

## FAMILIES GATHER FOR THANKSGIVING FEASTS & FESTIVITIES AT WINTERGREEN RESORT IN VIRGINIA'S BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS



WINTERGREEN, Va. (Oct. 19, 2016) — Wintergreen Resort in Virginia's picturesque Blue Ridge Mountains provides a warm and welcoming Thanksgiving setting for family gatherings that feature festive holiday meals, a cornucopia of entertainment, seasonal activities, accommodations to suit every size clan, and plenty of memory making.

Hearty Thanksgiving buffets will be offered on Thursday, November 25 at The Copper Mine Bistro, Devils Grill, and Stoney Creek Bar & Grill.

Guests who prefer dining in their home or condo may take advantage of Thanksgiving takeout and let the resort's expert chefs prepare a turkey with all the trimmings—cornbread stuffing, gravy, and homemade cranberry relish.

"Be Thankful" 5K run offers the perfect opportunity to work off some calories on Friday morning, November 26 at 9 a.m. at Bold Rock Cidery located in the Rockfish Valley. Proceeds from the entry fees benefit the Nelson County Community Fund.

Get prepared for the upcoming ski season at the annual Ski Swap, held at the Lookout Building. It's the perfect chance to buy or sell used skis, boots, snowboards, and ski clothing, with proceeds benefitting the Wintergreen Ski Patrol. Doors open Friday morning at 9 a.m. to receive consignments and start swapping.

Throughout the holiday weekend—November 24-27—guests will choose from a full slate of activities for all ages. Included on the memory menu are creative holiday crafting and aromatic gingerbread house workshops, and the Discovery Ridge Adventure Center, bungee trampolines, climbing wall, mechanical bull, and video games.

The spirited "Grand Illumination" kicks off Wintergreen's winter holiday season on Friday night, Nov. 26, with caroling, hot chocolate, a reading of "T'was the Night Before Christmas", and the official tree lighting on the outdoor Blue Ridge Terrace at the Mountain Inn.

Wreath making, kid's ornament workshops, holiday candy bingo, and other family-friendly fun will take place Saturday and Sunday.

Don't miss the white-out scheduled for Saturday night (with or without snow) at Discovery Ridge Adventure Center. A viewing of a favorite Warren Miller sports-action film, it is cosponsored by Freestyle and open to Wintergreen members and registered resort guests.

The Wintergreen Spa and Aquatics & Fitness Center will be open throughout the holiday weekend. Rejuvenating spa services include indulgent facials, warps, and salon treatments, plus there's an indoor pool, high-tech fitness equipment, and outdoor whirlpool with mountain backdrop.

Accommodations at Wintergreen Resort include 230 villa-style condominiums and rental units from studio suites to nine-bedroom homes, each offering a fully equipped kitchen and comfortable living area, most featuring fireplaces and a balcony or deck. For complete information, access the Web site at www.wintergreenresort.com.

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**About Wintergreen Resort:** Wintergreen Resort is an 11,000-acre, four-season resort located in the Blue Ridge Mountains southwest of Charlottesville, Va. This beautiful hideaway is the ultimate vacation and conference spot, nearly 230 condominium-style accommodations; 45 holes of championship golf; snow skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing; an award-winning tennis program; a full-service, destination spa; 40,000 square feet of meeting and event space; and savory dining options. The resort is located adjacent to the Blue Ridge Parkway in beautiful central Virginia near Charlottesville, just 90 minutes from Richmond, Va., three hours from Washington, D.C. and Raleigh, N.C., five and a half hours from Philadelphia, and eight hours from Atlanta. For more information, guests can call (434) 325-2200 or visit the resort's web site at www.wintergreenresort.com.

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