

## **Family Friendly Snowmass**

Snowmass offers a wide variety of winter family adventures & fun.



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**Snowmass Village, Colo.,** (Winter 2025/2026) – In Snowmass Village, kids are the stars of the show! With a wide range of family-friendly activities from skiing and snowboarding to tubing, ice skating, and indoor rock climbing, Snowmass is packed with adventures and <u>itineraries for all ages</u>. Dedicated to making sure younger guests have a blast, Snowmass goes above and beyond to ensure the next generation enjoys every moment of their winter visit.

## <u>Kid Friendly Activities in Snowmass – Winter 2025/2026</u>

**105 Pizza & Bowl:** 105 Pizza & Bowl offers <u>nightly bowling</u> on six lanes, as well as lounge games such as foosball, billiards, and darts. 105 also features a full kitchen and bar.

**Anderson Ranch Arts Center:** Founded in 1966, <u>Anderson Ranch Arts Center</u> is a premier destination for art making and critical dialog in the contemporary art world,

bringing together aspiring and internationally renowned artists to discuss and further their work in a stimulating environment. With a campus that is free and open to the public and an extensive array of in-person and online offerings, Anderson Ranch is a hub of creative energy and activity for adults and children alike, with a host of virtual and interactive art workshops, lectures by today's most influential artists and curators, weekend classes, children's art workshops and more.

**Blazing Adventures:** With over 50 years of experience specializing in outdoor activities in Colorado, <u>Blazing Adventures</u> coordinates winter activities such as hot balloon rides, backcountry powder tours, scenic drive tours, winter fly-fishing in Gold Medal rivers, snowmobiling up to the Maroon Bells, backcountry snowshoe tours, and much more.

**Cross Country Skiing:** Glide across snowy meadows and through silent pine forests and aspen groves on over 60 miles of groomed, all-level Nordic trails. Part of the Aspen Snowmass trail system, the largest free trail system in the US, trails can be accessed from the Snowmass Golf Course. Trail access is free; bring your own gear.

**Elk Camp:** 15 minutes up the mountain from Snowmass Base Village by scenic gondola, is <u>Elk Camp</u>. Guests can grab a bite to eat at the Elk Camp Restaurant, enjoy rides on the Breathtaker Coaster and take a spin on the tubing hill.

**Fat Biking:** Fat bike lovers, rejoice! Snowmass is home to approximately 8 miles of groomed trails, good for fat biking. Bring your own <u>fat bike</u> and park for free at the Snowmass Rec Center to ride the trails in Snowmass. Groomed (and paved) trails include Owl Creek, Brush Creek, Fairway, Village Way, Fox Run, and Melton Ranch.

Ice Skating: Want to practice a hockey stop, perfect that pirouette, or simply glide around for an evening skate? Snowmass offers two free ice skating rinks. One at <a href="The-Rink">The-Rink</a> in Snowmass Base Village (free rentals included) and the other, <a href="Snowmass-Willage-Ice Rink">Snowmass</a> Village Ice Rink, at the Snowmass Recreation Center (BYO skates), located on the tennis courts for the winter season. Both operate during the winter season, weather permitting.

**Rock Climbing:** The Limelight Hotel Snowmass is home to the tallest <u>indoor climbing</u> wall in Colorado. At five stories and 54-foot-tall, the wall features three lanes for simultaneous climbing offers fun for beginners and experts alike. Climbing shoes and harness, as well as guided supervision, are included with each 30-minute session.

Visitors to the <u>Snowmass Recreation Center</u> can also enjoy self-belayed climbing and a bouldering cave.

**Skiing & Snowboarding:** Snowmass, part of the four mountains of Aspen Snowmass, has long been a mecca for skiers of all abilities and agendas. Cruisers, glades, steeps, terrain parks, and half pipes provide a wintertime playground unlike any other. Touted as one of the best ski schools in the country, Snowmass is home to the Snowmass Ski and Snowboard School, which provides families with plenty of choices when it comes to ski and snowboard lessons. Spend a single day with an expert instructor or extend the fun over the course of a multi-day lesson. Kids of all ability levels and interests can have a blast, hone their skills, and enjoy more confidence on the mountain after time spent with top notch and dedicated instructors. For information and pricing on all child/tween/teen lesson options, visit Aspen Snowmass, and don't forget to check out all the fun at the Treehouse Kids Adventure Center.

Snowmass Ice Age Discovery: Snowmass is the site of the largest ice age fossil discovery in the world. More than 150,000 years ago, glaciers covered the area that would become Snowmass Village. In 2010, a bulldozer operator working in Snowmass unearthed the fossilized remains of a young Columbian mammoth. Soon after, scientists uncovered an entire fossilized ecosystem. To celebrate this incredible discovery, Snowmass has installed various art installations around the Village. Want to dig deeper? Attend an Ice Age Explorer Tour lead by an Aspen Science Center educator to view the art and informational exhibits around the Village. Tours take place every Tuesday at 2:00pm beginning in the Limelight Snowmass. Visit <a href="https://www.snowmassiceage.com">www.snowmassiceage.com</a> for everything else there is to see and know about this incredible find.

**Snowmass Recreation Center:** The 18,000-square-feet <u>recreation facility</u> offers unique programming for adults and children, year-round outdoor saline pools, a state-of-the-art cardio and weight room, an indoor gymnasium, aerobics classes, climbing & bouldering walls, and more.

**Snowshoeing & Uphilling:** Take a two-hour, <u>guided snowshoe tour</u> with an ACES naturalist, starting at the top of the Elk Camp Gondola, daily at 10:00am and 1:00pm. Snowshoers can also visit the Snowmass Golf Course for a trek on the Snowmass cross country trails. Snowshoers can explore Snowmass Ski Area on a wide variety of uphilling trails. An Uphill Pass for on-resort uphill access is required. Uphillers need to

remain on designated, signed routes during all operating hours. Uphillers should check the Aspen Snowmass App or <u>website</u> before heading out to see if the selected route is open.

The Collective Snowmass: The Collective Snowmass, the hub for community activity in Snowmass Base Village, features a weekly lineup of events including trivia, bingo, Snowmass Live! Winter Comedy, Jazz Supper Club series, educational programming, Toddler Time, and hands on art and mental fitness workshops. Be sure to head downstairs to check out the Selfie Den and the Game Lounge, \$10/person for anyone 6 years or older from 2:00pm to 8:00pm.

## <u>Winter 2025/2026 Kid Friendly Activations & Events</u>

**ACES Snowmass Ski Tour:** Ski a run with a Naturalist guide and learn about Snowmass wildlife and natural history. Meet inside the Wapiti Wildlife Center at the top of the Elk Camp Chairlift. Tour is free, lift ticket not included; Daily 1:00am & 1:00pm.

**Game of Stones:** Curling returns to Snowmass with the ever-popular <u>Game of Stones</u> curling series on The Rink in Snowmass Base Village. On select dates December through March, teams of two compete in a head-to-head elimination competition. The first team to reach 10 points wins! Game of Stones takes place from 3:00pm to 5:00pm; register on site. Weather dependent.

**Snowmass S'mores:** Starting on opening day of ski season, guests of all ages can enjoy <u>Snowmass S'mores</u>, free starting at 3:30pm daily throughout the winter season, presented by Snowmass Tourism. Guests can find branded s'mores carts (which resemble oversized marshmallows) in Snowmass Base Village and on the Snowmass Mall, featuring delicious s'mores treats.

**Ullr Nights:** In honor of the Norse God of Snow, Ullr, <u>Ullr Nights</u> return to Snowmass this winter. Take an evening gondola ride up the Elk Camp Gondola to the Elk Camp Restaurant for winter themed fun, including tubing, rides on the Breathtaker Alpine Coaster, a bonfire, s'mores, and hot cocoa. Enjoy an à la carte culinary celebration from 5:00pm to 7:30pm on select nights throughout the season.

For a full list of family friendly winter events, please visit <a href="https://www.gosnowmass.com/events">www.gosnowmass.com/events</a>.

About Snowmass Village, Colorado – A renowned winter playground and vibrant summer community just 9 miles from Aspen, Snowmass consistently ranks as one of the best winter ski areas and summer mountain biking destinations in the world. Snowmass, along with the rest of the Roaring Fork Valley, is the only IMBA (International Mountain Bicycling Association) Gold Level Ride Center™ in Colorado, one of only 7 in the world. Surrounded by breathtaking peaks and adjacent to 2.8 million acres of wilderness, the Village offers 95% slopeside lodging, is home to 30+ restaurants, and offers a variety of shops, unique special events, an abundance of live music, family activities, and much more. For more information and a complete calendar of events and activities, please visit www.gosnowmass.com.

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