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Skiing

One of my favorite activities to do is ski. It's a great feeling to look over the edge right before you float down a powdery black diamond. On your way down you can see all the moguls lurching in the distance just waiting for you to catch an edge. The powder flies in the air through your face and hair as you launch off the top of a mogul. Your adrenaline starts going as you hope you don't face-plant the next mogul. It's a sport where you have to have guts if you want to go faster and jump higher than you think you possibly can. You have to keep concentrating a step ahead, because when you're going real fast it's good to know what's ahead of you before you get there. That's why it's so much fun to me.

I've been skiing ever since I was six years old and I've had many wrenched knees, pulled muscles, and bruises from icy moguls. What makes it really fun is to go skiing with a group of friends that are about the same ability as you. There you get a chance to have a great deal of fun and get to "show your stuff" to your friends.

Skiing also keeps you in top shape. You get large leg muscles, and good stamina, and a nice tan from the magnified rays off the snow.

One of my greatest skiing experiences happened last season at Mammoth Mountain. I was there with some of my friends for a week. We were flying down a steep black diamond when we came to where a beginners run crossed horizontal to us, thus making a ridge with a vertical lip which dropped about five to six feet on the other side. One by one we launched off it and pulled different kinds of moves. I pulled a back scratcher to the right side. As I landed I fell back to where my butt almost touched the tails of my skis. Luckily I recovered because I didn't want any of my friends to knock into me. That was one of the best jumps I've ever been off!