

# The 2014 Troop 17 Ski Trip is finally here! Here is the schedule for the weekend.

## Saturday Feb. 8

### 1:30 – 2:00 PM Meet at the church, check-in; pack vehicles

Scouts must check in with their belongings before getting into any cars. We will be packing all belongings and equipment. We have a long ride ahead of us. Drivers will receive a packet with directions and other drivers' cell phone numbers. Approx. time to Cranmore is 3.5 hours plus dinner.

**2:30 PM Depart by 2:30 PM Vehicles will stop for supper while en route at driver's discretion.** There is a Burger King just before you turn off Rte 16 in North Conway which has been a convenient place to stop for dinner before arriving at Cranmore. The ski area is less than 10 minutes from there.

**6:30 PM** Arrive at Mt. Cranmore, North Conway NH

**Check-in.** If you arrive before Mr. Hamilton - **all scouts/adults will meet at Artist Falls Lodge, located at the end of the first parking lot on your right as you enter Cranmore.**

**Do not go to group sales or the main base lodge area. THE TUBING PARK IS LOCATED ON THE RIGHT AS YOU ENTER NEXT TO ARTIST FALLS LODGE. Please leave all you gear in the car while tubing!** We do not have access to the main lodge until after tubing. You can change into your tubing gear at Artist Falls Lodge in the rest rooms. Do not remove ski gear from cars. Ski gear is not allowed in the lodge.

**7-9 PM Tubing/Mountain Coaster/Giant Swing/Zip Line for all.** Your ticket is good for tubing until closing and 3 Mountain Coaster/Swing Rides. The Coaster/Swing runs on the Honor System for counting rides. **A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY!** Please be sure to have your tubing clothing handy. We will **not** be going to the lodge until after tubing.

**9:00 PM** Set-up sleeping area at lodge, relax have fun. Cracker Barrel (Supplied by the Troop Committee)

**11:00 PM** Lights Out

## Sunday Feb 9

**6:30** Wake-up, dress for skiing, pack sleeping bags, etc in cars

**7:30** Breakfast

**8:00** Pick-up rentals/Lifts open

**9 – 11** **Ski lessons**

**10 -12** **Snowboarding Lessons** for those that have signed up

**12 -1** **Lunch – The Troop is supplying lunch.** We will have sandwiched and snacks prepared ahead of time! Scouts that wish to, may also purchase their own lunch on the mountain

**4:00** **Lifts Close** – Return equipment to rental office

**4:30 – 5:00** **Depart Cranmore** for Mansfield. Vehicles will stop for dinner on the road.

**9:00** Arrive back at the church in Mansfield. Scouts will call parents when we get close to confirm the arrival time.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND REMINDERS!!!!

**SCOUTS and ADULTS:** If you are bringing your own ski/board/boots/etc. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING THAT GOES UP WITH YOU COMES BACK!!!** Troop 17 will take NO responsibility for equipment that is left behind! It is along walk back from Mansfield!!!!

**DRIVERS:** Thanks to all of the parents for helping with the driving. Peter Lucht will have the car assignments ready in Saturday when you arrive. On Saturday you will receive a packet with the following: Directions and cell numbers for the other parents driving, and the scouts riding in your car.

**HELMETS:** HELMETS ARE MANDATORY FOR ANY BSA SKIING ACTIVITY! NON-NEGOTIABLE!!!!

**PARENTS:** Please be sure your scout has money with them for supper both Sat. and Sunday; and for any snacks /drinks they may want during the day. The troop is picking up the cost and supplies for Saturday night's Cracker barrel and Sunday's lunch (sandwiches, fruit, snacks, drinks). Scouts are welcome to bring personal snacks with them, but please no popcorn (*makes a major mess and we could end up paying for a cleaning fee*). Scouts are also free to purchase their own lunch if they wish at any of the concessions at Cranmore. **Please re-enforce to them that they need to save money for dinner on the way home!**

**NO ENERGY DRINKS OR SPORTS DRINKS ALLOWED ON SATURDAY NIGHT!!!** We need scouts to sleep.

**PACKING:** Please pack only what you need! Space is limited and we have to put all sleeping/personal gear in the cars on Sunday morning before skiing. **NO SLEEPING GEAR CAN REMAIN IN THE LODGE DURING THE DAY!!!**

## Things to pack: No camping equipment needed!

Sleeping bag (light to mid-weight, we are indoors), winter hat, gloves (2 sets would be great), long underwear, sweats (for sleeping), change of clothes, extra socks, ski jacket, SKI/SNOW PANTS!!!!, winter boots. **Please NO JEANS/COTTON PANTS ON THE MOUNTAIN!** There is a saying about dressing for outdoor winter activities, "Cotton Kills!" If cotton gets wet, it stays wet and draws the warmth away from your body. Synthetic thermal underwear is best. If it is really wet and sloppy from tubing, we will make sure clothes get dry before skiing. There is a fireplace in the lodge and a laundromat down the street!

## Weather Advisory!! Cold!

The weather report for Saturday night and Sunday in Mount Washington Valley is calling for cold temperatures and blustery winds. Saturday night the temps will fall below zero. Sunday is looking for a high in the teens to low 20s, blustery with a chance of snow squalls! Be sure to dress accordingly!!!!!!

## Things to remember!

Be sure to remember to bring money for the following:

- Supper on the way up.
- Supper on the way back.
- Any additional snacks/drinks during the day.