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Exchanging Skateboards for Snowboards

The Winter Olympic Games sure put snowboarding in the spotlight. Now, more boys (and girls) will be exchanging skateboards for snowboards this winter, so parents will want to know about Wintergreen Resort, located in Virginia atop the Blue Ridge Mountains. At Wintergreen, kids rule. With one of the most comprehensive ski and snowboarding schools in the Mid-Atlantic, the resort has 24 slopes, including the state's largest tubing park and the most extensive beginner-to-expert terrain.

The Nature and Child Reunion

In a world of ipods, cell phones, and computer games, there appears to be a growing need to restore the bond between nature and children to improve the health and well-being of both. At Wintergreen Resort, The Wintergreen Nature Foundation is unique in that it is a living sanctuary, preserving nature in the midst of potentially destructive elements and operates in the midst of the natural resources of its stewardship vision, where it can measure its laboratory by the square mile, not the square foot. The Nature Center is a special place where children can discover and enjoy the many plants, flowers and animals that live in the wild on the mountaintop and learn a respect for all living things. Its mission is to protect the heritage and beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia by encouraging the understanding, appreciation, and conservation of its natural and cultural resources.

S'Wonderful, Spahvelous...

The Spa at Wintergreen beckons to couples looking to share idyllic, serene, and relaxing moments together. With a mountaintop setting, the spa offers spectacular views as well as the peace and tranquility that come with enjoying natural beauty. Couples can retreat far from everyday life to one of the resort's beautifully appointed condos; be pampered beyond compare, and savor intimate dinners for two. Each of the spa's treatment rooms has a window from which to view the awe-inspiring Blue Ridge Mountains and the enormous valley below, bringing additional thought-provoking peace and serenity to the already rejuvenating and relaxing spa and fitness experience. With a wide variety of services, including facials, herbal wraps, hot stone and other therapeutic massages and a selection of restorative mountain mud and mineral facial treatments, the spa is an ideal place for couples to relax and enjoy each other's company.

Is There a Tiger in The Family?

The golf courses at Wintergreen are highly sought after by golfers from around the Mid-Atlantic region. But there might just be a new Tiger Woods out there waiting to be born. The resort's acclaimed Junior Golf Program includes golf camp and golf clinics for children ages 7-14 with some of the best teachers to uncover the potential in a young golfer. At Junior Golf Camp, kids learn fundamentals of the full swing and short game. And on certain days, they experience the golf course with supervised play. The Junior Golf Clinic focuses on teaching the fundamentals of golf with fun games in a group environment.

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Kids Don't Have to Climb Trees To Enjoy this Treehouse!

Wintergreen Resort's Treehouse is a great place for children ages 2 ½-14. Counselors are "fun experts" and know how to keep everyone active and happy while learning new skills. All Treehouse programs require advance reservations and children are grouped according to age and ability. A healthy staff/child ratio is maintained so that the resort can effectively provide children with a quality experience.

It's More Fun Out of Bounds

The *Discovery Ridge* Adventure Center at Wintergreen Resort will challenge with adrenaline-pumping activities such as rock climbing and team paintball. The resort's scenic Virginia mountain getaway offers a popular bungee trampoline that enables jumpers to reach heights of 25 feet and higher. For a playful way to learn rock climbing, scale the 25-foot climbing tower, which features varying degrees of difficulty. The Zip is the newest high adventure experience – soar down 900 feet in under 30 seconds. Experience a thrilling Virginia mountain vacation – with a host of activities that will satisfy even the most adventurous spirit.

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