

Rocky Path to the top



"It's free and fun, and it's a good way to keep my climbing skills and save money because it is free,"

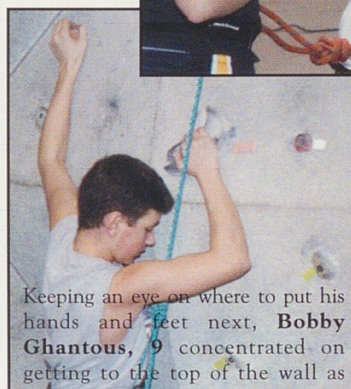
-Matt Herrick, 12

After a long day of sitting still in classrooms, some students craved some adrenaline. Rock Climbing Club was the perfect find for them. Not only did they get to have tons of fun, but they got to feel what it was like to really be a rock climber.

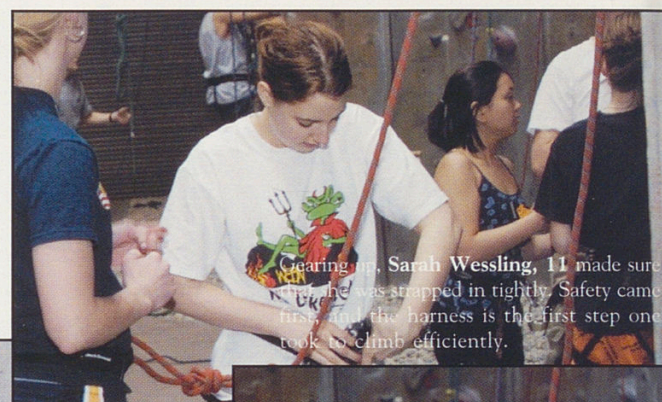
"I really enjoy the outdoors and it gives me the chance to do something I like," said **Ryan Sayre, 11**.

The short trip to Rock Quest and Canyon Gorge, in Xenia, OH, was well worth the rest of the day. First students were given the proper attire and protective gear before they took a stab at the walls at Rock Quest. The feeling of touching the big metal bar at the top of the each wall was a huge rush for each student.

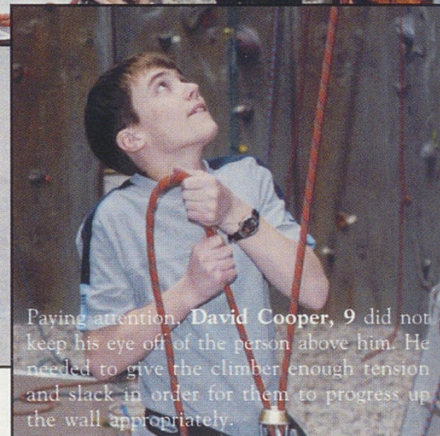
"I thought it would be a good break from school because I enjoy it," said **Sam Stoughton, 11**.



Keeping an eye on where to put his hands and feet next, **Bobby Ghantous, 9** concentrated on getting to the top of the wall as



Gearing up, **Sarah Wessling, 11** made sure she was strapped in tightly. Safety came first, and the harness is the first step one took to climb efficiently.



Paying attention, **David Cooper, 9** did not keep his eye off of the person above him. He needed to give the climber enough tension and slack in order for them to progress up the wall appropriately.

If someone was ever looking to add some excitement to their typical school day, finding them in Rock Climbing Club was very likely.

By Lauren Fox

Hitting the Slopes



"Skiing is so much fun. I love going to Perfect North,"

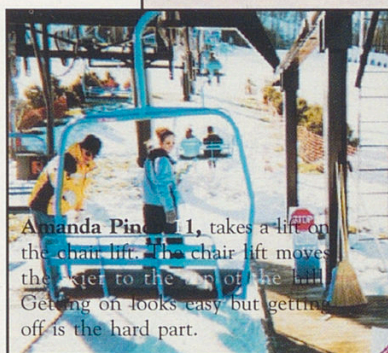
-Amanda Pineo, 11

Every Tuesday in the winter months students prepared for their chance to hit the slopes at Perfect North Slopes. Students dressed in snow pants, wool socks and warm clothes for the cold nights of skiing.

Beginners as well as advanced skiers joined the club. The skiers spent the afternoon and evening till eight thirty skiing. The Ski Club had almost 150 members.

New this year snowboards were allowed at Perfect North Slopes. Snowboarders as well as skiers joined the club. Snowboarders and skiers enjoyed this Ski Club more than ever. Snow piled on during the winter season and the season proved to be one of the best for skiers in Indiana. The real snow at Perfect North let skiers experience what real skiing was like.

"The best thing about Ski Club was being able to snowboard with out the big crowds," said **Amanda Morgan, 11**.



Amanda Pineo, 11, takes a lift on the chair lift. The chair lift moves the skier to the top of the run. Getting on looks easy but getting off is the hard part.

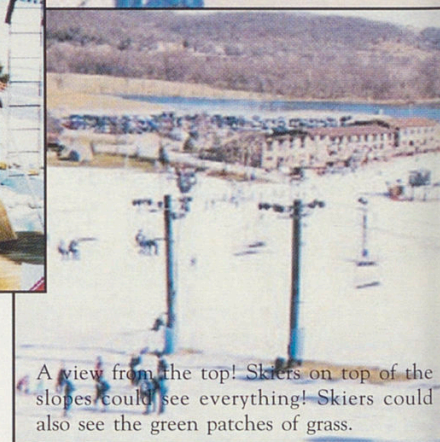
"It was an awesome season, with the snow conditions being the best we have seen in years.

We had lots of student participation and only one trip to the hospital this year...well, **Dr. Gene Donatell**, and I consider that to be a very successful season," said **Mrs. Pat Clark**, counselor and advisor of Ski Club.

By Laura Eastes



Ready, set, ski! Students learn how to ski with group lessons. Ski Club allowed beginners a chance to learn how to ski and experienced the joy of skiing.



A view from the top! Skiers on top of the slopes could see everything! Skiers could also see the green patches of grass.