

RIGHT: Simple, snow-covered greenery sets an immediate holiday mood for visitors entering the Lloyds' home.

As soon as their three sons began to express an interest in skiing and snowboarding, Andrew and Elizabeth Lloyd realized their primary home on the New Jersey shore wasn't going to cut it. Three years ago, they began scouting locations to build a second home, preferably near the slopes and definitely made of logs.



Snow Hideaway

ONE FAMILY'S GETAWAY HOME IN UPSTATE NEW YORK BECOMES
A SKIER'S PARADISE DURING THE WINTER MONTHS.

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Touches of natural greenery set the scene for Christmastime entertaining in the great room. Ready to serve, the home's dining room boasts ample space for a dozen or more guests.

With stainless steel appliances and an island that seats five, the open kitchen can accommodate a crowd.



"We rented a home for a week in Windham, New York, and found it to be a great, family-oriented mountain environment," says Elizabeth Lloyd, adding that the family "fell in love with the log home concept for its rustic, woody appeal."

Also drawing the Lloyds to the moun-

tains was the post-9/11 impact on Andrew's daily life. Working in Manhattan, he "wanted a retreat to go to when work—and the world—got crazy," recalls Elizabeth.

The Right Site

The Lloyds consulted with Tom Poelker of

Alta Log Homes, who was able to offer a range of land options within a subdivision that the log dealer owned. Taken in by one site's picturesque view and low density, the Lloyds signed on the dotted line.

"As soon as we saw the land, we knew we wanted it," Elizabeth says. "We're not on top of our neighbors, and it gives us the feeling of being in the middle of the woods."

Located in a hemlock forest overlooking the ski area, the site required special attention in that the builder could only cut down the trees that truly needed to be cleared to make way for the home.

First Resort

Chosen both for its local presence and track record for building log homes, Alta worked with the Lloyds to create the perfect ski retreat. "We went out and bought a stack of log home magazines and studied the floorplans," says Elizabeth. The Lloyds then customized one of Alta's stock plans to meet their needs.

Those needs included an open great room that encompasses a living room, dining room, fireplace and ample space for entertaining. Walls were bumped out to widen the space further, and floor-to-ceiling windows afford an excellent view of the mountains, with snow-covered trees in the foreground.

"Sometimes we have 13 people for breakfast," says Elizabeth, who spends every weekend between Thanksgiving and April with family and friends at the six-bedroom, four-bath home. "We generally bring two families with us on every trip."

After a day of skiing, visitors typically enjoy a dip in the hot tub, located on the home's rear deck. A walkout basement—made possible by the site's gentle slope—is partially dedicated to playing and entertaining, with the rest of the space used for children's bedrooms, complete with bunk beds.

Built for Fun

Constructed from double tongue-and-groove interlocking Eastern white pine logs, the home spans 4,600 square feet and includes rustic enhancements typical of homes in the Adirondack and Catskill mountains.

"There are a lot of ground and peeled logs, and exterior railings," says Tom, whose firm



GET DOWN TONIGHT

At their full-time home near the Jersey shore, Andrew and Elizabeth Lloyd don't have much opportunity to play in their basement...mainly because they don't have one. So when it came time to build their mountain getaway, they created a basement to die for, complete with bedrooms, a bathroom and lots of space for fun.

"It's great to have a basement where the kids can go with their friends and hang out and have fun,"

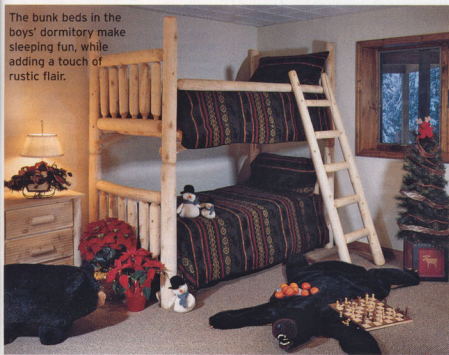
says Elizabeth, who, in helping create the home's floorplan, split the area into sleeping space and "fun" space.

The latter features a foosball table, ping-pong table and wet bar, while the former is occupied by a "girls' suite" on one side and a bunkroom (for the boys) on the other. The spacious basement, combined with the family-oriented atmosphere found upstairs, has helped the Lloyds create the perfect ski getaway.

A small window built into the master bedroom's sloped wall provides a unique view of the mountains.



The bunk beds in the boys' dormitory make sleeping fun, while adding a touch of rustic flair.



The home's master bathroom features large, rectangular sinks and ample space for bathing and pampering.



finished the home in one year, in time for Christmas. Once the structure was completed, Elizabeth relied on her own tastes and instincts to select the home's mountain-style decor.

Elizabeth says she wanted her Adirondack-inspired decor to create a relaxed, low-maintenance environment—and the home has plenty of other amenities that also

achieve the same effect. The built-for-a-crowd kitchen features stainless steel appliances, custom cabinetry and a wine cellar. A center island accommodates five people in a room that was much smaller on the original stock floorplan.

"At first I thought it was going to be too big, but we really love it," says Elizabeth, who enjoys being able to view mountains

from every room in the house. On those rare occasions when their gaze isn't directed outdoors, a big-screen TV gives the family a place to watch the day's home movies.

"We can plug a digital camera in and see the kids skiing and snowboarding, and hear it all in surround sound," Elizabeth says. "It's the perfect ending to a lot of perfect days." ■

HOME DETAILS

■ **Square footage:** 4,600

■ **Builder:** Dennis Hatt Custom Builder

■ **General contractor:** Tom Poelker

■ **Log producer:** Alta Log Homes

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