

What's New in Colorado Ski Country USA

Winter 2017-18



Olympics 2018- Colorado Ski Country will host two Olympic qualifying events, the US Grand Prix at **Copper Mountain** December 6-10, 2017; and at **Aspen Snowmass** January 10-14, 2018. Ski areas across the state will be celebrating the winter Olympics throughout the season with themed events open to the public such as races, Olympiads, sendoffs for athletes competing in the games and lessons or clinics led by former Olympians.

New Terrain- With one of the only major terrain expansions in the country, **Arapahoe Basin** will feature 468 new skiable acres with the Beavers and Steep Gullies open to the public. Elsewhere, **Purgatory Resort** will welcome new expert and intermediate trails and increase and improve their glade skiing acreage while **Loveland Ski Area** will expand its snowcat skiing operation.

New Lifts- **Eldora Mountain Resort**, a short drive from Boulder, CO, will debut a new six-person detachable lift, the first in its history. **Copper Mountain** will replace the Kokomo Lift with a new detachable quad chairlift. **Steamboat's** Gondola has undergone a major renovation to modernize and improve the guest experience, and at **Wolf Creek Ski Area** the new covered conveyor Lynx Lift will help beginners, experts and everyone in between access existing lifts and terrain.

Mountain Coasters- Four Colorado ski resorts will open year-round mountain coasters for guests looking for another exciting way to explore the mountain. A mountain coaster is a gravity-driven roller coaster elevated four to forty feet off the ground offering exhilarating thrills with dips, waves and 360 loops.

- **Aspen Snowmass's** Breathtaker alpine coaster, opening December 2017, will drop guests more than 400 vertical feet on a mile of turning track.
- **Copper Mountain's** Rocky Mountain Coaster, expected to open September 2017, will have a vertical drop of 430 feet on an average grade of 10.9%.
- **Purgatory Resort** will open their mountain coaster during the 2017-18 season. At 4,000 feet long and with a total descent of 300 feet, it's slated to be the *steepest mountain coaster in North America*.
- **Steamboat's** Outlaw Mountain Coaster opened in September 2017. The track descends more than 400 vertical feet, rises up to 40 feet above the ground and is projected to be the *longest mountain coaster in North America* at more than 6,280 feet.

Anniversaries- **Snowmass** will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary, including a day of 1967 lift ticket prices at \$6.50 on December 15, 2017. **Loveland Ski Area** will celebrate its 80th year of operations and **Cooper** will celebrate its 75th Anniversary with a big New Year's Eve party featuring fireworks. **Telluride** will turn 45 years old this winter.

New Lodging and Dining- **Copper Mountain** will open two new slopeside restaurants in its base area - Toast & Co. for a laid-back space for savory breakfast, brunch or evening libations and

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Ten Mile Tavern for an inviting restaurant and taproom featuring rustic modern interior décor, an indoor/outdoor fireplace, walk-up bar and elevated patio space for guests to gather. Copper will also feature a new lodge at the top of the Kokomo Express Lift to provide seating, casual dining and more, complete with a large outdoor deck and sweeping panoramas of Copper Mountain and Tenmile Range. **Cooper** will be serving delicious food, drinks and stunning panoramic views all season long in its new mountaintop yurt, and **Crested Butte** is installing a new pizza oven at the on-mountain Paradise Lodge. **Aspen Snowmass** will open a new 99-room ski in/ski out Limelight Hotel in 2018, complete with a fitness center, a climbing wall, an outdoor heated pool and hot tub, outdoor fire pits, ski concierges and ski & boot storage.

Women's Specific Clinics- Every ski resort in Colorado Ski Country offers women specific clinics. **Crested Butte** hosts Women's Tips on Tuesdays, a half-day lesson led by CBMR's top female pros that ends with a glass of wine. **Arapahoe Basin** hosts the Legendary Ladies clinic, a weekly women's lesson open to both skiers and snowboarders led by our specialized women's coaches. Celebrating 35 years in 2017-18, **Telluride's** Women's Ski & Wellness Week features yoga, meditation, wellness speakers and après fun with expert ski instruction. More than 30 years in the running, the four-day Women's Edge program at **Aspen Snowmass** is taught by PSIA-certified pros with an emphasis in women's ski instruction.