

Odawa Weekend January 29-31, 2021

Yes – we had 37 people who booked rooms as a single, as a couple or as a double within their bubble!

Whatever their comfort level the hotel provided a clean secure and face covered environment. From there we cross country skied as well as downhill skied. The weather for the weekend was cold and very sunny! Perfect!

On the way to Odawa we had 9 cross country skiers at Hartwick Pines- beautiful sunny day to enjoy the trails of the park. A few tried their downhill skills at Caberfae and more went to Boyne Highlands for fun!

Friday evening many met, under social distancing guidelines, in the Casino and some enjoyed the open restaurant The Sage. Never heard if anyone won at the casino but many had fun using their complimentary vouchers in the slot machines! Others went to the show as the hotel was providing a free movie!

Saturday's breakfast was surprisingly well organized and filling to start our day. Downhill skiing was the most popular choice and our group went to Nubs Nob, Boyne Highlands as well as Boyne Mountain! A smaller group had a wonderful time cross country skiing at Mill Ponds. Great food and spirits were available there. Still others in the group went shopping in Petoskey – great town to find unique items.

The highlight of our weekend was our TAILGATE party on Saturday evening. The hotel was thrilled with our group as we came together in the corner of the parking lot with tents, heaters and a lot of food to enjoy. We enjoyed the refreshments wearing gloves provided while wearing our new SKIWI face masks. We did remove our masks for a minute so a group picture could be taken. It was quick but a happy picture! Hot chocolate was flowing along with great hot chili, hot pizza, beef stroganoff as well as a variety of snacks. Skiwis do know how to do it up!





The party went on for almost 4 hours as we were having so much fun! After the tailgate we tried our luck again at the casino and some had dinner at The Sage. Great evening for all!

Sunday was another day of skiing- most went to Boyne Mountain for downhill. For cross country there were 10 of us who went to Michaywa in Gaylord. It was a sunny, beautiful day to be outdoors. For those of us who took the shorter Cross-Country route we enjoyed yet another tailgate to share food before driving home.

What a great weekend- PURE Michigan and PURE Skiwi FUN!

Julie D.

Caseville Cross Country Ski event February 13 and 14, 2021

The Skiwis found a beautiful winter wonderland in the thumb of our beautiful state! We enjoyed cross country skiing at Sleeper State Park on Saturday from 1:00- 3:00. From there our group attended a bon fire on “the beach” hosted by Kathy and Mark Krebs. What a great time with beautiful views as we visited outdoors. There were 26 people who attended to enjoy the snow, the warmth of the fire and socialize with our Skiwi buddies. It was great to reconnect with people we haven’t seen in a while- shout out to Joan and Bob Florian. And a warm Skiwi welcome to Trish who participated in her first Skiwi event.

We then departed for our accommodations to clean up for dinner at The Bird Creek Restaurant. We enjoyed IGLOOS outside as well as the ambiance of the seating inside to have dinner. What an experience! Food was great and the night was magical.

We enjoyed our Valentine’s Day on Sunday, skiing at Port Crescent State Park. As we skied through different parts of the park Kathy and Mark Krebs explained the history behind the park, the island and the Pinnebog River. Who knew- Ford Motor Company used to own part of the area and took sand to build windshields. We continued to enjoy the multiple trails in the park many skiing until mid-afternoon. It was a gorgeous sunny day to enjoy the views of Pinnebog River and the Bay - frozen, snow covered and in some places waves. So mesmerizing!

What a memorable weekend- PURE Michigan THUMB and PURE Skiwi FUN!

Julie D. and Kathy K.









