a day on the hill, or a high-tech meeting facility. Group rates on lift tickets are available for groups of 20 or more, pricing is contingent on group size and day of week. Group rates are also available for lodging (details at 800-748-4754).

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WHAT'S NEW FOR THE 2004/2005 SEASON

Hidden 12 miles into Big Cottonwood Canyon is Solitude Mountain Resort. Once known as a local's day area, Solitude has become a full-service mountain village boasting spectacular scenery and varied and uncrowded terrain. Solitude continues to grow, while maintaining and without compromising the unsurpassed natural beauty of the Wasatch-Cache National Forest and Big Cottonwood Canyon.

SOLITUDE TRIPLES ITS SNOWMAKING SYSTEM

With the core of its village now complete, Solitude spent \$1.5 million in improving the mountain for everyone this off-season, the bulk which went into the mountain's snowmaking system. With all of its snowmaking piping and some electrical line buried, the construction of a new pump house and the addition of 11 new snow guns, Solitude has tripled its snowmaking output, covering 18 runs and 5 lifts. More importantly, it allows the mountain to provide ideal early and late season conditions and, combined with the more than 500 inches of natural snow, should provide for fantastic skiing all season long.

COMMITTED TO CORDUROY

Although it may have a smaller grooming team than many of the big resorts, Solitude is absolutely committed to providing a quality corduroy as excellent as the natural terrain and conditions found on the mountain. Solitude reaffirmed that commitment this off-season with the purchase of another new Bombardier BR 350 to add to its fleet of grooming vehicles.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY TERRAIN PARK RETURNS

First introduced last season, Solitude's "family-friendly" terrain park is back! It's designed with fun in mind for everyone. The goal of the park is to have an area where everyone – skier or snowboarder, young or old, first timer or veteran – feels welcome. Features are primarily snow-based (no steel structures) and crafted to offer a manageable size for all riders. The Solbright ticket, which connects Solitude and Brighton ski areas, offers the more adventurous park rider access to even more elements.

BIG PLANS FOR 05/06

Preparations have already begun for the major improvements set to debut for the 2005-06 season. The two major changes include a high speed detachable quad to replace the Moonbeam II Lift and the construction of a brand new lodge at the Moonbeam base area. Excavation and rock work for the new lodge has already begun, which will be a welcome addition for Solitude's day guests, offering a 12,000 square foot lodge-style facility home to a new rental shop, lockers, indoor and outdoor food service, an après ski bar, a heated patio, a rooftop sun deck and a large, fire side sitting area.

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THE JOY OF A QUAIN T VILLAGE RETREAT

Last year, Solitude celebrated the completion of the core of its village, bringing guests the best of the Old World charm. The village at Solitude offers guests more than 175 slopeside-access lodging options to choose from, ranging from intimate, Bavarian-styled hotel rooms to spacious, luxuriously appointed town homes. Amenities include year-round heated pools, hot tubs, gourmet fine and family dining, spa treatments, fitness facilities, in-room fireplaces, private decks, and more. All six of Solitude's lodges offer a sense of escape, luxury, and sanctuary. All lodging reservations can be made by calling 1-800-748-4754 or online at www.skisolitude.com

THE INN

Nestled at the base of the mountain, The Inn offers 46 spacious rooms, each one finely appointed with an emphasis on comfort. The Inn offers bed and breakfast intimacy with the service of a luxury hotel. Guests enjoy daily housekeeping services, access to The Inn's pool, and breakfast or fine dining in the evening at the award winning St. Bernard's restaurant. After a day on the mountain, enjoy a full-body massage from The Inn's Essential's Spa.

Room	Value	Winter	Holiday	Summer
Deluxe Village View	\$180	\$230	\$255	\$145
Deluxe Slope View	\$190	\$245	\$275	\$155
Suite	\$220	\$265	\$295	\$175
Kitchenette	\$240	\$285	\$330	\$190
<i>Value Season:</i>	<i>11/25/04 – 12/16/04 & 4/1/05 – 4/30/05</i>			
<i>Winter Season:</i>	<i>1/3/05 – 3/31/05</i>			
<i>Holiday:</i>	<i>12/17/04 – 1/2/05</i>			
<i>Summer Season:</i>	<i>5/1/04 – 11/25/04</i>			

CREEKSIDE

This ski in/ski out luxurious lodge offers 16 condominiums, including one, two and three bedroom units. Each offers a warm atmosphere highlighted by a wood-burning fireplace. All rooms include access to ski lockers and underground parking. Guests can also take advantage of the Creekside restaurant, located on the ground level of the building.

Room	Value	Holiday	Winter
One Bedroom	\$225	\$410	\$350
Two Bedroom	\$355	\$500	\$460
Three Bedroom	\$500	\$690	\$620
<i>Value Season:</i>	<i>11/15/04 – 12/22/04 & 4/1/05 – 4/30/05</i>		
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POWDERHORN LODGE

Easily recognized by its large clock tower, Powderhorn sits in the heart of the village, offering one, two and three bedroom units. Each offers a wealth of modern amenities, including a laundry room, fireplace and access to ski lockers and underground parking.

Room	Value	Holiday	Winter
Studio	\$160	\$250	\$200
One Bedroom	\$195	\$325	\$270
One Bedroom +den	\$225	\$370	\$310
Two Bedroom	\$295	\$460	\$385
Two Bedroom +den	\$325	\$495	\$420

Three Bedroom	\$450	\$620	\$540
<i>Value Season:</i>	11/15/04 – 12/22/04 & 4/1/05 – 4/30/05		
<i>Winter Season:</i>	1/3/05 – 3/31/05		
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EAGLE SPRINGS LODGES (EAST and WEST)

The Eagle Springs Lodges are patterned after the buildings in the Tuscan region of Italy. The Lodges offer expansive one, two and three bedroom condominiums featuring gourmet kitchens, private balconies and fireplaces and access to underground parking.

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<i>Summer Season:</i>	5/1/04 – 11/15/04		

THE CROSSINGS

The village's only town homes, The Crossings offer majestic views of Solitude Mountain. The Resort's most spacious accommodations, the Crossings is perfect for large families or ski parties and feature attached garages and wood burning fire places

<u>Room</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Winter</u>
Three Bedroom	\$550	\$640	\$600
Three Bedroom +den	\$575	\$655	\$615
<i>Value Season:</i>	11/15/04 – 12/22/04 & 4/1/05 – 4/30/05		
<i>Winter Season:</i>	1/3/05 – 3/31/05		
<i>Holiday:</i>	12/22/04 – 1/2/05		
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WE'LL KEEP YOU WELL FED

If the snow doesn't fulfill you, Solitude's array of dining options is sure to satisfy. Guests have their choice of several dining options – ranging from family fare to fine dining, each with its own style and signature dishes – to satisfy their needs. Whether looking for a convenient and hearty lunch at the Last Chance Mining Camp to quickly get back on the hill (or never leaving it at all with a meal at the Sunnyshine Grill), or planning a romantic dinner sampling fine French cuisine at St. Bernard's, Solitude's many dining choices will please even the most discriminating palate.

IN THE VILLAGE:

Creekside Restaurant: Solitude's signature eatery and featuring a menu crafted by Executive Chef, Lane Pelling, this family-friendly dining experience offers authentic rustic Italian food, and includes some of Pelling's celebrated dishes, like cherry-wood smoked trout, baked polenta, and a pan-roasted pork tenderloin. Other options include several unique pastas and salads, and gourmet, wood-fired pizzas and calzones. Located on the first level of the Creekside Condominiums, its large sundeck offers magnificent views of the slopes and convenient ski-in/ski-out access. Creekside is open daily for lunch, après ski and dinner.

St. Bernard's: The recipient of a *Wine Spectator's* "Award of Excellence," St. Bernard's is a cozy, romantic and intimate restaurant. It features country French cuisine in a quaint, fire-side, casual fine-dining atmosphere. Located at The Inn at Solitude, St. Bernard's also offers a distinctive wine list to perfectly complement its varied menu. Open six days a week for breakfast and dinner, reservations are recommended. Closed Mondays.

Thirsty Squirrel: With a fun, lively and classic mountain atmosphere the Thirsty Squirrel is both the locals' and visitors' choice for après ski activities. The Thirsty Squirrel offers specialty finger foods, informal seating, a full bar, pool table and TVs. Located in The Village, the Squirrel is open daily.

The Yurt: Utah's most unique dining experience is found in the woods at Solitude. Adventurous diners follow a guide through snow-covered evergreens on cross-country skis or snowshoes to this secluded Mongolian Yurt for a delicious five-course meal prepared right before their eyes. Extremely popular with both residents and guests, reservations are a must for the Yurt. Closed Mondays.

Stone Haus: Located in the heart of The village, Stone Haus is a convenient and vital stop for both village guests and day visitors alike. Featuring essential items, grocery products, made to order specialty coffee drinks and more, the Stone Haus is the place for everything you might need for a day or a week at Solitude. This year, the Stone Haus is open for lunch! Featuring hot soup, a fresh deli bar, and heat and served meals crafted by Executive Chef Lane Pelling, the Stone Haus is the perfect stop for a quick and tasty lunch. The building itself is constructed of stone with intricately carved log beams and a grass roof. Open daily 8AM to 8PM.

ON THE MOUNTAIN:

Last Chance Mining Camp: Adjacent to the village is the resort's most popular place to stop for breakfast or lunch seven days a week, the Last Chance Mining Camp. Salad bar, grilled food, fresh wraps made to order, loaded baked potatoes, choice of three hearty soups, chili and fresh baked goods are all waiting to tempt you off the mountain at this easily-accessible dining option. Open 10:00AM to 3:30PM daily. Après Ski Upstairs at the saloon Noon to 4PM.

Sunshine Grill: With the sunniest deck at the resort, this is the place to relax without ever coming off the hill while enjoying a grilled favorite or a quick snack. Located mid-mountain, the Sunshine Grill is open for lunch only Wednesday through Sunday, weather permitting, 11AM to 3PM.

Moonbeam Base Snack Bar: In need of a snack to refuel or a hot chocolate to warm up? Moonbeam is the perfect place to grab a quick snack or drink. The lodge is located at the base of the mountain near the first entrance and offers a full snack bar with quick and convenient window service. Open seven days a week, 8:30AM to 4:30PM.

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THE SOLITUDE SNOWSPORTS ACADEMY JUST WANTS TO HAVE FUN. AND SO DO YOU.

Leif Grevle and his staff of 90 professional instructors recognize this, and they all share a passion for snow that is contagious. They understand you're looking to enjoy yourself, progress, and make the most of your time on the hill. Because both children and adults learn through play, the emphasis here is on fun, as well as safety and technique. And as the only resort in Utah to offer instruction in all four snow-sports disciplines, Solitude's Snowsports Academy will help you perfect your skills in alpine skiing, snowboarding, telemarking, or Nordic skiing. Regardless of whether you have never strapped on a pair of boards, or you ride 100 days a year, the Academy will ensure that you have fun while bringing your technique to the next level.

2004-05 SKI SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Private Lessons

Plateau (pl_-'t_') n. – something that most skiers and riders don't aspire to reach, but many have. If you're stuck in a rut, there is no better way to jump out of it than through a private lesson with the Solitude Snowsports Academy. Completely customizable, our private lessons are perfect one-on-one to truly dial-into and improve your skills, or in groups as large as six, so that your entire family can ski and learn together. Reservations are required, and prices do not include lift tickets. Prices start at \$80 an hour and up to three of your closest friends or family can join you.

Adult group lessons

Sure, you're not a kid anymore, but that is all the more reason to take a lesson. Whether you are just entering the world of snow sports, or have been skiing for years and can't seem to reach that next level, the Solitude Snowsports Academy can help you. And just because you aren't a kid anymore, doesn't mean it can't be fun, too. Our instructors are patient, conscientious, and professional; and each has a love for being on the snow that will easily transfer to you.

We offer adult group lessons for all ability levels. Prices listed are per person and do not include a lift ticket, unless otherwise noted. All group lessons require a two-person minimum to receive full-time instruction. One-person groups will result in half of the instruction time.

Learn to Ski/Snowboard Workshop	\$90
(Includes two hour lesson, all day beginner lift ticket, and rental. Lessons are available AM or PM)	
Lesson and Lift Package	\$65
(Includes Half-Day group lesson & all-day beginner lift ticket. Upgrade to all-terrain lift ticket for \$75)	
All-Day Lesson	\$60
Half-Day Lesson	\$40

Moonbeam Ski and Snowboard Academy for Kids

There's a reason you started attaching boards to your feet and sliding down mountains amidst Mother Nature's least forgiving season in the first place – a reason that you want transferred to your children. And rightly so.

Snowsports offer a freedom, escape, and fun that is unparalleled through any other medium. Learning to ski or ride can be difficult on a kid though, and hard on you, as a parent, too. The Moonbeam Snowsports Academy, Solitude's specially designed children's program, is here to help make things easier.

Ski School Director, Leif Grevle's guidance and tutelage are most evident within the Moonbeam Kid's Program, the heart of the Snowsports Academy. Offering convenience and security for you, and excitement, games, and play for your child, the Moonbeam Ski & Snowboard Academy, will win both of you over. With a one-stop-shopping approach, you will find everything that you need under one roof, including lift tickets, lunch, rentals, and instruction for your child. This is not a traditional children's program where your kid will be lost within a sea of grommet-sized skiers and riders, but rather, something different. The professionalism of the academy's instructors, combined with a fun atmosphere and small group sizes, helps children improve their technique and develop more confidence on the snow, while leaving you with a sense of comfort.

Open to all ability levels for kids aged 4-12. Prices are per child and children must be at least seven years old to participate in Learn to *Snowboard* group lessons.

Kids "Learn to Ski" Workshop (Includes all-day lesson, lift ticket, lunch and ski rental. Registration opens at 9AM)	\$95
Kids All-Day Program (Registration opens at 9AM. Includes an all-day lift ticket and lunch)	\$80
Kids Half-Day Program (Classes are offered afternoon only)	\$50
Kids Three-Day Package (Includes daily all-day lessons, lift tickets and lunches)	\$225
Kids Five-Day Package (Includes daily all-day lessons, lift tickets and lunches)	\$350
Kids Special "One on One" Lessons (Skiing lessons available for 2 - 4 years old, snowboarding lessons available for 4 - 7 year olds. Lessons are one hour. Reservations required)	\$55

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STORY STARTERS - 2004/05 WINTER SEASON

Once known as a locals' only day-area, Solitude has evolved into a world-class resort and celebrated the completion of the core of its village last season, bringing a taste of the Old World and burying it in 500 inches of Wasatch snow. The village core completion was nearly a decade in the making and a project that brought seven mountainside lodges with more than 250 slopeside access units and several delicious eateries. Beginning this off-season, and spanning at least the next one, as well, Solitude is putting the focus back on the mountain with a series of on-hill improvements. However, whether the idea of a rejuvenated snowmaking system or the possibility of enjoying one of the best dinners in Utah excites you, the mountain and its unique character are truly the reason to visit. Solitude offers something for everyone, including some of the best trails to be introduced to the sport, as well as some of the most challenging and snow-filled terrain in the Wasatch, and no matter which part of the mountain you opt visit, rest assured that you will spend your time on the snow and not in a lift line.

TICKETING WHICH IS AS UNIQUE AS YOU: Many first time visitors are confused or skeptical of the simplicity and freedom offered with Solitude's ticket system. We understand that you came here to ski, not to fumble with lift tickets and wait in slow moving lines. Because of that, Solitude uses an electronic ticketing system; an environmental-friendly and flexible program in which a card placed in a pocket is read at the lift turnstile, automatically permitting access to the lift.

In addition to its simplicity and efficiency, the cards also allow Solitude to offer several innovative ticketing options so that you can find the right one for you. Of course, standard daily lift passes are available, but several guests choose the Ride Access card. Need to work in the morning or catch an airplane in the afternoon? Still want to spend some time on the mountain, but cannot commit to a full day on the hill? For just \$48 (just \$1 more than a standard lift pass), you can buy 10 rides to use when and how you want. You can even share the ticket. In effect, your own personalized day ticket. Or, if you are considering purchasing a season pass, why pay for days you won't ski? With Solitude's Custom Pass, you build a season pass to fit your needs. Another of Solitude's ticketing innovations is the Eagle Club Card. For just \$39, guests can purchase the Eagle Club Card offering discounted tickets throughout the season and, because the Eagle Club Card is linked to a credit card, have direct access to the lift and the mountain, never having to stop into the ticket office.

At Solitude, there is no need to hassle with passes, tickets, or wickets, and because Solitude aims to reuse all cards, the system significantly cuts back on waste.

ALL OF BIG COTTONWOOD, JUST ONE TICKET: Solitude and Brighton ski areas will once again offer the Solbright lift ticket to ski/ride both areas. This competitively priced ticket (\$59) offers unparalleled access to the trails of Big Cottonwood Canyon. The two resorts are connected by the Solbright run, easily accessed from the Summit Chair at Solitude and the Evergreen Chair at Brighton.

BRINGING YOU BACK TO THE BACKCOUNTRY: "A day not soon to be forgotten" is how advanced skiers and snowboarders describe the experience of Back Tracks. Members of Solitude's professional ski patrol guide groups of up to ten guests through the Highway to Heaven and into the Wasatch backcountry's untracked powder. The daylong journey into the hidden terrain of Big Cottonwood Canyon includes a lift ticket, lunch at the Creekside Restaurant, use of an avalanche transceiver, backpack, free-heel adapters for alpine skis, climbing skins and/or snowshoes.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS: Considering a trip to Solitude this season? The holiday break is the perfect time for a family visit as the village is truly alive with holiday spirit. Street musicians stroll the walkways, children ice skate and participate in snowman-making contests, and of course, some of the best skiing and riding in the Wasatch patiently awaits. Throughout the holiday season, Solitude offers affordable family friendly fare, opening the Last Chance Mining Camp for dinner and providing family entertainment within the same venue. Look for magicians, storytellers, actors, puppeteers and more! For those looking to escape, Solitude's six finely-appointed lodging choices, combined with the intimacy of Solitude's eateries, like St. Bernard's Restaurant, providing just that opportunity.

HONEYCOMB CANYON OFFERS ACCESSIBLE ADVENTURE: The Honeycomb lift, which opened 2002, brought 400 acres of natural powder-filled glades, steep chutes, tree skiing, and free-riding terrain within reach. Thanks to the lift, Honeycomb Canyon is the most accessible free-riding terrain in the nation, offering adventurous riders a backcountry experience inbounds. "It's almost as if Honeycomb Canyon was designed by an architect specifically for

powder skiers – it's so easy to get to and is always so good," said professional freeskiier, Kristen Ulmer. "Plus, it's perfect for people who want to try backcountry skiing, but still want a controlled resort environment to support their wanderings." The Honeycomb lift is a fixed grip quad chair with an uphill capacity of 1,800 passengers per hour.

SOLITUDE GIVES YOU OPTIONS – FOUR IN FACT: Did you know that Solitude is the only resort in the entire state of Utah that welcomes and offers lessons in all four mountain disciplines? It's true; at Solitude you can ski, snowboard, telemark or head to the Nordic Center for cross country skiing or snowshoeing. Of course, all these options come with awe-inspiring mountain views.

THE YURT—BECAUSE IT TASTES BETTER WHEN YOU WORK FOR IT: One of the most unique dining experiences in Utah, the Yurt offers an enchanting adventure and a delicious dinner. Guests cross-country ski or snowshoe (approximately 3/4 mile) through the moonlit forest to a Mongolian-style tent (Yurt) where a chef prepares an incredible five-course meal guests won't soon forget. In its fifteenth season, this intimate dining experience seats twenty and is rated #1 by the Zagat Survey for service.

WHEN THE CHAIRS STOP TURNING: Guests staying in the village are invited to Club Solitude, which offers several off-mountain activities and options. Complimentary amenities include the option of enjoying a large-screen movie in the media room, squaring off with kids in the Entertainment Center on an X-Box, working out in the fitness room, playing billiards in the Club Room, or simply relaxing in the outdoor hot tub or pool by the fire-pit. For those looking to remain in the crisp air a bit longer, Solitude offers an ice skating rink (rentals available), complete with a warming fire pit.

UTAH'S BEST ALPINE DIVERSION: Sitting at 8,700 feet; the Solitude Nordic Center is literally the most breathtaking Nordic skiing venue in Utah. Easily accessible from Solitude village with complimentary shuttle service provided, the Solitude Nordic Center provides 20 kilometers of superbly prepared trails set for both classic and skate skiing. The alpine scenery is stunning and varied, ranging from the cliff faces above Silver Lake to a beautiful Wasatch forest. It is truly, Utah's best kept secret. A complete collection of rental skis and snowshoes are available, along with a fabulous group of instructors.

In addition the Nordic Center also maintains an extensive trail system for those more inclined to snowshoe. In partnership with the Cottonwoods Foundation, the Nordic Center offers diverse night-time snowshoe tours complete with a trained naturalist, throughout the season. Some of the more popular tours include full-moon hikes and owling walks.

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