

Troop 350 - - Annual Ski Trip - - Spring Break 2007



March 18th, Drive all night in Tour Bus
 March 19th, Ski all day
 March 20th, Ski all day
 March 21st, Back on the bus for the ride home.

No Previous Skiing Ability is Required - - First Time Skiers are Welcome

Ski Trip is a Family Event. Moms, dads, brothers and sisters are invited (Note: a parent will be required to accompany a younger sibling).

Cost ~ \$220 dollars

The Venture Crew and Venture Ship are also invited to attend, but it's **FIRST COME / FIRST SERVED !**

2 Days of Skiing & Ski Rental & Beginner Lesson

2 Nights Lodging in Resort Bunkhouse

5 Meals @ Resort Cafeteria

Round Trip Transportation in Custom Tour Bus

\$70 / Person Deposit is due Jan 20th to Mr. Hauser to lock us in.

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Timberline is located on a Herz Mountain offering skiing for Beginners, Intermediates & Experts

SALAMANDER is a 2 Mile Beginner's run that goes from the top of the mountain to the base.

It is a great Run for Beginners to develop their Skiing skills.



Last year we had Great Skiing, NO LIFT LINES, and the Run of the Mountain

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Frequently Asked Questions (and some Answers)

Q: I don't know how to Ski. Is it possible to learn on the Ski Trip ?

A: Yes. Every year we have Scouts that have never skied develop enough skills to have a GREAT time. Some of these New Skiers even learn enough to earn the Snow Sports Merit Badge. This isn't to say that you won't fall down, that's part of learning and part of the fun.

Q: What if I get hurt while skiing ?

A: There is a risk of getting hurt on any campout. On the Ski Trip, the Adult Leaders will have your BSA Physical, a copy of your parent's insurance card and their written consent to authorize medical treatment in case of an accident. Movies and TV have always associated broken legs with skiing, in reality today's boots and bindings minimize the risk of broken legs. To be honest, the most common ski injury is a sprained Thumb.

Q: I heard Mr. Hauser got hurt last year ?

A: Yes it's true. I needed 4 stitches to remedy a close encounter between a rock and my head. Normally I don't fall. But when I do fall, it tends to be spectacular. This was my first fall in over 5 years of Scout Ski Trips. Guess I was due.

Q: Are helmets available?

A: Timberline will rent ski helmets for \$5.00/day.

Q: How far is it to Timberline ?

A: It's close to 700 miles from Madison, which is well over 10 hours of driving time. The Guide to Safe Scouting gives the following guidance for non-commercial drivers.

Driving time is limited to a maximum of 10 hours and must be interrupted by frequent rest, food, and recreation stops. If there is only one driver, the driving time should be reduced and stops should be made more frequently.

which is why we leave the driving to the professionals.

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Q: Linens and Things, what does the Bunkhouse supply ?

A: Here's what Timberline tells me, *"To provide low cost lodging, the bunkhouses are operated in a hostel-like manner. Linen can be provided by the Resort for a charge of \$2.50 per visit; however, most groups prefer to bring sleeping bags, washcloths and towels. If linens are needed, we must know in advance."*

In short, we basically get a mattress and access to shared showers and a bathroom. I recommend bringing your own sleeping bag, pillow, and towel/washcloth for the shower.

Q: How will the meals work at Timberline ?

A: Upon arrival, I will pass out 5 Meal Tickets to everyone. TREAT THESE LIKE CASH. If you loose your meal tickets you will have to pay for your meals. The cafeteria will also have assigned times for Breakfast, Lunch and Supper. A watch comes in handy so you can keep track of when the meals are served. If you choose to Ski through the Lunch Period, you've basically given up your lunch. I'll admit that in my younger days, I sometimes chose to skip lunch just to maximize my ski time. However, last year Timberline was very efficient with food. You can ski up to the cafeteria and easily go through the line, eat your lunch and be back on the slopes in 30 minutes.

Q: What kind of meals do they serve ?

A: It's cafeteria style food, but they typically offer a variety of several different entrees to choose from. Last year I recall eating Hamburgers, Pizza, Open Faced Sandwiches, Soup, etc. I don't recall hearing any food complaints from either the scouts or the adults.

Q: What kind of supervision will my child have while on the Ski Trip ?

A: We will have at least 2 Deep Adult Supervision on the ski trip and the Buddy System will be enforced. While I won't be able to be with your scout a 100% of the time, the layout of Timberline makes it relatively easy to keep tabs on everyone. If you look back at the trail map, you'll see that everyone basically goes to the same point at the top of the mountain and the trails all funnel back to the same point at the bottom of the mountain. In addition, I will be taking a head counts in the Bunk House to keep track of everyone.

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Q: What if there is no Snow at Timberline ?

A: That's a risk we take by going late in the year. If Timberline is closed, the resort will refund our money. On a positive note they do have lots of Snowmaking Equipment to supplement the God given snow.

Q: What are the crowds like at Timberline ?

A: Since we are skiing Mid-Week, the crowds are pretty much non-existent. Our group last year probably made up 40 % of the skiers on the mountain. This meant NO LIFT LINES and uncrowded facilities (except for the Bunkhouses, did I mention that they're cozy).

Q: My son takes Prescription Medications, how will this be handled on the Ski Trip ?

A: We will have a Medicine Man on the Ski Trip that will hold and administer all Medications. The Medicine Man concept works best when the parents works with us. This means no last minute surprises as we're getting on the bus to leave, only giving us enough medication for the trip, and giving us CLEAR, NEATLY WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS on how to administer the meds.

Q: What if my child forgets last minute items, gloves, chapstick, film, batteries, etc ?

A: There is a small gift shop at the resort that will carry these type of items (with resort type prices).

Q: Are there any special clothes that my child should have for the ski trip ?

A: As with most outdoor activities it's best to dress in layers. But you should definitely have:

- a Knit Hat,
- Gloves, I prefer gloves that have a knit cuff around the wrist that keeps out the snow.
- Jacket, Ski Pants or Ski Bibs: These will help you shed the snow when you fall and keep you dry.
- Long Underwear.

Keep watch at the local Department Stores, Sporting Goods Stores and Burlington Coat Factory. They'll soon be putting many of these items on sale.

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