How to Land a Great Job at a Ski Resort

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If you've commuted your last mile in bumper to bumper traffic and are ready to escape to the high country, then maybe working at a world class ski resort is for you.

While finding low paying jobs like lift operators or dishwashers is relatively easy, you may be surprised to learn that you can even find challenging, <u>career</u> opportunities at ski resorts. Here's how to get started.

Difficulty: Moderately Easy

Instructions

things you'll need:

- · Several months cash flow to tide you over
- 1 If you're interested in working at a ski resort where you normally ski, look into <u>job</u> opportunities for the following year while on your ski vacation.
- 2 Stop by the Human Resources department and fill out an application. Ask to see their current and future job postings.
- 3 If the resort has a web page, browse the employment section for opportunities and fill out an online job application.
- 4 Many ski resorts conduct job fairs in the late fall either near the resort or in a metropolitan city by the resort's closest airport. Dress professionally and bring a copy of your resume--many departments fill winter positions on site!
- 5 Ask about employee housing, health care programs and other important benefits you'll need. If you don't have a car, check into public transportation.
- 6 Follow all of the same job search techniques you'd use in the city if you're interested in a year round career opportunity at a resort: find out the name of the hiring manager in the department you want to work with, send them a resume, follow up with persistent but polite telephone calls and if at all possible, arrange a face to face meeting the next time you're in town.

Tips & Warnings

- Spread the word around the resort community that you're looking for a job. One of the best ways to find work is through word of mouth.
- Remember that many ski resorts have a zero tolerance drug policy and will require you to take a pre-employment drug test before starting work.
- The cost of living at a resort is high. Learn ways to live on a tight budget.

Resources

• Check Job Monkey for great resort jobs