

'New Hampshire' Skiing Trip

2018

The Journey

Although we were facing a long journey ahead, nobody could wait to get on the buses and start the journey to America. But, there was one problem...no buses! There we all were, standing in the cold at 2.30 am and no sign of the buses. Just the sound of sheer panic emanating from the direction of Mr Sion Jones. However, before long, we were on our way to Manchester Airport! Trying to get 80 young people running through a busy airport with stressed out staff is NEVER going to be a pretty sight! Everybody was definitely wide awake after that! Once we'd boarded the second aeroplane, we soon settled down hoping that the next six hours would be fairly enjoyable.



As we travelled up to the resort we noticed the American flag flying all over the place! Such a display of pride for their country was quite unexpected - especially in the more mountainous areas.

The Hotel

We had a pizza party as soon as we arrived at the hotel... we were all pretty hungry at that point. The hotel staff were really polite and friendly and they too were impressed by the group's polite behaviour and attitude towards people. The accent presented a few issues but that worked both ways!



Skiing



Listening to the guys in the hire shop try to pronounce our names provided some entertainment on the first morning as did trying to put all the ski gear on! On the first morning, everybody spent some time getting used to the snow and doing a few runs down the easier slopes. By the second day, every group was trying different slopes and most groups were up on 'Loon Mountain'. Everybody enjoyed this area as there

were many different slopes all varying one from the other.

Mid-week, we all moved over to Cannon. Cannon was a lot more challenging due to the steeper inclines of the slopes. There were a few protests and the weather had taken a bit of a turn. On Thursday evening there were four casualties on their way to hospital and Mr Iwan Barker-Jones had already paid the hospital a visit on the previous evening! The new mountain had presented us with a larger challenge!

Every evening we were all tired following a long day on the slopes, although there were plenty of activities to keep us all busy. Hot chocolate and cookies were served daily and promptly at 4.00pm and then most people would jump into the swimming pool or the 'hot tubs' or go to spend a few dollars on the arcade games. Some organised activities took place on some evenings for example Quiz night, Cinema night, Karaoke Night, Pool Party and a Disco.



The journey home



Before finally heading to the airport, we were able to spend a few hours in a typical American shopping 'mall'. Lots of us spent some money on presents for the family (or for ourselves!).

The journey back to Wales was a pleasurable one but we were all soon missing the USA but on the other hand we were also looking forward to being home (especially the teachers!) The trip was unforgettable, enjoyed by all!