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Winter Park Resort

Picture a quaint, friendly town filled with cheerful skiers and snowboarders nestled deep in snow-covered mountains. Pine trees sparsely decorate the winding road all the way up to the tree line, and wildlife roam freely on the mountainside. Cozy mom-and-pop shops fill the town, and there isn't a chain restaurant in sight. This is Winter Park, Colorado, the happiest place on Earth.

Winter Park offers a wide variety of delectable scents and flavors. Vendors line the sidewalks, strategically opening their doors to let the mouthwatering aromas entice famished visitors. Rich hot chocolate topped with whipped cream and a dash of cinnamon can be purchased at every store. Deeply inhaling will reward hungry tourists with smells of fresh waffles covered in warm syrup and the most mouthwatering pizza that has ever existed, courtesy of the Pizza Pedal'r. After another sniff, one can enjoy the aroma of fresh bread that is baked with every herb and cheese imaginable. Each loaf of bread has been carefully crafted to perfectly complement a large bowl of hot soup. If one inhales once more, he or she will take in what seems to be the tangy scent of a skunk, but that's no skunk; it's marijuana. It is lucky that in Colorado that marijuana is legal to use recreationally as well as medically because by the end of the day, most of these visitors will be in agony from falling on the slopes and will need some form of pain relief.

On occasion, unseasoned marijuana users get a little too relaxed, but they do not need to

worry because free transportation is available. Shuttle buses safely navigate up and down slippery roads, bringing visitors to and from their vehicles. The pathways in the resort are filled with a smorgasbord of different people cheerfully rushing to get to their destinations. Beautiful white snow covers the ground, and ice hides discreetly beneath, waiting to knock unsuspecting victims on their backsides. Ski lifts dutifully carry skiers and snowboarders to the top of the mountain, pausing only when an unlucky rider loses footing and crashes to the ground. Snow blowers are placed in precise locations to cause manmade blizzards on the slopes. Sometimes the wind gets carried away and causes total whiteouts at the tops of the mountains. Experienced snowboarders zoom down the mountains without a care in the world. The less experienced cautiously make their way down, one terrifying tumble at a time. Occasionally, a pair of goggles or a ski can be seen soaring gracefully through the air as a result of a nasty crash. Young children trail after trained instructors like baby ducks following their mother. These little ducklings are eager to soak up every lesson the teacher has to offer. The only time the children get distracted is when they stick out their tiny tongues to catch snowflakes lazily drifting down from the sky.

Choruses of delighted chatter can be heard at every corner of the resort. Foreign dialects are no surprise here because people from all over the world come to Winter Park, Colorado, for the chance to participate in exhilarating winter sports. The training area is filled with screams of gleeful children who vigilantly watch their instructor and hope to see people lose their footing, resulting in a face full of freezing snow. Spectators eagerly crowd around the fence line, watching snowboarders race one another down the frozen mountain; their boards create a melodic swoosh with every curve and send blankets of loose powder flying toward the awestruck crowd.

Winter Park Resort is a treat for all of the senses. It is a place where people gather to spend their vacation together and meet new and exciting individuals from all over the world. Small restaurants serving hearty home-cooked meals run by families help give this town a wholesome and friendly atmosphere. Winter Park, Colorado, is a picturesque wonderland waiting for the opportunity to welcome tourists and bestow lasting memories for years to come.