



Welcome to the second 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.

It's been a great winter for snow and our guests have been enjoying the fact that all the slopes at Spirit Mountain are open, their Terrain Park with half pipe are open, and the entire Alpine Ski area is open as well! We also have great snow for sledding (ask us for where), or getting out for a beautiful snow shoe or walk.

This is also a great time of year for mid week stays. It might be a little quieter, but that means smaller lines at the lifts, less congestion at the Duluth attractions, and you can enjoy our lower mid week rates! Mention this special, and if you stay three mid week nights in March, we'll give you the four mid week night free!

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



Catch up on all the excitement at spiritmt.com

Catching some air!

The Terrain Park is now completely open and ready for your thrills!



Did you know?

"Spirit Mountain" is available on the new Navionics Mobile Ski App for the Apple iPhone and iPod Touch available today on iTunes!

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/ski-us/id344144307?mt=8> Locate trails, lifts and points of interest. Track your run and view your statistics. Listen to your iTunes while using the App....and much more!



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!

Mountain Villas go high tech??

2010 is going to be an exciting year in terms of technology and outdoor fun!

One of our repeat guests informed us that she has Waymarked the Villas. The Waymark Code is WM7P8C. You can visit our Waymark web address "www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WM7P8C_Mt_Villas_Duluth_MN".

We are honored that one of our guests loves staying here so much that they would want to tell her friends how to locate us, and why if they come one time, they'll be a repeat guest of the villas too! Thank you for spreading the word of our little treasure!

This makes us even more excited to set up a Geo Caching site this spring. We plan to have a course set up by May 1st. For some family fun, head off into the woods with a GPS as we set up targets for you to find, log your success, and celebrate with a small victory gift from the Villas! Watch for this by May 1st!

We are looking for more fun activities to offer at the Villas. What do you think we should offer?



The Timber Twister is scheduled to begin construction in April 2010 with a tentative opening in July 2010! It will be open year around! Prepare to glide through the woods for a family thrill you won't want to miss!

February and March Calendar Sampling

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

- The Last Dance of Dr. Disco – Midi Change of Pace Dinner Theater – February 5th – 7th
- 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

March:

Daily Attractions:

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

Special Attractions/Activities

- USASA Half-Pipe and Slope Style Competition – Spirit Mountain – March 6th and 7th
- Candlelight ski, skate or snow shoe – Hartley Nature Center – March 6th
- Fitgers Bock Fest – Volksmarch, Polar Plunge, Stein Races etc. – March 11th -13th
- Spring Break Luau – Spirit Mountain – March 13th
- Duluth Cabin Fever Bluegrass Festival – March 20th
- Midwest Masters Ski Race – Spring Fling – Spirit Mountain -- March 20th and 21st

For other calendar items, go to <http://visitduluth.com/events/>

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!!!

