

GUIDELINES FOR BUS TRIP SIGNUP

How to Sign Up for the Bus Trips

Before registering, please read the complete club policy on long trips that is posted on the website at <http://nmccskiclub.org> as well as the following summary.

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find registration forms. Please send a separate check for each trip for which you register. ***If you want to room with a certain person you must register together on one slip and send checks together.*** The mailing address is on the registration form. **Please do not send checks to the club's PO Box.**

Typically, single members who register will be paired with other same gender singles. Since many names could be either gender, please indicate Ms. or Mr. on the form.

If the demand for bus trip seats exceeds our supply, we will hold a lottery drawing in November on the Saturday following the November Club meeting to determine who is on the trips. Board members have first priority to sign up for trips as an incentive to serve this organization. There will be at least 3 board members present at the drawing. After all seats for a trip are filled, we will place the remaining registrations in a "reserve pool" and their original checks will be destroyed. It costs nothing to remain in "reserve" status. We will keep your registration unless you notify us that you are no longer interested in that trip. For those drawn to be on the trip, your cancelled check will be your receipt. Most often when members cancel, they sell their seat to someone in the "reserve pool". However, it is their seat and they may sell it to anyone who is over 18, same sex, and a member of the Club.

The roster of attendees for all trips will be posted on the website and in the next newsletter after the drawing. Complete details of each trip will be emailed to participants two to three weeks prior to the trip. **you do not receive notifications in a timely manner, it is your responsibility to contact the bus trip chairs for the information** as indicated on the registration form.

Bus Trip Guidelines

Who may go: Paid-up Club members, at least 18 years old.

Departure: Times will depend on the trip. Check the individual trip descriptions. Buses depart from the west side of the Target parking lot at I-25 on Paseo Del Norte. We will be in the parking lot one hour before departure to load the bus and pass out boarding passes in the order of your arrival. You will only be able to reserve one seat per pass. The bus will board ½ hour before the scheduled departure time.

Bus Ride: The Club supplies cold sodas, water, wine, beer and snacks on the bus. There is a restroom on the bus to be used at the driver's discretion. We will make "pit stops" on the way, often where you can purchase food items.

Luggage: Pack your skis in a ski bag. You are allowed one medium suitcase and one day pack per person. Cargo area is at a premium so please be considerate of others. You may bring a six-pack type cooler if it fits under your seat.

Hotel: All rooms are double occupancy. If you desire a private room you must agree to pay extra.

Meals: Meals are provided as outlined in each trip description. All other meals are your responsibility. Cooking generally is not allowed in hotel rooms. You may bring breakfast and lunch foods in your cooler. You must bring your own food and water when going out to ski. On ski days, the bus normally leaves the hotel at about 8:00 or 9:00 a.m. and returns to the hotel in the late afternoon.

Skiing: We attempt to go to a variety of areas to accommodate skiers of all abilities. There may be set-track areas or downhill skiing available, but our main pursuit is cross-country skiing.

NEVER SKI ALONE. You may ski by yourself if you are at a Nordic Center as long as you let somebody else know.

Clothes: "Casual, warm and layered" are the key words. We often walk to dinner so bring warm clothing for evenings. Slip-on crampons (*Yak Traks*) are very useful.

Cost: The cost of the trip is derived from the estimated cost of the bus, hotel, drinks, snacks, included meals, club surcharge, and bus driver's tip divided by the number of people on the trip. Once you have paid your deposit you are on the trip. The balance is due by the dates given on the trip registration form. **Payments are not refundable.** If you cancel you must find a substitute and settle the payment with that person. You will be given names in the "reserve pool".

Reserve: The "reserve pool" will be started once a trip is full. It costs nothing to be on "reserve" status and you have an excellent chance of getting on a trip if you are interested. There are **often last minute cancellations for a variety of reasons, so keep the trip weekends open on your calendar!**

Club Cancellation Policy

In the event that a bus trip cannot be completed due to events beyond Club control, such as weather, road conditions, mechanical failure, etc. any money that is not already committed will be equally divided and distributed among trip participants.

Instructions for Signing Up

We need to have the form in hand by the November drawing date (see above).

- **Please mail the completed form with the deposit to:**
 - **Name and address indicated on the registration form**
 - **You may bring the form and deposit to the October or November Cross Country Ski Club meetings.**
- If you would like to room with a particular person, you must submit applications for both roommates together.
- You must submit separate forms for each trip.
- Deposit for each trip must be on separate checks.
- You must be a Club member and have paid your dues by the November Club meeting in order to be eligible for any bus trip drawing, if a drawing is required.
- Once your application has been accepted, you own the seat and owe the balance for the trip. If you change your mind, you may only sell or give your seat to an eligible NMCCSC member.
- Please be sure to note the meal arrangements for each trip, as they are each different.
- Contact the bus trip chairs if you do not receive information in a timely manner. Our information on how to contact you may be incorrect.