SKI HOUSE IN VAIL, COLORADO

Location: Vail, CO
Size: 3,260 sf
Construction Cost: $200,000
Completion: 1977

This ski house is on the steep northern slope of the mountain above Vail in a beautiful stand of aspen trees and low evergreen bushes. It was designed for a young family with two children and a friend and also to accommodate a large number of guests.

The building is a four-story tower at home among the tall, straight trees. The first story contains storage, laundry, and sauna facilities. The second contains bedrooms and small bunkrooms to accommodate guests. The third contains the kitchen and dining spaces with a separate room to be used as playroom-IV room for the children and as a guest room. The fourth floor is in the tree tops with big dormer windows containing window seats that can also be used as beds for additional guests. The flooring is wide pine planks; there is cedar siding inside and out and it is furnished mostly with a collection of Gustav Stickley Mission oak furniture.