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December 10, 2008

Dear Friends,

We know it is winter because we took a icy slide down Scenic Drive and skidded onto County H. Why did we choose to move to an area whose dialect includes 27 words for snow and 31 words for ice?!

The kids helped prepare the Thanksgiving feast this year. We made the usual fare, including copycat KFC gravy for Zach. Dinner was on time and delicious, with no injuries and only a few testy words. Success!

Last summer Andrew was the catcher on his baseball team – league champs. He is now finishing up basketball season. The other three of us are spectators. Zach and his buddies sit in the opposing stands ... near the cheerleaders.

The morning after Halloween, I glanced out the window to see the boys sliding down the hill on snowboards, without snow. The fallen leaves completely covered the grass. Who knew you could go sledding in the fall?

Andy is waiting for a just a bit more snow to begin practicing for the skiing portion of the beer-drinking rugby party that surrounds the Birkie. His former rugby buddies, now cross country ski enthusiasts, bring an atmosphere to the event – sometimes questionable, but always fun. Last year's commemorative tee shirt was printed with "I came. I skied. I heaved! J. Caesar (on why we won't invade Norway)."

I am not teaching this year, which I miss, but not too much. I have more time to assume goddess of the lodge responsibilities. After 19 years, I am not sure exactly what I do, but I am getting pretty efficient at doing it.

Misty and Jake wrestle and compete for position. Sometimes she just lies down and blocks him from the food dish. He barks till one of us asks her to move. They keep the lively place livelier (and hairier).

We are getting a bit of work done on the cabins. We gave Cabin #3 a picture window – this cabin has such a pretty setting, now it can be better enjoyed from inside. We are painting walls in the new cabins. We plan to get the carpet and linoleum replaced in Cabin #8. There are other repairs and upgrades waiting patiently in the queue.

We appreciate your friendship. May you capture the joy of the coming holiday season.

Andy, Marilyn, Andrew and Zach
Misty and Jake



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