

Family Vacation Issue

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HOW TO SKI WITH YOUR KIDS

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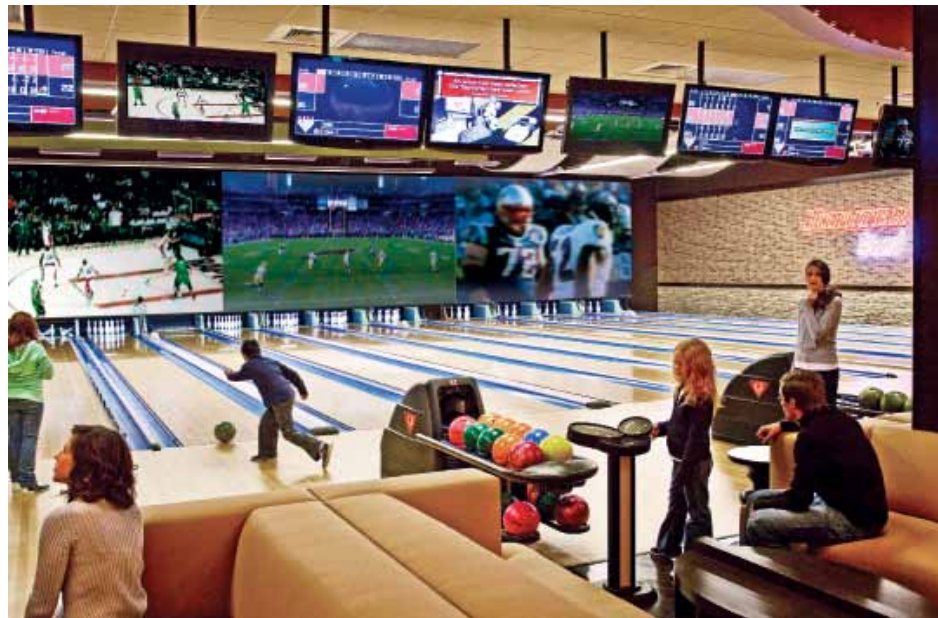


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All-Ages Après

STEP AWAY FROM THE HOTEL POOL: NO BATHING SUITS REQUIRED FOR THESE POST-SKIING DIVERSIONS. *By Samantha Berman*



1 JUPITER BOWL, Park City, Utah
Bowling is cool again. Well, at least bowling with video screens, laneside food-and-drink service and an adjoining arcade with Guitar Hero and air hockey. There's even bumper bowling for the littles and the Black Diamond Bar for the bigs. **Best For** > Multigenerational après, anyone?



2 ASPEN LEAF CLIMBER
Snowmass, Colo.
A 17-foot-high spiral made from 10 aspen-leaf-shaped platforms for your tots to scale? Bring it. Located inside the resort's Treehouse Kids' Adventure Center, in the base village, the Aspen Leaf Climber delights the preschool set and stays open until 6 p.m. on weekends. **Best For** > 2- to 5-year-olds.



3 GROOMER RIDES
Sugarbush, Vt.
Pile into the Lincoln Limo, a 12-passenger luxury snowcat with a flatscreen TV and plush seats, for an hourlong sunset ride to the top of picturesque Lincoln Peak. The kids will be tickled by a ride in the cat, and the views are lovely. **Best For** > Families with kids 10 years and up.

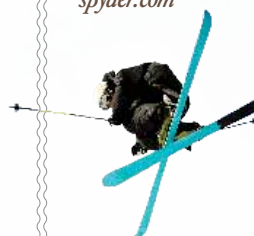


4 THURSDAY NIGHT LIGHTS
Beaver Creek, Colo.
Grab a glow-stick and board the Buckaroo Express Gondola for a twilight ski down the Haymeadow trail into the village every Thursday evening. As if that weren't enough, this torch-light parade is capped off with fireworks. **Best For** > Intermediate-and-up skiers and their parents.



> Spyder Cubby Long Mittens

Number one hassle according to ski parents: mittens. They fall off easily. They're hard to get on. They're too short, letting snow slip between mitten and cuff. Try the Cubby Long (\$30), an insulated mitt with a waterproof insert and a zipper opening on one side: easy on with a long profile that helps it stay put. spyder.com



> Frisco Adventure Park, Colo.

Ten miles from Breckenridge and six from Copper, this new freestyle terrain park with boxes, rails and jumps is catnip for tweens and teens. The park also offers lift-served tubing down 1,200-foot lanes. Bundle up and try it under the lights at night. townoffrisco.com

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