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Winter Sports To Start at Ski Hill Soon

Ski Hill at Big Bearskin Lake on old Highway 51, 18 miles west of Rhinelander, will open for the second season as soon as there is enough snow, Frank Erlitz, proprietor, has announced. The capacity of the Hill this year will be 500 to 600 persons.

Since last season Erlitz has supervised many improvements on Ski Hill which he expects will be completed this week. The hill has been straightened and raised to make it one of the highest ski hills in northern Wisconsin. A warming house, where coffee and hot sandwiches will be served, has been built at the top and a parking lot has been formed. The entrance has been widened and an iced wooden toboggan slide will be ready when Ski Hill opens.

Approximately 24 new toboggans will be built and a new motor to run the ski tow has been installed in the improved motor room. Two improved safety switches for the ski tow have been added. Erlitz expects to have motor toboggans which will take persons on a trail through deer yards and swamps. An airplane with skis is expected to be available for passenger rides.

Although it is not a lodge or resort, Ski Hill is located in the vicinity of several winter resorts. Its facilities are used by winter vacationers. The Milwaukee railroad will run special ski cars from Milwaukee and Chicago to the vicinity.

Accommodations have been made for night skiing and the hill will be lit one night a week. The hill will be open Wednesday nights, Sunday afternoons and evenings and on request for parties until later in the season, when it will be open every afternoon and evening. The trail is to be decorated with Christmas trees and lights.

Music will be provided from a juke box.

Last year Minocqua and Tomahawk High School students met at Ski Hill for parties, Erlitz said. It is expected that other schools will attend skiing parties there this year.

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