



Welcome to our first issue of View from the Villas! Our goal is to share with you the exciting activities that are available to enjoy on your next visit to the Mountain Villas. We will be alerting you about local activities, festivals and attractions. We will also work to explain recreational activities and guest services available to you at the Mountain Villas.

With the new decade, we are launching a new brand, new website, and a focus to improve our guest experience through a new newsletter, information on additional regional events, and more activities at the Villas.

Our goal in 2010 is to continue providing our guests with unparalleled service, while working to improve their stay through sharing exciting local attractions and activities, increasing on site entertainment and family and group activities, and earning your repeat business.

If you would like to receive this newsletter on a monthly basis, please e-mail the Villa Office at mtvillas@cpinternet.com. If you have suggestions on what you'd like to see in this newsletter, please let us know. We appreciate your business, and look forward to serving you in the near future!

Pam Higgins, Mountain Villas Manager



Statistics:

- 700' Vertical Drop
- 22 Runs (6 Easiest, 9 More Difficult, 6 Most Difficult, 1 Terrain Feature Area)
- 1 Super Pipe
- Elevation: Base= 620' Summit= 1,320'
- 175 Skiable Acres of Terrain
- 5 Chairlifts, 1 Ski Carpet, 1 Handle Tow, 1 Rope Tow
- Longest Run, Four Pipe, is 5,400 feet
- Largest Terrain Park in the Midwest
- Website is spiritmt.com
 - Sign up for Facebook (2000 plus friends)
 - Sign up for ski condition update
 - See Youtube video - trick boarding/skiing

Mountain Villas guests can buy 4 hour lift tickets to Spirit Mountain for the great price of \$14.00 for Sunday to Fridays (excluding Martin Luther King and President's Day weekends). These tickets can be upgraded to an 8 hour lift ticket for an additional \$5.00, or to a full day ticket for \$10.00. The office also has \$5.00 off coupons for Saturday lift tickets or equipment discount coupons for season ticket holders.



The Mountain Villas are located within walking distance of both the Spirit Mountain Ski Lodge and the Spirit Mountain Alpine Skiing area. Several units are ski in -- ski out.

You'll enjoy a flexible schedule that allows your family members to come and go as they please. Let them board and ski to their hearts content!

January and February Calendar Sampling

January:

Daily Attractions

- Spirit Mountain Recreation Area Skiing & Boarding
- Spirit Mountain Alpine Ski Trails
- Snowmobile Trails and Excursions
- Great shopping in Duluth

Special Attractions/Activities

- USSA Region 1 Ski Race – Spirit Mountain on January 2nd and 3rd
- Annual Duluth Bridal Show – DECC – January 9th
- Gingerbread Arts and Crafts Show at Miller Hill Mall on January 22nd to 24th
- Winter Carnival at Spirit Mtn, January 23rd
- Nordic Spirit Cross Country Race – Spirit Mountain Alpine Area – January 31st
- UMD Bulldogs versus Wisconsin Badgers in Men's Hockey – January 29th and 30th
- 26th running of John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon – January 30th to February 3rd

February:

Daily Attractions:

- Spirit Mountain Recreation Area Skiing & Boarding
- Spirit Mountain Alpine Ski Trails
- Snowmobile Trails and Excursions
- Great shopping in Duluth

Special Attractions/Activities

- 11th Annual Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics – February 11th
- 11th Annual Warmer by the Lake – Bay Front Festival Park – February 13th
- Hook and Slice on Ice Golf Classic – Carlton – February 13th
- Duluth's Big Jig Ice Fishing Festival – February 14th at Pike's Lake
- 44th Annual Duluth Boat, Sports and Travel Show - DECC – February 17th – 21st
- UMD Bulldog Men's hockey versus Minnesota Gophers – February 26th and 27th
- Lake Superior Family Fun Fest – DECC – February 27th and 28th

The Mountain Villas are located on the South end of Duluth just off of I-35 at the Spirit Mountain Exit (#249). Follow Skyline Parkway past the Spirit Mountain Resort entrance. Our recently updated website can be found at mtvillas.com. The site is a great way to learn about the many amenities of our villas, and conveniently make reservations. If you prefer, you can call us toll free at 1-866-688-4552 or locally at 218-624-5784. Our office hours are Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On weekends we are open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We offer convenient late check in. Give us a call!!!



Spirit Mountain's Nordic Ski Center offers 22 kilometers of beautifully wooded cross-country ski trails, double tracked with skating lanes and groomed daily. It's an outdoor enthusiast's dream!



Spirit Mountain Recreation Area recently gained approval to build an Alpine Slide! The name will be the Timber Twister and it is expected to be open by August of 2010. Rides will be available year round so you won't want to miss this fun filled glide through the forest!

Watch for construction updates in future issues of this newsletter!

