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# Homeschoolers Guide



Winter Activities



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With family-friendly lodging and home-style meals, Purity Spring is the perfect place to stay when visiting King Pine and the Mount Washington Valley. Additional amenities include snowtubing, xc skiing, snowshoeing, skating, horse-drawn sleigh rides, plus an indoor pool and fitness center.

Whether your visit lasts a week, a weekend or just a day, you'll find plenty of adventure for the entire family at King Pine & Purity Spring!

**King Pine would like to offer a program for homeschoolers** that includes a half day of discounted rentals, an hour and half weekly lesson, along with some free ski time with parents/chaperones - you'll be amazed at how much the kids pick up in a few lessons, and how much better they'll be skiing after spending a short amount of time with our ski instructors! Multi-week Groups learning to ski or ride love coming to King Pine. So many people have learned to ski here and we're still growing confident and responsible skiers and riders. Better yet, King Pine is the most reasonable ski area in the region!

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King Pine's food service ranges from delicious home cooked meals to burgers, pizza and fries.

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Our 2012 Ski & Snowboard Camp is geared for boys and girls ages 8-16. This year 2 camp sessions will be offered. Camp will be held during February school vacation weeks: Monday- Sunday, February 20-26 and Sunday-Friday, February 26-March 2.

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Register for Ski & Snowboard Camp by visiting <http://www.kingpine.com/ski-camp-for-kids.html>, downloading the brochure, completing and sending us a registration form, along with tuition and all accompanying forms. **Space is limited-- sign up today!** Tuition for the 2012 Ski & Snowboard Camp includes lodging, meals, lessons and program. Transportation and rental fees are not included.

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For complete information about The Ridgefield Playhouse, call the box office (203) 438-5795, or buy tickets online at [ridgefieldplayhouse.org](http://ridgefieldplayhouse.org).

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# *The Ridgefield Playhouse . . .*

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- \* **The Littlest Pilgrims**  
*November 21 & 22, 2011*
- \* **Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad**  
*February 29, 2012*
- \* **Four Score and Seven Years Ago**  
*March 28, 2012*
- \* **The Rainbow Fish**  
*April 10, 2012*
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*April 27, 2012*



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- \* **Seussical the Musical**  
*November 20, 2011*
- \* **Christmas with the Fezziwigs & Holiday Feast**  
*December 11, 2011*
- \* **The Nutcracker**  
*December 17 & 18, 2011*
- \* **The Enchanted Island**  
*January 21, 2012*
- \* **Gabrielle Bernstein & Kris Carr**  
*January 26, 2012*
- \* **Jack and the Beanstalk**  
*January 28, 2012*
- \* **Oliver!**  
*February 4 & 5, 2012*
- \* **101 Dalmatians!**  
*March 10 & 11, 2012*
- \* **Once On This Island Jr.**  
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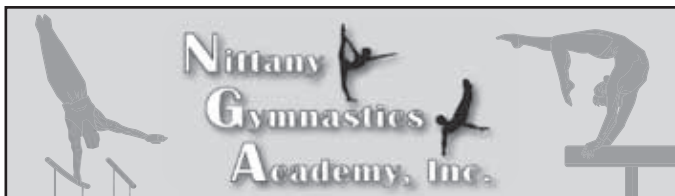
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# *Pennsylvania* **Ski Areas Association**



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- three complimentary child's day lift tickets to each of the participating member resorts. That amounts to over 60 free days of skiing or boarding this season! Note: use of the snowpass does require the purchase of an adult lift ticket.

The goal of this program is to provide an affordable and effective means to introduce 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders to the sports of skiing and snowboarding, creating life-long participants of winter sliding fun. Also, to remind families that spending time together in the mountains is HEALTHY and FUN... a great alternative to television and video games.

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Free and Open to the Public



As part of the statewide celebration Minds Wide Open: Children and the Arts, we are bringing back our Lights Up!, which features a day of FREE arts workshops,

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Education is one of the cornerstones of CenterStage. The Genworth BrightLights Education Center includes classrooms, rehearsal space and a state-of-the-art digital center where students K-12 from Richmond and the surrounding counties can learn all aspects of the arts – from playwriting and performing to stage design and video editing – and use the arts to enhance their learning of core subjects. While much of the learning will go on in the education center, as the program grows the BrightLights Education Initiative will extend into schools, libraries, community centers and homes via our Digital Arts Learning Center.

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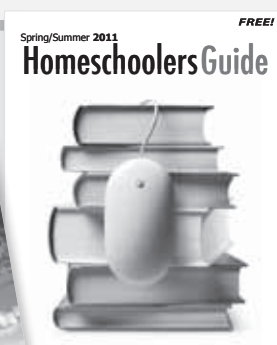
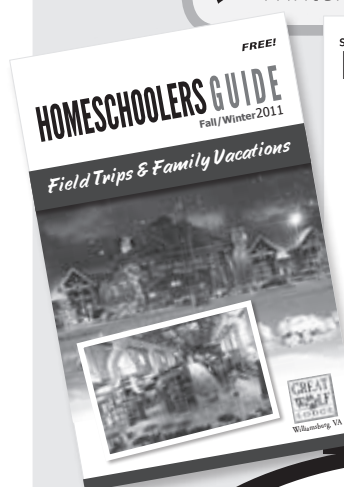
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