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Treetops Resort Announces NEW Terrain Based Learning Program the First to Be Offered in Michigan and Second in the Midwest

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(Gaylord, MI) – Winter is coming and Michigan’s Most Family Friendly Resort is ready. Treetops Resort will be the first resort in Michigan to offer a new Terrain Based Learning program for the 2016-2017 winter season.

“Treetops is thrilled to announce the addition of a **“Terrain Based Learning”** program for first time skiers and snowboarders. This program is designed to radically improve the experience for first timers. This revolutionary program offers beginner ski and snowboard lessons in the safest environment for first timers in addition to giving instructors the best opportunity to connect with their students,” says Barry Owens, General Manager of Treetops. Terrain Based Learning was developed by SNOW Operating. This program uses purpose-built snow features such as banked turns and a mini pipe to help assist students by naturally controlling their speed when first learning to ski and snowboard. Resorts that have adopted this method of teaching have found extreme success with the interactive style of teaching. Learning how to ski and snowboard should be fun so each stage is developed to set students up for success by keeping them “going” instead of stopping. This program is for students of all ages and will help build a lifelong love of the winter season in Pure Michigan.

The design of each stage reduces the effects of gravity (speed). This allows students the opportunity to concentrate on connecting with their movements and body positions needed to steer and control their equipment. Terrain Based Learning was designed to eliminate anxieties from learning and shifts the students’ focus to moving, playing and having fun without fear of losing control. There are five areas and once students master each area they can progress to the next level which is designed to introduce a new skill.

Terrain Based Learning

- **The Flats:** This area allows students to learn how to get moving on their ski and snowboards by being on a flat surface. It's a way to get them moving in their equipment and for them to feel comfortable.
- **Mini Pipe:** This will introduce the first slide on snow in a controlled environment.
- **Rollers:** A series of small rolling hills, this step keeps the first timers speed in check as they roll down the hill.
- **Banked Turns:** The introduction of turning in a mellow redirection from left to right allows students to make first turns.
- **Perfect Slope:** This slope has a very slight upward bank. This is a student's first time on their own and once they master this they are ready for the beginner slopes!

Located on the 45th Parallel in Gaylord, Michigan Treetop's Resort offers some of the finest family friendly terrain in the Midwest. Michigan's Most Family Friendly Resort offers 23 expertly groomed ski runs designed to welcome winter outdoor enthusiasts of all abilities. Best kept secret: there are three lifts, all converging in one activity filled area at the TOP of the mountain where skiers and riders will find dining and drinks; an outdoor fire – all perfect to enjoy while keeping track of the entire family.

Beyond skiing and snowboarding with a great base of snow, which will be enhanced this year with an additional tower gun, a full slate of winter activities will be offered. These activities include (but, certainly not limited to) Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides, Sled Dog Rides, Skiable Feasts, Cross Country Skiing, Fat Tire Biking, and Michigan's Most Extreme Tubing Run. Additionally, the Resort's restaurants offer up a variety of menus that will please the entire pallet, and paired with million dollar views. Each week's schedule is packed with live entertainment and the return of Tommy Tropic, an all-time guest favorite.

Guests will be able to enjoy the Terrain Based Learning program each and every day of the ski season. Check out the full schedule of weekly activities at www.Treetops.com and click on the Events Tab. To reserve a Treetops Resort Getaway any time of year, visit www.treetops.com or call (888 TREETOPS).

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