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Iowa Skiers Seek Other Slopes

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both last year's trip and this year's, said it was easy to find a group of 39 persons interested in skiing and eager to pool their resources and charter a bus to take them to Colorado.

The first trip of the club included ski fans from Cedar Rapids and one from Pittsburgh, Pa., as well as those from Des Moines.

CLUB MEMBERS plan a five-day mid-March skiing jaunt. They will leave Des Moines late in the evening on Thursday, Mar. 18. They will sleep on the bus, and will reach Winter Park around 9 a. m. Friday in time for three days of skiing. The bus will start back to Des Moines Sunday evening and arrive here Monday morning.

Expenses for the trip—transportation, lodging, meals and a three-day lift ticket—will be \$59.50 a person.

WHAT do ski fans do when the season ends and the snow slopes are turned back to the grazing cattle?

They water ski, of course.



"This is the way you prop your skis on the ski poles," Gwen explains to little Theresa.

The Dalbays bought a houseboat last year and spent long weekends cruising up and down the Mississippi River. The 40-foot houseboat sleeps 10 — "all in beds, too," says Mrs. Dalbey.

All the children are excellent swimmers and spend hours perfecting their skiing techniques as their mobile "summer cottage" loafs along the big river from the outskirts of Minneapolis in

the north to Davenport in the south.

Many Skiers

SKIING for Iowans was limited a few years ago to a few adults who would trek to Aspen, Colo., or to

Minnesota each winter and to youngsters who would skim down hilly front yards on inexpensive skis. Now there are hundreds of fans in the state who are regular and expert skiers, estimates Mr. Dalbey, who corresponds with a large number.

Among commercial ski runs in Iowa are those near Mount Vernon, Eldora and Des Moines. A private club has a ski hill near Cedar Rapids.

In addition, several groups throughout the state plan regular chartered bus trips to various resort areas in Minnesota, Wisconsin or the Rocky Mountain region.

The Chestnut Mountain Lodge at Galena, Ill., near Iowa's eastern border, where artificial snow substitutes for the real thing when necessary, also attracts many Iowa ski fans.

Trips similar to the Hawkeye Ski Club trip described in the story have been organized by a number of groups this winter, including the Des Moines Y. W. C. A., Drake University, Iowa State University, the University of Iowa, Grinnell College and Baylon Club, a Catholic club for young people.