Awaken to the Adventure that is:

Greene County
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THESIS

– Greene County is defined by its recreational activities because it has always been tied to the mountain region, valley region, and the river region- there is something for everyone!
Midterm Overview

• First we will delve into topics discussed from our midterm assignment (OUR WONDERFUL PREZI) including...
  – Highlights
  – Some history...
    • Hunter Mountain
    • Windham Mountain
  – Kaaterskill Falls
  – Hudson-Athens Lighthouse
Highlights include great restaurants, shopping and a variety of outdoor activities including horseback riding, golf, a roller rink, raptor center, hiking, biking, Zoom Flume Water Park, and a number of fairs and festivals.
History

Greene County is home to the Catskill Mountains.
This is the sight of many different trails and activities that people can go to in order to see all of the mountains and the beautiful scenic views of the mountains.

The highest point of the Catskill Mountains is at Hunter Mountain.
Hunter Mountain and Windham Mountain are two popular locations that we will be discussing.

There is more than just skiing, snowboarding, and tubing at Hunter Mountain, there is also the New York Zip line Adventure this is the longest, fastest and highest zip line in North America.

Windham Mountain offers more winter fun, it should be noted that there are also numerous golf courses and hiking trails for all to take advantage of.
**Kaaterskill falls**

- These falls are known to be the highest two-tiered waterfall in New York State.
- This waterfall has inspired artists, poets, filmmakers, and photographers such as Thomas Cole and Washington Irving due to its stunning natural landscape.

**Hudson-Athens Lighthouse**

- The Athens Lighthouse, which was built in 1873, is a great attraction for the Preservation Society owns it and gives tours of the station. This tour is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the important impact the Hudson River played throughout the development of the upper Hudson River towns.
• We feature an itinerary with all of the attractions, hotels, and restaurants that tourists will be taking advantage of during their stay.
• There will also be a guidebook – which delves into more details about the sites we will be seeing!
Welcome to Greene County!

Day 1:
- Check in at Country Place Resort
- Zoom Flume
- Dinner at Frank Guido’s Port of Call
Country Place Resort

- Located in the Northern Catskill Mountains
- Unlimited Admission to Zoom Flume
- Wide array of outdoor activities including outdoor pool, lake with fishing, playgrounds, and more!

Zoom Flume

- Largest waterpark in the Catskills
- Free Admission when you stay at the Country Place Resort
- Waterslides, Lazy River, Activity Pool, Food Court

Frank Guido’s Port of Call Restaurant

- Located on the Catskill Creek
- Spectacular view of the Hudson River
- Seafood & Steak at a reasonable price
- Live music every Friday.
Day 1

• **10:00 AM**: Check in at the Country Place Resort
• **10:30 AM – 10:45 AM**: Settle in Deluxe Lakeside Room
• **11:00 AM – 4:00 PM**: It’s ZOOM FLUME TIME! Enjoy lunch at the Zoom Flume Food Court and then experience all the different rides and attractions in the waterpark.
• **4:00 PM**: Head back to the suite and get dressed nicely for dinner
• **5:00 PM**: Drive to Frank Guido’s Port of Call for dinner on the Hudson (30 min. drive)

• After settling in at the Deluxe Lakeside Room in the Resort, you and your family can walk to the Zoom Flume Waterpark located in the resort. Free admission for the family. At Zoom Flume, enjoy a simple lunch at the food court and then be prepared for some waterpark fun!
• After a fun-filled day at the Zoom Flume Waterpark, you and your family will go to the Catskill area and experience a beautiful view of the Hudson while eating a delicious meal for dinner. Your reservation is at 5:45PM.
• After enjoying your meal, you will head back to your resort for the rest of the evening and enjoy different activities available to you and your family at the resort.
Day 2

- Brunch at Country Place Resort
- Kaaterskill Falls Trail
- Dinner at Country Place Resort
Kaaterskill Falls

-Located along the eastern edge of the Catskill State Park
-Known to be the highest two-tiered waterfall in New York State
-Spectacular natural landscape

Country Place Resort Dining

-Located in their own treetop dining room overlooking Zoom Flume Water Park.
-Full breakfast, lunch and dinner served.
-Wonderful wait staff.
Day 2

- **9:00 AM**: Rise and shine! Get ready to go hiking. Pack up some snacks and wear comfortable clothing and hiking shoes.
- **10:00 AM**: Enjoy a nice brunch at the resort’s dining area.
- **11:00 AM**: Get on the road to Kaaterskill Falls Trail!
- **12:00 PM**: Park at the turn-around at the end of Laurel House Road. (Route 23A)
- **4:00 PM**: Return back to the parking lot the same way you came.
- **5:00 PM**: Back to the resort and get ready for dinner
- **6:30 PM**: Enjoy a lovely dinner at the Resort’s dining area.

- After a good night of sleep, you and your family will be going on a fun-filled hiking adventure to Kaaterskill Falls. After enjoying breakfast at the dining area in the resort, you will all drive to the Trail Head to the top of Kaaterskill Falls from the NYS Thruway

- After a nice hike to the beautiful Kaaterskill Falls, you and your family must be exhausted but hungry as well. You and your family will enjoy dinner at the resort in the treetop dining room overlooking the Zoom Flume Waterpark. Reservations were made for 6:30PM. Enjoy.
Day 3:
- Spending the day at Windham Mountain.
- Bike Riding Adventure.
- Dinner at Messina’s Italian Restaurant
Windham Mountain

-Located in the Northern Catskill Mountains
- Offers: (Winter) Skiing, Snowboarding, snowshoeing, snow tubing, and an ice rink
- (Summer): Biking, Hiking, Euro Bungee, Rock Climbing Wall, The Northeast’s first Big Air Bag.

Biking Information

-Miles of quiet and scenic country roads make for great cross-country cycling tours, and mountain biking on the trails Windham Mountain offers speed, thrills and an eagle’s-eye view of Greene County’s high peaks.

Messina’s Italian Restaurant

Description: Family owned and operated. Offers a large selection of pasta dishes that are sure to please. They also offer pizza and calzones! Our inventive cuisine, attentive service, and a casual, atmosphere has made them one of the most popular restaurants in town for 7 years.
Day 3

- **8:00AM**: Wake Up
- **9:00AM-10:30AM**: Breakfast at the hotel
- **11:00AM**: Depart for Windham Mountain
- **1:00pm-2:30pm**: Bike Ride
- **2:30pm-3:30pm**: Scenic Lunch
- **3:30pm-5:00pm**: Bike Ride
- **5:00pm-6:00pm**: Hand back rental equipment
- **6:30pm-8:00pm**: Dinner at Messina’s Italian Restaurant
- **9:00pm**: Bedtime for children
- **10:30pm**: Bedtime for parents

- After a nice fulfilling breakfast at the resort, you will head off to Windham Mountain. Upon your arrival to Windham Mountain you will head to the Windham Mountain Outfitters to pick up your rented helmets and mountain bikes.
- You will stop for lunch along the trail!
- After a long day of intense biking, you and your family are sure to have worked up quite the appetite. From Windham Mountain, you will venture off out to the Windham area to have an exquisite meal at Messina’s Italian Restaurant.
- After a full meal (with dessert of course), you will be headed back to your resort for the evening.
Day 4

- Breakfast at Country Place Resort
- Hunter Mountain
- NY Ziplining Tour
- Dinner at the Prospect Restaurant
Hunter Mountain

Description of what the mountain offers: (Winter) Snowboarding/Skiing (55 different trails), snowshoeing, snow tubing. (Summer) Hunter Mountain will be operating New York State’s first six-passenger high speed detachable lift, the Kaaterskill Flyer. They will also be hosting the longest and highest zipline and canopy tour in North America.

NY Ziplining Tour

The longest & highest zipline canopy tour in North America, featuring over 4 miles of ziplines, some reaching heights of nearly 600 feet above the ground.

The Prospect Restaurant

- The Prospect’s menu offer diners a variety of American regional and New York state dishes, beautifully presented in a dining room offering breathtaking views of the Great Northern Catskills
- Everything is made to order.
Day 4

- 9:00am: Wake up call
- 10:00am: Breakfast at the resort
- 11:30am: Off to Hunter Mountain
- 12:30pm: Skyrider Tour at the New York Adventure Tours
- 4:00pm: Tour ends
- 6:00pm: Reservations at The Prospect Restaurant
- 8:00 pm: Back to the resort
- 9:30pm: Bingo Night at the Resort
- 11:00pm: Bedtime

- After a great sleep, you and your family are ready again for another fun-filled summer day at another mountain that Greene County has to offer – Hunter Mountain.
- You and your family will have the chance to try your luck with the “Skyrider Tour,” your reservation for this tour starts promptly at 12:30. You will be assisted by the very helpful and friendly staff on how to go about your adventure filled tour. Pricing is $119 per person, however there are group rates available for you and your family.
- Your tour will end by 4:00pm, and its been another long day – good thing you have reservations for 6:00pm at the wonderful Prospect Restaurant in Hunter, NY.
- After a scenic and filling meal, you and your family are ready to head back to the resort to unwind in the outdoor swimming pool and Jacuzzi. Tonight is Bingo Night 😊
Day 5:
- Spending the day back at Hunter Mountain.
- Scenic Skyride
- The International Celtic Festival
Skyrider Tour 2012

Features the six-passenger Kaatskill Flyer detachable chairlift. This state-of-the-art lift will take you in comfort to the 3,200 foot summit of Hunter Mountain’s skiable terrain. One can enjoy amazing views of the high peaks of the northern Catskills.

The International Celtic Festival

- Featuring entertainment from the Emerald Isles, plus world-class Irish-American bands and dancers. Dozens of authentic Irish vendors, traditional foods, and beverages.
- Sunday features a Bagpipe Competition and a Fireworks Display!
Day 5

- 8:00am: Wake up call
- 9:00am: Breakfast at the Resort
- 11:00am: Arrive at Hunter Mountain
- 11:30: Skyride Tour
- 12:30pm Finish Skyride Tour
- 1:30pm-10:00pm: The International Celtic Festival
- Fireworks at 9:00pm
- 10:00pm Drive back to resort
- 10:30pm Bedtime

Today at Hunter Mountain, you and your family have the unique opportunity of taking a ride on the Summer Skyride Tour. Your tour is scheduled to take off at 11:30am.

You will be completing your tour of the Catskill Skyline by 12:30, which will give you and your family the unique opportunity to participate in the all-day Summer Festival taking place at Hunter Mountain.

You will have the unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the Irish culture by trying the types of dance, beverages, and especially food. You will enjoy your dinner and dessert here, before heading back to the resort for the evening after the fireworks show which is at 9pm.

You will head back to the resort extremely full and exhausted, but make sure to get enough rest for your final day in Greene County.
Day 6
- Check out of The Country Place Resort
- Brunch at the Athens Riverside Café
- Walking Tour of Athens
- Visit the Hudson- Athens Lighthouse.
- Depart Home
Athens Riverside Café

- Description: Family friendly service, cheaper meals – with bigger portions. Great Location for a walk along the Hudson River.

Walking Tour of Athens

Description: Incorporated in 1805, this waterfront village boasts two historic districts with over 300 buildings on the National and State Historic Registers exemplifying all types of American architecture from the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries.

The Hudson-Athens Lighthouse

- The Hudson–Athens lighthouse, also called the Hudson City light, is a lighthouse located in the Hudson.
- Tours of the Hudson-Athens Lighthouse are now available on the second Saturdays of July, August, September and October.
Day 6

• 9:00am Wake up call
• 9:00am-10:00am Pack up belongings in preparation for checkout
• 10:00am Checkout of Country Place Resort
• 10:15am Depart for Athens
• 11:00am Resevation at the Athens Riverside Cafe
• 11:00-1:00pm Brunch
• 1:00pm-3:00pm Athens Village Walking Tour
• 3:00pm Tour of the Hudson Athens Lighthouse
• 5:30pm Head back to the car and prepare to depart homeward bound.

• It is the last day of your trip 😊 However you will be spending every last second having a great time at Greene County.
• You will be checking out of the resort prior to leaving for Athens. The checkout is to be done prior to 10:00am. You will be on the road heading towards Athens by 11:00am for brunch at the Athens Riverside Café.
• After your brunch, there is a unique opportunity to take a walking tour of the Athens Village. The Athens Village Walking Tour takes place at 1:00pm.
• This is a great opportunity for your family to become acquainted with all of the history surrounding Greene County – especially in the town of Athens. Your next stop will be to see the Hudson Athens lighthouse.
• You and your family will have the chance to take a tour of the Hudson- Athens Lighthouse at 3:00pm.
• Hard to believe it... But your whirlwind vacation is over! Once you complete your tour of the Hudson Athens Lighthouse it is time to head back home, and to tell all of your neighbors to make the trip to the eventful Greene County.
Lesson Plans -
Nick Kaszei

3rd Grade

Overview:
• Zoom Flume: Students will create their own design for a slide utilizing their artistic abilities and being creative
• Athens Lighthouse: Children will learn about the history behind the lighthouse and what makes it historically significant and act as a tour guide and teach the other students
• Hunter Mountain: Children will write a poem about their experiences on the mountain about their bike ride through the trails
• New York Zipline: Children will use their math skills to figure out calculate how long it takes for them to go across the entire zip line and make a bar graph of each student’s time to compare them
• Kaaterskill Falls: Children will collect different leaves, acorns and pieces of nature and learn how to distinguish the different species of leaves and enhance their knowledge of science

Goals: Children will utilize their skills in all five separate subject areas and have fun while learning
Lessons Cont.

Objectives:
• Zoom Flume: Students will create their own slide after seeing the multitude of slides at the Water Park and explain what makes their slides unique and why the park should build it. This will help them to engage their artistic abilities.
• Athens Lighthouse: Students will all be knowledgeable about the lighthouse and play tour guide and have a few facts prepared to present to the class when it is their turn. This emphasizes their understanding of the history of not only the lighthouse but also the Hudson River Valley.
• Hunter Mountain: After the bike ride through the trails of the mountain, children will write a poem about the experience. They are given complete freedom to write any type of poem they want and it can be about the experience of the bike ride or the surroundings.
• New York Zipline: Children will time their own personal experience of how long it takes them to complete the Zipline. After the children will receive a list of all of the times for every student in the class and create a bar graph to visual and compare the data.
• Kaaterskill Falls: Throughout the hike in Kaaterskill Falls children will collect different leaves and pieces of nature according to a sheet provided and the student that successfully collects the most wins.

English Language Arts
• Standard 1: Students will read, write, speak, and listen for information and understanding.
• Standard 2: Students will read, write, speak, and listen for literary response and expression.

The Arts
• Standard 1: Creating, Performing, and Participating in the Arts Students will actively engage in the processes that constitute creation and performance in the arts (dance, music, theatre, and visual arts) and participate in various roles in the arts

Science
• Standard 4: Science Students will understand and apply scientific concepts, principles, and theories pertaining to the physical setting and living environment and recognize the historical development of ideas in science.

Mathematics
• Standard 3: Mathematics (Revised 2005) Students will understand the concepts of and become proficient with the skills of mathematics; communicate and reason mathematically; become problem solvers by using appropriate tools and strategies; through the integrated study of number sense and operations, algebra, geometry, measurement, and statistics and probability.

Social Studies
• Standard 1: History of the United States and New York Students will use a variety of intellectual skills to demonstrate their understanding of major ideas, eras, themes, developments, and turning points in the history of the United States and New York.
Procedures:

• The following slides is the procedure of how a teacher would go about ensuring the students understand the objectives addressed:
  – Kaaterskill Falls
  – New York ZipLine
  – Hunter Mountain
    – Zoom Flume
  – Hudson-Athens Lighthouse
1. Students will be going around Kaaterskill Falls, looking for certain leaves and different pieces of nature.

2. The student will be given a picture of the piece of nature and a short description of what it looks like. They will also have a list that gives them all the names of the pieces of nature so they can check them off.

3. Students will be walking around when they are taking a tour looking for these pieces of nature.

4. When the students find the certain piece of nature, they will check it off of the list that they have received.

5. The student who has found the most pieces of nature will win a prize (candy) at the end of the trip.

• **Materials:**

  1. Pen
  2. Picture and description of nature pieces
  3. Check list of pieces of nature
  4. Candy
See if you can find a rock carving on the tour around the Kaaterskill Falls!!
There will be a marking of a picture, maybe of a face or a leaf. It is grey, not to colorful.
• Try and find this type of leaf. It is brown with three points. It is most likely going to be moist, because of the waterfalls. This is the most common leaf around.
1. The students are to calculate how long it takes them and other students to get across the zip line.
2. The other students who are watching while another student goes on the zip line will have a stop watch so they can see how long it take that student.
3. They will mark the time on a student roster that the teacher gives them.
4. The other students will then make a bar graph after the trip is all over and turn it into the teacher the next day. The students will make the bar graph as colorful as they can

• Material:
1. Stop watch
2. Student Roster
3. Pen
4. Markers and Crayons
Zip Line Bar Graph

[Bar graph with names and corresponding bars showing varying heights]
1. The children will be on a bike ride tour through the great trails of Hunter Mountain.
2. Students will observe all that is around them throughout the tour.
3. The students will ask at least one question while on the tour.
4. After they are done with the tour, they are going to have to create a poem about what they observed on the bike tour.
5. This allows the students to be creative about what they saw on the tour.

- **Materials:**
  1. Bike
  2. Pen
  3. Paper
The Adventure of a Lifetime
- Nick Kaszei

My bike was fast
My vision was vast
I saw most of the falls
And an animal that crawls
I looked round and round
And the leaf I was looking for was found!!
Athens Lighthouse

1. Students will be going on a boat ride across to the Athens Lighthouse
2. The Students will look up two cool fact about the Athens Lighthouse before going on the tour.
3. The students when on the boat, will stand up and present their two facts to the class.
4. The observing students will write down the two facts that the student presenting, for future quiz.
5. The students will act as a tour guide when presenting their facts to the class.

• Materials:
1. Two facts about Athens Lighthouse
2. Pen
3. Paper
Example of two facts:

1. The Hudson-Athens Lighthouse was built in 1874 to guide ships safely around the Middle Ground Flats.
2. HALPS is the sole owner of the house, and is responsible for the restoration, maintenance, and preservation of the lighthouse.
Zoom Flume

1. Students will be going and observing different slides throughout the park.
2. Students will go on at least three slides.
3. After going on all sorts of different slides, the students will create their own slide.
4. The slide that the student creates, then will be presented in front of the class the next day.
5. The student should draw, color, or paint their own slide that they created and give it a name.

• Materials:
  1. Pen and Paper
  2. Markers, Crayons, Water paint
  3. Swim trunks!!
HIGHWAY ROAD MARKERS
Kristen Mateja

• These are the highway road markers that are pleasing to the eye to entice potential visitors to Greene County’s fabulous recreational sites.
New York Zipline Adventure Tours

4 Miles Long!

Up to 50 MPH!

Longest in North America!
Hunter Mountain

Skiing and Snowboarding for all ages!
Zoom Flume

Fun for all ages!

Catskills’ Largest Water Park
Come to Kaaterskill Falls!

Hiking

Canoe and kayak
LOCATION OF ROAD MARKERS

Kristen Mateja

• This is the location of where the road markers will be for the following locations:
  – NY Zipline Tour
  – Hunter Mountain
  – Zoom Flume Water Park
  – Kaaterskill Falls
  – Hudson-Athens Lighthouse
NY Zipline and Hunter Mountain Highway Markers
Zoom Flume Highway Marker
Kaaterskill Falls
Athens Lighthouse Highway Marker
INTERPRETIVE PANELS
Kristen Mateja

• These are the Interpretive Panels that will be displayed throughout Greene County to educate the population on the background and potential activities to take advantage of.
Welcome to New York Zipline

What makes us unique?

Our zipline tour here in Hunter Mountain is not only the longest, but the highest zipline canopy tour in all of North America. Featured here are over 5 full miles of zipline and heights up to 600 feet above the ground. This is a once in a lifetime experience and it is one of the few ziplines that can be enjoyed in both the summer and the winter, which provides two extremely different and amazing experiences.

Who helped to create this amazing ziplining experience?

Zipline Adventure Tours was designed and built by Canopy Tours Inc. This company has been successfully building and operating adventure tours across the entire world for over 25 years. They have an incredible safety record and are providing these amazing scenic views and three separate and different tours at their location here at Hunter Mountain.
Construction on Hunter Mountain began in 1959 and was headed by the Slutzky brothers, Israel and Orville, who had a tremendous love for skiing. Their dream was to open the mountain for all to enjoy. One of their main goals for construction was to incorporate snow making machines which was the new technology of the time. The Slutzky Brothers’ Construction Company built the facilities including the first two chair lifts, and the Hunter Mountain Ski Bowl was opened for skiers for the first time in 1960. Although business in the beginning was slow, but the end of the 1960s Hunter Mountain became an extremely popular site and has slowly transformed into what it is today.
Welcome to Zoom Flume Water Park

Zoom Flume is a new water park that is perfect for all families. Located in the northern Catskill Mountains, it is different from other water parks because of its beautiful location in the natural scenic setting. There are endless amounts of options here at Zoom Flume. One can enjoy the new Riptide Cove Wave Pool, relax in the lazy river, fly down the 300 foot slides, enjoy the exhilarating rapids, or race friends and family in the Grand Prix Splashway. After just completing a major $2 million expansion, Zoom Flume offers a wide variety of different and fun experiences. The only problem is knowing where to start!

http://www.zoomflume.com/
Kaaterskill Falls is one of the highest waterfalls in New York State. It is 260 feet high and provides an absolutely breathtaking view. Kaaterskill Falls is one of the headwater streams of the Kaaterskill Clove and about 2.8 miles upstream from Kaaterskill Creek.

The falls did not play a role in the early settlement of the Hudson River Valley because people tended to avoid the Catskills due to the lack of agricultural opportunity. The name originates from the mispronunciation of Catskill by the Colonists.
The History of the Athens Lighthouse

The start of the construction of the Athens Lighthouse began in 1873, due to the hazardous conditions caused by the Middle Ground Flats, making ship navigation through the Hudson River tricky. Upon its completion on November 14, 1874, it was a manned lighthouse until the 1950s when it became automated.

In 1967 Nelson A Rockefeller helped to establish the Hudson River Valley Commission, which suggested allowing non-profit groups to manage the lighthouse and open it to the public. In 1984, The Hudson-Athens Lighthouse Committee signed a 20 year lease with the Coast Guard, and the society today helps to allow it to be open to the public.
From our group to yours...

MAKE SURE YOU CHOOSE GREENE COUNTY FOR YOUR NEXT DESTINATION!