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Summer camp, where to stay and play in Raleigh, and a charging station that can do it all

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Summer camp for underserved teens

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Get a workout and have fun during a ski mountaineering or “skimo” race — an uphill and then downhill ski event — at Vermont’s Bromley Mountain, Feb. 11. NE RANDO RACE SERIES

Try a skimo race at Bromley

Get a workout and have fun during a ski mountaineering or “skimo” race — an uphill and then downhill ski event — at Vermont’s Bromley Mountain, Feb. 11. Skimo, also referred to as randonee or “rando” (meaning ski touring), debuts as a new Olympic sport in 2026. Bromley’s 13th annual Rando Race includes a shorter recreational fun climb for casual uphill skiers (involving two climbs up Bromley’s wooded trails to the summit and back down again) and a longer course for more competitive racers (with three laps to the summit, totaling more than 4,000 feet of climbing and descending). Use any setup with climbing skins, including telemark, alpine touring, or splitboard. If you need rental gear, check out Base Camp in Killington or Boot Pro in Ludlow. Registration \$55 until Feb. 6 at 5 p.m.; \$65 through Feb. 10, 5 p.m., and \$75 until Feb.

11 at 9:15 a.m. www.bromley.com/event/rando-race.

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Where to stay and play in Raleigh

If you're visiting Raleigh and want to stay somewhere that feels like an independent boutique hotel — with its cool history and charm — but falls under a familiar big-hotel ownership name, book a stay at The Casso (formally Origin). This 126-room, pet-friendly hotel, now part of Marriott Bonvoy's Tribute Portfolio properties, is located in the hip and up-and-coming Warehouse District. The rooms have clean lines, uncluttered space, and a magnetic board for holding notes, reminders, a postcard, or your kiddo's photo. The hotel offers easy access to shops and local museums such as the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences. It's also one block from Morgan Street Food Hall, a renovated brick warehouse with small eateries — a bagel sandwich from Benchwarmers Bagels and Coffee is a must, with plenty of savory options and also a mouthwatering peanut butter, banana, and roasted marshmallow bagel sandwich for those with a sweet-tooth bent. Don't miss The Casso's onsite Good Day Good Night restaurant, which serves breakfast, dinner, and weekend brunch and draws locals (it's that good). Room rates start at \$289. If you're looking for something fun to do locally — or traveling with kids — check out Triangle Rock Club, which offers instruction for first-time climbers to experts. Take a lesson, climb on your own (auto belay devices on hand) or, if you visit in the fall, learn how to rappel 30 stories (400 feet) down a Raleigh skyscraper to raise money for the Special Olympics of North Carolina. Triangle Rock Club has three locations in the Raleigh area and a new one on the way dubbed Salvage Yard in the city's Iron District. This new climbing and fitness complex, located in three renovated warehouses, will have more than 100 climbing lanes, a big bouldering area, two yoga studios, and other fitness spaces when it opens next year. www.thecassoraleigh.com, www.trianglerockclub.com.



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