

## WINTER SKI TRIP: Mammoth Mountain

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Over the extended Presidents' Day weekend, a group of Besant Hill students and faculty took a road trip to the Inyo National Forest and the breathtaking Mammoth Mountain, one of the premier skiing and snowboarding resorts in California. Mammoth Mountain has a summit at 11,053 feet above sea level and is known for its legendary snowfalls, providing a winter wonderland and playground for adventurers of all skill levels.





The Sierra Nevada mountain range received 380" of snow at its summit this past winter, which is less than usual; however, our students and team leaders had plenty of fun skiing the slopes and taking in the fresh mountain air. Our skiers and snowboarders ranged from beginning to experienced, and there was a place for everyone on the mountain, from ski lessons to more advanced slopes.

After each day of skiing or snowboarding, we would return to our cabin with many options for relaxation, whether it be in the community room, the sauna, or by the pool or hot tub. When it came time for our meals, small student groups had the opportunity to plan and cook breakfast and dinner for everyone. Rotating



responsibilities for cooking and cleanup promoted a sense of responsibility and togetherness among the students, fostering a community atmosphere that was enjoyable for adults and teenagers alike.

This Mammoth Mountain trip was nothing short of amazing for us all. By the end of our adventure, we had learned more about one another by exchanging a lot of laughs, smiles, and stories. Our Mammoth weekend concluded with a stop at Fossil Falls, where volcanic activity in the Coso mountain range, along with meltwater from glaciers in the Sierra Nevadas, created the spectacular lava falls. We returned to the

Besant Hill campus with lifelong memories of our time spent together in the snowy mountains, and we are very much looking forward to the next opportunity to explore the wilds of California with our students! •

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