



# Swiss Ski Club of New York

## FAQ for Weekend Bus Trips

### **Q: What should I bring up with me?**

- **Bed linens** (sheets, pillow cases) or some prefer to bring a sleeping bag on top of the bed
- **Towels** – recommend at least two if you plan on using the sauna
- **Swim trunks** or **Swimsuit** for sauna
- **Soap and shampoo**
- **Wet slippers/flip flops** – for sauna and shower
- We usually provide ear plugs esp if you are a light sleeper – there is always a chance of a friendly snorer may be in your room. But some like their own ear plugs and may also suggest an eye mask if you are easily woken.
- **Blank check** or cash to cover drinks and lift tickets
- **Photo ID**
- If you are a member, do not forget your **SSC Membership Card**

### **Q: What time should we meet the bus?**

A: **Leaving New York, we ask for you to show up on Friday at 5:30. We leave at 6:00 PM sharp, no exceptions.** In **New Jersey**, we leave approximately at **6:50 PM** (depending on traffic we might be earlier). If you do not make it in time, you will forfeit your space and weekend. It is extremely unfair to the rest of the group if you are late or do not allow sufficient travel time to make the location for pickup.

### **Q: Where should we meet for the bus?**

**New York City** – Corner of 33<sup>rd</sup> and Eight Avenue – right in front of Duane Reade. However, the bus normally parks mid way down the block – Look for the “Hampton Jitney Buses” or people gathering in the space in front of Duane Reade.

**New Jersey** – Ramsey Route 17 South Train a brand new facility and right off of the Route bound side (**Spring Street – follow the NJT** Parking is inexpensive on the weekends and up on the ground floor.



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**Q: What is included for the base price of the bus trip:**

- Bus transportation to/from the NYC-NJ area
- Bus transportation to/from the house to the mountain
- Lodging at the SSC house Fri and Sat night
- Sandwich, fruit, water and wine on bus ride up
- Breakfast for Sat and Sun
- Après Ski on Sat
- Dinner with wine on Sat night
- Bag lunch on Sun for the bus ride back

**Q: What is NOT included for the base price of the bus trip:**

- Ski Lift Tickets
- Drinks at the house (\$1 for Soda/Water, \$3 for beer/wine/drinks)
- Lunch on the mountain or house

**Q: When can I cancel my reservation?**

A: The reservation deadline is also the cancellation deadline. No refunds will be given for any cancellations received after the deadline unless a replacement can be provided. There will be no refunds for no-shows.

**Q: Can we pay by credit card for the items NOT included on the trip?**

A: We can only accept cash or checks. It is recommended that you bring a blank check on the trip.

**Q: Can we pay for lift tickets by credit card?**

A: No, we use a voucher system which allows for a 25-30% discount off the mountain's prices. We ask these items be paid by check or cash. You may credit cards to buy lift tickets at the base mountain but you will be charged a much higher price.

**Q: What if I have special dietary requests?**

A: We do our best to accommodate special requests but given the sheer amount of people it is often by best case possible. If you have significant dietary restrictions please contact the reservationist or hut master. However, you may request a vegetarian sandwich for the bus ride to Vermont.

**Q: Am I expected to assist in the house?**

A: We try to run the house as a "communal environment." Each member/friend will be asked to pick up a chore for the weekend. The chores are generally not invasive and should not consume a significant amount of time throughout the weekend. Chores allow one to participate in the house and work as a group to entice a more friendly atmosphere and to feel part of a group or club. Examples of chores might be ensuring the sauna is on, being DJ or Bartender, assisting in setting up the tables, being part of the dinner team, etc. These tasks are assigned on the bus.

**Q: What is the house like?**

A: It is a custom built Swiss Chalet with ten bedrooms, these are dorm style, plus one room reserved for the bus driver. In each of the rooms, there are four bunk beds, only one of which in each room requires the use of a ladder to access. Rooms also have a very basic clothing cabinet, a standard sink and mirror and are on the bus. Sleeping areas are divided by two floors: Women's Floor (top), Men's Floor (bottom).

There is a common dining area which holds 42 people. A bar, lounge area, wood burning fire place, professional kitchen and prep area, sauna which can hold about eight people, a billiard/foosball room as well as a ski tune up area for those gifted in the art of sharpening and waxing! We also have a sizable deck, grill, as well as a large backyard – which is great in the summer time!

Unfortunately we do not have a washer/dryer, TV or hot tub.



**Q: How many bathrooms are there?**

There is a large bathroom on each floor with three stalls each. In addition, there is a sink in each of the bedrooms.

**Q: How many showers are there?**

There are seven— three for women, three for men. These are located in the respective floors and are dorm style. There is one additional is available in the sauna area.

**Q: Do you have a computer, internet or WiFi access?**

A: Yes, but as a social club we hope you will disconnect from the world and come to the lounge area have a drink, chat about the day, or dance the night away!

**Q: Is smoking permitted?**

A: Only on the deck area or outside. No smoking is permitted in any part of the house.

**Q: May I bring my own beer/wine/alcohol?**

A: Yes, but caution to mark your name on it lest it be assumed to be part of the existing SSC stock!

**Q: Are there any age restrictions? / Can I bring my son/daughter who is 18?**

A: Sorry, we do NOT permit anyone under the age of 21 on the bus weekends. We do set aside family weekend/weeks at the house. Check our calendar for more information and their dates.

**Q: Are there any ATMs?**

A: While there are some limited banks in the town of Waitsfield, on bus trips we do not make individual stops to shops, stores, etc. There are ATMs at the Sugarbush Mountain; however, there are some limits on withdrawals and hefty service fees.



**Q: What about skis, boards and boots?**

A: We have a mud room at the main entrance of the house. This should be used for skis and boards. We ask to have all boots stored on the 'boot shelves' near the pool table.

**Q: Can you rent skis and equipment?**

A: You can rent skis, snowboards and boots in the city and bring them with you. Or you can rent them at the base mountain, and a retail shop in Sugarbush village offers demo skis as well. Sugarbush also offers various rental and lesson packages.

**Q: How long does it take to get up / back to Sugarbush?**

A: It is a trek and is a long journey – it is why we ask for everyone to be on time and not make anyone wait. Think of it this way, just one person being one minute late, as an aggregate is wasting “40 minutes” of everyone else’s time waiting for you! The trip up can take about 6 to 7 hours up (one break and pick up at New Jersey) – it is critical that everyone is on time!

**Q: What does the typical schedule look like?**

A: [Typical Weekend](#)