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## BAD DAD

# 'Send Your Daughter to Work' Decade

BY DAVID GOODMAN

SOME POP! DAVID GOODMAN WANTS HIS OWN DEAR DAUGHTER TO GROW UP TO BE A...

**Parents dream big:** they want an Ivy League education for their precious ones, followed by marriage into a blueblood family, and then everybody sails off into the sunset.

Ski bums think much bigger than that. For my teenage daughter, I'm thinkin'... chambermaid. That's right, I want her to clean people's rooms and serve burgers... at the bottom of the Collins Chairlift at Alta. That way, yours truly scores a place to crash within minutes of the lifts, in perpetuity. Or until she gets fired.

I spent two winters talking to and skiing with the ski-bum maids and waiters who work and live at two of Alta's legendary lodges, Goldminer's Daughter and Rustler Lodge. Here is some of the wisdom they shared about what many consider to be the best job in skierdom:

### **Trainer Mahun, 59, Cook and Server at GMD since 1979**

*Why Alta?* When I came in '79, it was the only place with good snow at Thanksgiving. It was fate.

*What do you like doing most here?* Shooting big guns. When I'm not at GMD, I'm on the gun crew shooting avalanches.

*Anything to avoid here?* There's two things you don't bring to Alta: your girlfriend and your VW van. Because neither one is gonna make it through the season.

*Advice to others?* Come out and have the best time of your life and tell it to your grandkids.



Trainer Mahun

### **Leisa Jesser, 28, Bartender, GMD since 2004**

*Home:* Shrewsbury, Vermont

*Why Alta?* I followed my two sisters here.

*Dangers of Alta?* If you are addicted to powder, alcohol or drugs, this place would be heaven and hell for you.

*Your perfect day:* Stormide all day. Then, like snapping your fingers, it's a bluebird day, everything opens and you ski your favorite runs.



Leisa Jesser

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### Meghan Sitcoske, 24, Server, Rustler Lodge since 2004

*Home:* Rhode Island

*Were you a skier before?* Not a very good one. Last year I got 100 days of skiing in. It was sink or swim. You improve quick.

*Your future?* I know I can't do this life forever. But I don't know how I'll ever leave.

### Brittany Bubba' Lewis, 21, Server, GMD since 2008

*Why Alta?* Because there's no better place in the world.

*What do your parents say?* My dad tells me, "I hope you ski every day."

*How long will you return?* Till I die!



### Brian Good, 24, Prep Cook, Rustler Lodge since 2004

*Home:* Saratoga, New York

*Does work ever get in the way of skiing?* You can't play all the time, but you can pretty much just wake up and ski till you gotta work.

*Advice to others:* Go to college first. If you come here first, you won't leave.

*Do friends visit you?* Oh yeah, friends come and stay on my couch at the Rustler. But if they come, they gotta work. They usually have to shovel snow.

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life forever. But I don't  
know how I'll ever leave."

### Ariel Goodman, 15, Alta maid-in-training...

Why is this girl smiling? Perhaps at 14, Ariel is too young to know that her father plans to trade away her education for a life of dirty dishes and unmade beds so that he may satisfy his craving for fresh powder and free lodging.

