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Free skiers turn acrobatic on the slopes.

Resorts offer bargains to bring kids to slopes

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DILLON, Colo. — If you're one of those parents who decides where to ski based on the most generous "Kids Ski Free" package available for kids in the 5- to 12-year-old range, you're in luck. This year, the following four resorts are among those that believe that today's young skiers are the future of the sport. Check out their deals.

Keystone Ski Resort

DILLON, COLO.
 The Kids Ski Free package at Keystone Resort, a Vail ski resort in Dillon, takes the ribbon for simplicity.
 When you book a family stay for any number of days at Keystone, all children under 12 get a free lift ticket for every day you're there. Even better, there are no blackout dates, so you can visit the resort during any day in the season.
 The lift tickets are good for skiing and snowboarding and come with some bonus freebies. If your arrival day happens to coincide with night skiing, the lift tickets are free for everyone — kids and adults — in your group.
 To learn more, including rental information, visit www.keystone.com.

Steamboat Ski Resort

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLO.

Well-known for its top-rated Kids' Ski School,

Steamboat Resort's Kids Ski Free offer is not just a boon to families who want to ski together, but a significant partner in the goal of teaching kids what skiing's all about, from parallel carving to on-mountain sportsmanship.
 For every parent, grandparent or adult who buys a five-day ski pass, a child 12 and younger also earns a free lift pass. (Senior passes don't qualify for this deal.) Since lift ticket prices sold at the resort's ticket window can change, buy your lift tickets online and get the guaranteed price. If your kids have grown like Topsy — plenty of today's 12-year-olds look like high-schoolers — you may need a birth certificate or student ID to prove their ages.
 To learn more, call 1-877-783-2628.

Mount Bachelor Ski Resort

NEAR BEND, ORE.
 Go wild and free at Mount Bachelor, in the Deschutes National Forest, with the resort's Kids Ski Free program, for those 12 and younger.
 The offer, which pairs kids' lift tickets with the purchase of adult ski passes, matches one for one. When an adult, a parent or grandparent buys a pass, the child gets a free pass for the same number of days.
 There are no blackout days during holidays and the only purchase rule is that the adult must buy

the pass online, and four days in advance of arrival.

All buyers and kids have to be present to get their passes. You'll need to find lodging in Bend or Sun River, both 22 miles away, so to save even more money — up to 45 percent — check out Mount Bachelor's Lodging and Free Lift Ticket Package.

In fact, if you don't know anything about Mount Bachelor, a snow-covered volcano in central Oregon's Cascade Range, prepare to be amazed. This huge ski area has 3,683 skiable acres, 11 high-speed lifts and 88 named trails.

To learn more, call 1-800-609-1472 or visit www.mtbachelor.com.

Snowmass Resort

COLORADO
 Snowmass Resort, a pioneer in encouraging young families to bring their kids and to enroll them in lessons, was one of the first ski resorts to make it easier by offering free skiing to kids ages 5 to 12.

This year's Kids Ski Free package is designed for families who plan to buy a lodging package. If they rent skis for their kids at Four Mountain Sports, in Snowmass Village, the kids get a free lift ticket for every day of the rental. To learn more, call 1-800-525-6200 or visit www.aspensnowmass.com.

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