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Providing fitness and community for individuals and families of Czech, Slovak and Moravian heritage, as well as for any other interested persons.

▶ **December 26, 2021 -
January 2, 2022**

▶ *Where:*

Hunter Mountain, NY

Contact:
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The interested families need to contact us with the subject line “Winter ski camp” before September 30, 2021.

In the email please include name of each person who would be coming to the camp; please include age of a child.

We expect that a deposit (\$500-1,000 per family) will be required by the end of October at the latest.

To guarantee safety, Sokol will require all participants older than 12 years to be fully vaccinated before the camp and to provide proof of vaccination by December 1, 2021. Once at Hunter, we will follow and implement all valid anti-pandemic recommendations.

Hunter uses **Epic Pass**; you may be familiar from other mountains in the area (details here). Lift passes are likely to be more expensive than at Burke, but we will explore group discounts once we have an estimated number of participants.

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WINTER SKI TRIP is back for 2021

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Covid has changed many things. Not least, it terminated Sokol's long residency at Burke Mountain in Vermont. After fifteen seasons, it is time to move on. The four condos we all lived in and loved, have been sold off last year to individual owners who decided not to put them up for rental. With no other lodging available in the area, we have to pick up our sticks and look for alternatives.

For the week between December 26, 2021, and January 2, 2022, Sokol will organize a ski camp at the **Hunter Mountain** (details here). Hunter says it is “**the closest big mountain close to NYC,**” which makes it the closest big mountain close to Washington DC as well. It is located in Hunter, NY, some 340 miles and 5.5 hours from Washington. Hunter's top is at 3,200 feet, which is similar to Burke's 3,300 feet, 100% of their trails have snow making and there are some intriguing north-facing trails that promise challenging skiing. The historical snow reports are **here** for those interested.

The accommodation in Hunter is, at the moment, available in private houses. Sokol has reserved three houses that should accommodate 9-12 families. The reservations will expire in mid-October when we expect to fix the plans. Houses we have reserved (all at VRBO) look similar to Burke's (improved) condos, but it is difficult to guess their actual state before we arrive. They are in close proximity (less than a half-mile, gauged by Google Maps), but not directly adjoin. They are less than a mile from the mountain base, but we do not know if the mile is skiable, walkable, or whether we will need cars to get to the mountain.

Given the ongoing travel restrictions, we do not plan to bring ski instructors from the Czech Republic this year. We believe that we will be able to set up instructors from our own resources, using older/adult kids and advanced (and tolerant) skiers among ourselves.

We have to stress that as we are moving the camp from the well-known environment of Burke Mountain onto the unknown, we need to be prepared for surprises. All participants will be asked to be flexible and patient. We do not know what will be the Covid situation in mid-December, so we may be prepared for a last-minute cancellation, even if it means a financial loss for us.

We will be happy to provide more details as we go along.

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