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Black Friday is later this week, which means it's time to start your holiday shopping. Here are our Top 5 gift ideas with a Pocono Mountains angle:

Shawnee Centennial logoed items – Don't let 2011 vanish without purchasing a Shawnee Inn Centennial-logoed keepsake or two to remember the year by.

New golf equipment – A number of golf courses keep their shops open during the holidays and sell new equipment they couldn't move during the golf season for great discounts.

2012 Pocono Mountains golf course membership – Buying that 2012 membership to your golfer's favorite Pocono Mountains course often means a holiday discount, or a price break when purchasing multiple memberships.

2012 Pocono Mountains Golf A-Round Card – The Pocono Mountains Golf A-Round Card, which cost just \$40 in 2011, allows golfers to reap more than \$200 in savings thanks to value-driven playing opportunities at participating courses. Stay tuned for 2012 rates.

Early spring golf school trip – Schedule an off-season trip to one of the nation's many outstanding golf schools so you're in mid-season form once Eastern Pennsylvania's golf season resumes.

Golf widow's spa visit – It's time for diehard golfers to purchase a gift certificate for their non-golfing partner for a day of pampering in one of the region's world-class spas.

See [800poconos.com](http://www.800poconos.com) for a complete list of shopping locations and specials, by clicking here: <http://www.800poconos.com/things-to-do/shopping/>. Happy hunting!

On Course:



Featured Golf Courses of the Month:

Mount Airy Golf Club

Mount Airy will open for the 2012 season featuring a new clubhouse and putting greens. See www.mtairycasino.com for more information.



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- A Playboy Golf Tournament is confirmed for 2012 at [Mount Airy Golf Club](#), with dates to be announced.
- The incredible [Black Friday Deal](#) at The Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort can only be booked on Black Friday, Nov. 25. Rates are an astounding \$29/person, based on 2 adults per room, for a 2012 midweek stay anytime between Jan. 1-13, and March 1-April 30.
- [The Inn at Pocono Manor](#)'s annual Magical Fireside Christmas kicks off Thanksgiving Night and is held every subsequent Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 31. The resort also has a Magical Fireside Christmas package, starting at \$158, based on a family of four.
- The [Gingerbread Weekends](#) package at Skytop Lodge, available Fridays through Sundays from Dec. 9-Dec. 18, features a weekend of gingerbread- and holiday-cookie making, holiday stories, Victorian caroling and dozens of other family fun events. Rates start at \$376/night.



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- [Fernwood Hotel and Resort](#) offers midweek ski-and-stay packages for 2 people staying at Fernwood and skiing at Shawnee Mountain starting at just \$164 from Dec. 1 through April 1, midweek. Fernwood also offers themed restaurants, indoor pool and live entertainment.
- East Shore Lodging's [Ski and Stay Package](#) starts at \$281 weekdays, and includes accommodations at East Shore Lodging and skiing at [Ski Big Bear at Masthope Mountain](#). Valid from Dec. 26 - March 11.
- The [Couples Midweek Getaway](#) at Ehrhardt's Waterfront Resort, available through Dec. 24, includes 2 nights' stay, champagne, Continental breakfast and a \$50 restaurant gift certificate. Packages start at \$179.80, Sunday - Thursday.
- The [Ski and Stay Package](#) at Split Rock Resort & Golf Club, available seven days a week Nov. 26 through March 3, 2012, starts at \$88.50 per person weekdays.



Beyond The Course

Have a holiday shopping tip or notice a great offer in the Poconos?

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