

Aspen Skiing Co. joins tiny home craze to house its employees

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Aspen Skiing Co. is experimenting with a trendy solution to deal with the scores of seasonal employees [who struggle to find affordable housing](#) in the marquee skiing destination: [Tiny houses](#).

Officials with Aspen Skiing Co. — which owns and operates the iconic Aspen Snowmass in Colorado — tell the Aspen Times that the company [is currently running at a 600 bed deficit for its employees](#) which have flocked to the resort for the winter season.



In an effort to make up a 600 bed deficit, Aspen has purchased six trendy new tiny houses. Photo: Courtesy of Aspen Skiing Co.

Given that many seasonal employees aren't paid particularly well and that rents in the area are staggering (Apartments.com list no rentals [for under \\$1,300 a month in town](#)), the company decided to get creative to solve the housing problem quickly.

“They said, Philip, get us some beds,” Philip Jeffreys, a project manager hired by the company to solve the affordable housing issue, told the Times. “There’s not many ways we can act quickly and we wanted to act.”



Though small, the tiny houses utilize space well and come stocked with luxurious touches, like brand new kitchens. Photo: Courtesy of Aspen Skiing Co.

So Jeffreys purchased six of the tiny houses for about \$100,000 each and placed them earlier this week at the Aspen Basalt Campground.

Each trailer is around 500 square feet and will likely cost \$600 a month for workers to rent, according to Jeffreys. And if the tiny houses prove to be suitable for the workers, company officials tell the Aspen Times they may look into buying more.

This isn't the first time that a ski resort has gotten resourceful in helping ease the burdens of seasonal employees.

Earlier this ski season, [Aspen offered free meals](#) to employees who couldn't find work due to a slow start to the season and the Steamboat Ski Resort announced a program in November to give a [\\$200 monthly cash incentive](#) to any landlord in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, willing to house seasonal employees for under \$500 a month.