



"On Sunday, January 24, 2016, I went on a school trip, a ski trip. I've been waiting for this trip ever since school started. It is probably the best school trip offered at this academy. This year I went on this trip with three great friends of mine, Ben Mitchell, Alex Beasley, and Shane McEnergy. I took every opportunity to have fun with all these guys outside of school. While snowboarding at the Winterplace Ski Resort, it was beautiful; the view from on top of the mountain was mesmerizing. The sunset looked so colorful and there was about a foot and half of fresh powder. When we first started, it was weird to snowboard again after a full year, but after a couple of runs the boys and I started getting used to it, even though once in a while we would fall or crash into something. Since Shane McEnergy brought GoPros, we were able to film all the beautiful views and of all of us falling or doing cool stunts. It felt good to spend time out of school and to get a break from all the

military training and academics. It was funny to see Ben Mitchell fall over from going too fast, and crashing into the snow. At one point when I did a jump off a ledge I landed weirdly and stopped in the middle of the trail and got hit and run over by a girl named Bree Cecilia. After this happened I was in so much pain from getting hit. The good thing was that I was holding a GoPro on a ski pole and got the whole thing on video. When I watched it later it looked hilarious, even though I was in pain at the time. This experience made my senior year more memorable and gave me a flashback from when I first started snowboarding at home in New Jersey when I was twelve years old. Sean Orcutt of Winter Haven, Florida