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Greetings!

On behalf of the NH Division of Travel and Tourism Development, I write to share with you some possible story ideas for the long Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Weekend, January 15-18, 2010. Here is a sampling of the many experiences and locations for activities throughout the state:

Cultural Experiences

28th Annual Martin Luther King Day Community Celebration in Manchester on Monday, January 18th will celebrate the life and The Dream of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King at Saint George Orthodox Cathedral. The event will kick off at 2:00 with a potluck dinner, followed by the program from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Enjoy the Central High School Jazz Band, entertainment by Rhythm of New Hampshire Show Choir, guest speaker Michah Pollock, PH.D, Harvard professor and author, and much more. www.martinlutherkingcoalition.org/celebration.htm .

Outdoor Adventures

BALSAMS Winterfest Weekend in Dixville Notch, January 15 -17, will kick off the weekend with a special guest reception on Friday night followed by a full weekend of events including ice carving demonstrations, live music, sleigh rides, food and beverage specials, culinary demonstrations, a cross country ski trip to Mud Pond for lunch, children's activities, and a Torchlight parade and fireworks at the Wilderness Ski Area. www.thebalsams.com

On January 17, 2010, the **Dartmouth Cross Country Ski Center** will be having a [Special MLK Weekend Story Time and Marshmallow Roast](#) from 11 am to 12 noon. In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend, stories will be read to children ages 3-8 accompanied by parents, by the fireplace in the main room of the Dartmouth Outing Club House. Roast marshmallows by the campfire, skate, XC Ski, or sled.

Squam Lakes Association in Holderness is hosting [Winterfest](#) on January 16 for a day of free family fun. Activities include: sledding, skating, snowshoeing, chili competition, x-country skiing, snowman making, marshmallow toasting by the fire. www.squamlakes.org/index.php

Families can participate in the **Snowshoe Instructional Nature Tour** in Jackson on January 16, 2010. Enjoy a guided group outing, including technique tips along the way. The perfect introduction to snowshoeing and the winter woods. Fee \$10/\$8 for annual members. Rental snowshoes are available. Skill Level: First-timers to expert. www.jacksonxc.org

Great Glen Trails Women's Winter Escape in Gorham is hosting a special weekend that has been designed by women to be the ultimate on-snow getaway. Focus on health, relaxation and fun. Special cross country ski clinics taught by women, yoga, massage, a functional fashion show, snowshoe tours, a demo day, and dinner. \$145 per person, limited to 35, all meals included. January 16-17. www.greatglentrails.com

Loon Mountain in Lincoln, New Hampshire will be hosting the **Independence Weekend Celebration** January 16 – 18. Enjoy snow cat rides, a torch light parade and fireworks! www.loonmtn.com

Indoor Celebrations

Ralph Page Dance Legacy Weekend in Durham will celebrate this New England tradition with an enjoyable weekend of fine contra and square dancing. For 22 years the [Ralph Page Dance Legacy Weekend](#) has been celebrating the music and dance traditions that we know as contra and square dancing – traditions that have been a part of New England for the past 200 years. Every year this event brings together some of the premier dance callers and musicians (as well as a lot of phenomenal dancers) and offers them unique learning and unparalleled dancing opportunities. \$80 walk in registration for the entire weekend. Individual sessions - \$8 - \$20. January 15 – 17.

Lodging Specials

Town Square Condos in Waterville Valley will be offering [Martin Luther King Free Night Special](#) January 15-18, 2010. Stay Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights at the Town Square Condos on Martin Luther King weekend and get a voucher for a free midweek night. Enjoy skiing, tax-free shopping, and various area events. www.waterville.com/winter

The **Appalachian Mountain Club** is hosting a [Mid-Month Ski Weekend](#) in North Conway January 16-18. Enjoy a weekend skiing at North Conway N.H. X-Country/downhill. Accommodations are double occupancy right in North Conway at the Colonial Motel. \$185 includes 2 nights lodging, fabulous Sat. dinner, 2 complete breakfasts and one x-country ski ticket or comparative discount on downhill ticket. www.outdoors.org

For more lodging packages, visit www.visitnh.gov/where-to-stay/lodging.aspx

For a more extensive list of places to enjoy the long weekend in New Hampshire, or for more information on anything you're interested in learning more about, please let us know.

Thank you for your consideration.

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