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FREE SKI WEEKEND IN GAYLORD AT TREETOPS RESORT

**MICHIGAN'S MOST FAMILY FRIENDLY SKI RESORT LOCATED IN
MICHIGAN'S 'SNOW BELT' OF GAYLORD**

**GAYLORD AREA HOTELS & TREETOPS RESORT WELCOMES WINTER
WITH A 'SKI FREE' GETAWAY DECEMBER 16, 17, 18**

GAYLORD, MICHIGAN – The Gaylord Area Convention & Tourism Bureau and Treetops Resort welcomes winter with *FREE SKIING* FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and SUNDAY, **DECEMBER 16, 17, and 18, 2016.**

Together the Gaylord Area Convention & Tourism Bureau and Treetops Resort, said to be Michigan's MOST Family Friendly Ski Facility Treetops Resort, are making winter fun FREE! Early season getaways include lodging and FREE Skiing at participating Gaylord Area lodging properties. The SKI FREE packages start at just **\$35 per person**, per night at Gaylord Area properties, and just **\$99** per room, per night at Treetops Resort (two passes included per room).

Each overnight guest will receive a FREE Lift Ticket voucher. Each overnight voucher is valid for one day of skiing. Free Skiing begins on Friday, December 16th at 2 p.m., and continues throughout the day on both Saturday and Sunday.

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Whether you're snowboarding or skiing, the lift ticket is FREE! "This is a great weekend to learn to ski too," said Paul Beachnau Gaylord Area Tourism Bureau Executive Director. Treetops Resort will be offering **FREE Learn to Ski Clinics** on Saturday, December 17th.

"An easy way to start the ski season is through a free ski clinic. Whether you're trying the sport for the first time, or a seasoned skier or boarder, the Free Ski weekend makes for a great getaway," Beachnau went on to say.

There's more than FREE Skiing in December, there's the cozy and quaint The Ridge Resort, a great snowmobile launching point directly across the snowmobile trail; upon return from a downhill ski or trail adventure guests can enjoy relaxing fireside drink or small plate. Or a special treat after a winter day; heading to your very own cabin, condo or house; one with superior hospitality and attention to every detail provided by Pine Cone Vacations.

"Some other great lodging options located trailside includes the Baymont Inn and Suites, and the Alpine Lodge. There is nothing like soaking in steaming hot tub and heated pool after a long day on the trail. For a quaint and cozy room away from the hustle and bustle of town try Waters Inn located trailside in nearby Waters located just South of Gaylord," says Paul Beachnau, Executive Director of Gaylord Visitors Bureau.

Treetops Resort is known for its family friendly approach to winter fun! The Treetops 'Ski Team' grooms 23 slopes and is home to Michigan's ONLY 'Terrain Based Learning' program as part of its PSIA and AASI-certified winter sports school for snowboarders and skiers. 'Michigan's Most Spectacular Resort' also offers snow tubing during the season, and an award winning children's programs with the only fully certified daycare facility on site within Michigan. There's a full-service spa, indoor and outdoor pools and whirlpools, along with a variety of dining and accommodations options. The ski terrain is perfect for all ages from the youngest of skiers to the expert boarder who will enjoy the terrain park with friends.

Gaylord Tourism Bureau Welcomes You!

Located in the exact center of Northern Michigan on the 45th parallel, the Gaylord area offers something for everyone. Known as Michigan's Alpine Village, Gaylord offers visitors a quaint experience – whether shopping or dining. Well known as a recreation seekers paradise, visitors will want to experience all that Gaylord has to offer this winter season, including skiing and snow tubing, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, as well as snowmobiling on one of the Midwest's most convenient trail systems - the North Central State Trail system, taking enthusiasts from Gaylord to Mackinaw City.

Reserving your GAYLORD SKI FREE WEEKEND is Easy!

Just visit www.gaylordmichigan.net or www.treetops.com for information on reserving your room and FREE lift ticket. For more information on Treetops Winter Fun call (888) TREETOPS.

Select Your Lodging Property & Tell Them You Want To Ski Free!

Property	Rate - Details	Phone
Pine Cone Vacations	Starting at \$77.00 per person/per night <small>*Based on Quad Occupancy, availability & Vacation Home Selection</small>	866-731-1887
Hampton Inn	\$99.00 per room double occupancy	888-731-4000
Treetops Resort	\$99.00 - 2 FREE lift tickets per room	888-873-3867
Pine Cone Inn & Suites	\$35.00 per person double occupancy	866-731-1887
Waters Inn	49.95 Per Person/per Night (Based on Double Occupancy)	800-557-245

