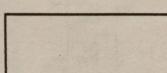
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North is the meet Yankee.



Cold weather is what Yankees can skiiers dream about and something like us aren't really accustomed to.

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We may have our Blue Northers ev in a while but our stagnant weather ca pare with the freezing temperature top half of the country. (Example: th the temperature reached 80 degrees

A Yankee has never known the sweating or wearing shorts and halte December.

And since Texans are unfamiliar meaning of cold in cold weather, so to with winterwear.

Legwarmers are worn by som women — not to help combat shin fro to keep snow from coming inside boo for the reason that they're fashional warmers can even be seen worn l women with miniskirts - a cruel i shivering Yankee.

Long underwear is something else may find it hard to identify with. models in mail-order catalogues, brings laughter to Texans and wonde



- Dress in layers for maximum insulation and warmth. Air gets trapped between the layers and is warmed by the body's heat.
- The first layer should be a foundation of natural fibers like cotton long johns, wool socks and a cotton turtleneck. Nylon and synthetics actually absorb moisture which can cause a

- Overalls or blue jeans are a good choice for the second layer. Make sure they are waterproof by Scotchgarding them.
- For the third layer, wear a heavy wool sweater. For colder temperatures a down vest or jacket also may be necessary.
- Nylon wind breakers are fine for not-so-cold temperatures. A cotton bandana tied around the neck can be raised to protect the face and lips from
- A hat that covers the ears, waterproof gloves and sunglasses or goggles for eye protection complete the layers needed for keeping warm on the slopes.
- Since the sun is more intense at higher elevations and it is also reflected by the snow, a sunscreen is also a good idea.

This type of skiwear can break the pocketbooks of beginning skiers. There are cheaper ways of keeping warm on

Beginning skiers can have a fun but cheap time

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Icy cold air whipping against the face, bright blurs of people in a world of whiteness, faster and faster — it's almost like flying. That's snow skiing.

From the bare-bones beginner to the advanced skier, skiing on snow can become addicting.

More and more people are taking their Christmas and New Year's holidays, as well as spring break, on the slopes and are experiencing the thrill of snow skiing on beautiful, snowcovered mountains.

Although they can be expensive, ski vacations don't have to clean out the pocketbook.

Inexpensive rates can be found by making arrangements through travel agencies and other organizations than often can negotiate with airlines, buses and resorts for lower rates.

Package deals that put travel fares, lodging, lift tickets and sometimes food into one plainly-stated price also

save money, aggravation and time. D. Searcy, advisor for the MSC Travel Committee, said that when planning a ski vacation, it's important to compare the packages offered by different travel agencies and organi-

"Be a good shopper," she said.
"One package may appear to be a lower price, but in the long run it

Besides skiing, Searcy said, there are other activities to do at ski resorts.

'There's always the night life,' she said. "Some places offer sleigh rides with dinner cooked outside," she

Ice skating, snow mobiling and snow tubing are also available in most ski areas, Searcy said.

Searcy said going on a group ski trip is sometimes less expensive than going with just one or two other people.

But for people who want to plan their own trip, she said, most ski re-sorts have toll-free telephone num-

bers to call for information.

"You can get good information without spending a fortune," Searcy

Several local travel agencies and Texas A&M University student organizations are offering group ski trips for the Christmas and spring breaks. Although it may be too late to join

one of the Christmas trips, it's not too early to think about spring break

The Texas A&M Snow Ski club offers a ski trip each Christmas and

Terry Gerber, president of the ski club, said this year's Christmas trip to Breckenridge, Colo. has been full for over a month.

A spring ski trip to Steamboat Springs, Colo. is also being planned and sign-ups will be held next semester, she said.

The Breckenridge group trip costs \$335 per person and includes bus transportation, lodging in condominiums, a four-day lift ticket and spe-

The price does not include lessons, Gerber said, but the people on the trip can decide whether they want to take lessons at the resort.
"We are bringing ski instructors

who teach the P.E. skiing classes here (at Texas A&M) to act as guides and help the beginners," she said.

For beginners, sometimes the hardest part of skiing is managing to get on and off the ski lifts.

Gerber said the best way to conquer the lifts is to follow the instructions of the people working the lift.

"Watch the people in front of you and tell the workers you've never been on a lift," she said.

D. Searcy, advisor for MSC Travel, said their organization has two January ski trips planned.

"Both of the trips are full," Searcy said, "but we are still taking names on the waiting liets."

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One of the trips, four days in Purgatory, Colo., is \$449 and includes lodging, transporation, breakfast and

dinner and lift tickets.

Ski rental is an extra \$35, she said 'We usually have a maximum of people on our trips but sometim we'll have less," Searcy said. "On 30 people are going on the Purgato. trip since we are flying."

The other trip to Winter Park, Col

includes the same package, she said but the price per person varies withe type of lodging chosen.

The prices for the five-day trip a \$399, \$409 and \$419. Transportatic for the Winter Park trip will be by bu Searcy said.

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The trips to Telluride, Colo. an Crested Butte, Colo. will both leav on March 11 and return on March 18 Searcy said.

Prices for the trips are not definit yet, she said, but Telluride will be maximum of \$320 and Crested Butt