13 of the best family ski resorts for all ages and skill levels

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Getting kids on skis as early as possible can be rewarding for a lifetime of skiing. But, planning a ski trip — especially with kids in tow — isn't as easy as just picking up and going. Instead of just "following the snow," you'll want to pick a ski mountain that truly caters to kids. One that offers top-notch ski lessons, kid-friendly trails and many off-the-snow activities as well.

So if this is the year you're ready to get your family on the mountain, here are some great family-friendly options for your next winter ski vacation.

Camelback Mountain Resort, Pennsylvania

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If your kids are just starting out, a smaller resort might feel less overwhelming for your family — but a small mountain doesn't mean less fun. Camelback Mountain Resort in the Poconos still offers 39 runs, with most lit up for night skiing.

After a day of skiing, your family can visit the Aquatopia Indoor Waterpark, where you can feel like it's summer all year round with 13 water slides, seven pools and many play structures. Combine that with many other activities, such as snow tubing and arcades, and your kids will never want to leave.

Where to stay at Camelback Mountain Resort

Fortunately, there are many different hotels nearby, which allows for every budget. But, if you really want to make your stay special for your family, there are three hotels that scream family-friendly thanks to their water park and activities offered. Camelback Lodge is right at the mountain, offering ski-in/ski-out accommodations. It's also home to the aforementioned Aquatopia Indoor Waterpark.

Or, less than 20 minutes away, you can stay at Kalahari Resort or Great Wolf Lodge, with both featuring their own indoor waterpark and many kids' areas. The Parenthood Adventures has a great comparison of all three resorts so you can pick the one that works best for your family.