

# *The Alf Engen Ski Museum*

## *Field Trip Curriculum*

### **Introduction to Teachers**



#### **Utah Winter Sports: Field Trip**

The Alf Engen Ski Museum welcomes you and your class as you prepare to visit us at the Joe Quinney Winter Sports Center, Utah Olympic Park in Park City, Utah. We think you'll be amazed at all you will learn! Have fun as you prepare your students for this hands-on educational experience by using the pre-visit activities in this book, all based on Utah State Core Curriculum concepts.

While at the Alf Engen Ski Museum, search for the answers to our "Utah Winter Sport Secrets" challenge, and watch your students gain a deeper understanding of the important roles science, social studies, and language arts play in the world of sports. After your visit, reinforce what your students have learned with the post-trip activities found in this book. We are excited to have you and your students participate in the Alf Engen Ski Museum experience!

#### **Utah Olympic Park**

A tour of the park will take you to the track where Olympians competed in bobsledding, luge, and skeleton. You will see where medals were won and Olympic heroes were made.



Your visit may include watching young people training to be ski jumpers, learning tricks on the trampoline, ski jumping, and performing freestyle aerials into a swimming pool.

#### **The Alf Engen Ski Museum**

The Alf Engen Ski Museum was built to preserve the rich history of skiing in Utah. Displays focus on the development of skiing, changes in athletic competition, snow safety, ski innovation and ski instruction.

While at the Museum you will:

- Watch an introductory film showing how skiing has changed over time and the influence of early skier Alf Engen
- Participate in the interactive displays found in the Alf Engen Ski Museum.
- Tour the Utah Olympic Park and see several Olympic venues

During a class visit to the Alf Engen Ski Museum and through pre-field trip lessons, students will have authentic learning experiences that reflect Utah's fascinating and ever changing history.

Through this unit of study students will:

- Improve literacy and comprehension through the reading and study of the pre-field trip background information
- Learn and experience numerous Utah State Core Curriculum requirements in science, social studies, and language arts.
- Relate how Utah's winter sports industry reflects and influences Utah's economy.
- Discuss ways in which Utah's natural resources are valued.

- Explore the history of Utah skiing and the history of Park City.
- Read and discuss the biographical sketches of local sports legend Alf Engen and philanthropist and ski area developer Joe Quinney.
- Review how technology, immigration, historical changes, economic values, weather, tourists and local leaders have played an important role in the growth of the winter sports industry in Utah.



### Teacher Field Trip Information

- No food or drink is allowed in the museum area.
- We request students not bring backpacks or other personal belongings (headsets, electronic games etc.).
- Maximum number of students for each field trip is 65-70
- Before arriving at the Utah Olympic Park, please divide your students into two even groups.
- Plan to spend two and a half hours at the Park, including one hour in the museum.
- Upon arrival, students will first view the introduction film, then half of the students will tour the venues while the other half tours the museum. After approximately one hour the two groups will switch places.
- Please provide an adult chaperone for every 5 –8 students.

### How to Use this Book

The Alf Engen Ski Museum Activities Book was written by teachers for teachers with the goal of providing high-interest lessons that teach Utah Core Curriculum concepts and directly correspond to the field trip experience. Through these lessons, students will experience the relevance of what they learn in class to the real world, particularly the world of winter sports.

The Activities Book is divided into several areas. The first section pertains to “Secrets” or background reading material for the students use in classroom reading instruction. Copy this material for each student.

This information will increase the educational value of the field trip experience. The reading section can be used to strengthen reading comprehension, to learn vocabulary and spelling words and as a component of classroom social studies instruction.

Please read the lessons carefully as there are many pre- and post-visit activities. Lessons are centered around four key areas: Science and Technology, History, Economics, and the Water Cycle. At the end of the activities you will find additional readings, a glossary, and Scavenger Hunt questions.

We hope that you and your students enjoy your experiences at the Alf Engen Ski Museum!

Information about the Alf Engen Ski Museum at the Joe Quinney Winter Sports Center is available on the Web at : <http://engenmuseum.org/index1.html>

Reference to Alf Engen scrapbooks held in the J. Willard Marriott Library [www.lib.utah.edu/spc/mss/accn1006/accn1006.html](http://www.lib.utah.edu/spc/mss/accn1006/accn1006.html)

The Utah Ski Archives may be located on the Web at: <http://www.skiarchives.org>

Park City Historical Society & Museum  
[www.parkcityhistory.org](http://www.parkcityhistory.org)

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