



2026 Scout's on Skis

Leaders Guide

January 11th * January 25th * February 1st

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Welcome to Winter Fun!

Great values, adventure awaits

Whether you are a seasoned skier, rider or just looking forward to your first bunny slope, Winterplace offers something for everyone! This year marks the 23rd running of the Old North State Council's hugely popular **Scouts on Skis** program at **Winterplace Ski Resort in Ghent, West Virginia**. Located just two and a half hours north of Greensboro, the mountain is both convenient and challenging for all levels of skiers and riders. This year's basic package will have you zipping down the slopes in no time and comes complete with your lift ticket, ski rental, helmet rental and Ski School!! **Meal vouchers can be purchased separately.** More than 700 Scout families made the Scouts on Skis their choice for winter fun in 2024. I hope you will join us this season!!

\$80 Early Bird Ski Package

Retail value= \$165.00

The Basic Ski/Snowboard Package includes:

- All-Day Lift Ticket
- Skis/Snowboard, Boots, Poles and Helmet Rental
- Group Lessons

NOTE: Fee is \$90.00 if you register after the deadline.

Make sure you have the EQUIPMENT RENTAL AGREEMENT Filled out before coming to check in!

If you are snowtubing, please fill out SNOWTUBING RELEASE OF LIABILITY before coming to check in!

**Forms attached to the back of Leaders's Guide or found on Winterplace website.
(<https://www.winterplace.com/forms-information>)**

Available Upgrades

(Not Included in Package Price)

- **MEAL VOUCHER \$18**

- **Damage Waiver - \$2**

- **Snowtubing**

- **Option One: 2 hour and 45-minute session - \$40**

- Sessions available:

- 9am-11:45am, 3pm – 5:45pm, 6pm- 8:45pm.

- 100 Slots per session!

- **Option Two: All Day - \$50**

- Sessions available:

- 9am-1pm or 3pm-7pm

- **NO ALL-DAY SNOWTUBEING OPTION FOR 2025!**

- **You do not need to purchase a Ski/Snowboard package to go Snowtubing but we recommend you buy a Ski/Snowboard Package so you will have more to do.**

- **If you purchase a tubing package the day of a \$5 fee will be added.**

Other



Snow Sports Merit badge

We will have a Snow Sports merit badge instructor there in the first two weekends (1/11, 1/25) to help you earn the Merit badge!

Don't hesitate to contact Herb Oliver for any questions and to set up your date and time with him. Please get in touch with him at oliverhwjr@aol.com

Places to stay

- **Summit Bechtel Reserve (Best for Troops and Packs)**

- Dormitory rooms are available at Base Camp Delta dormitory, which adjoins the Pigott Dining Hall. Each room has three bunk beds (up to six people). Private restrooms with showers are located in the hallway. A gathering room with television, tables, and chairs is located on each floor. Groups determine the number of rooms to rent based on desired occupancy (1 – 6 people) and group composition (male/female, youth/adult) to maintain BSA Youth Protection Guidelines.
 - For more information please go to

- <https://www.summitbsa.org/winterweekends/> or contact Braxton Rhodes at braxton.rhodes@scouting.org

- The closest town for lodging is Beckley, WV; there are a lot of hotels to choose from.

- **Skyline Lodge**

- Reservations fill up quickly. This is the Lodge that is right at the front entrance of Winterplace.

Pre-registration and Check-in

All groups must register prior to trip, Check-in Sunday Only

Registrations after the deadlines below will be subject to the \$90 rate, do not wait to get a final head count from your group. Walk-ons will be welcome at check-in but reserve the bulk of your group in advance to lock in the sale price!



Reservations will only be taken in Black Pug.

Please have the **EQUIPMENT RENTAL AGREEMENT** and **SNOWTUBING RELEASE OF LIABILITY** filled out before checking in. **No "home-designed" forms please!** Leaders who attempt to submit another form will be asked to transcribe their group onto the form provided. **ONE FORM PER SCOUT.**

Your group must check-in on Sunday morning between **8:00 AM - 12 Noon**. Check-in is located in the building right next to the main ski lodge called Mickeys.

If you choose to snowboard you will let the staff know at the rental/equipment pickup.

Once you have been through the rental shop and received their equipment (ski or board), and later decide to change to the other. You will let the staff know at the rental/equipment pickup. They will charge you a fee of \$20 to switch and you will go through the cashiers at Winterplace.

SATURDAY NIGHT CHECK-IN IS NOT AVAILABLE.

Pre-registration / Pre-payment

Deadlines

Sunday, January 11th

Preregistration deadline is Tuesday, January 6th (\$10.00 late fee after the 6th)

Sunday, January 25th

Preregistration deadline is Tuesday, January 20th (\$10.00 late fee after the 20th)

Sunday, February 1st

Pre-registration deadline is Tuesday,

Jan. 27th

(\$10.00 late fee after the 27th)

What to pre-register for...

Basic Ski /Snowboard Packages: includes ski rental equipment (skis, helmets, boots & poles) & lift tickets, **Snowtubing, Damage Waiver** (covers damage to Ski Rental Equipment only), and **Meal Vouchers**

In order to receive the \$80.00 rate, your prepayments must be received in Black Pug on the deadline for your trip. Dates are listed on the left! Any packages purchased after the deadline for Winterplace will be subject to the \$90 rate. Note: Any additions will be handled on Sunday morning at the Council check-in table.

Payment and Refund Policy

Full Refunds

Please be advised refunds on Council, District, or OA Events and Activities will be made only if an adult calls 10 days before the event to the Council Office to cancel that registration. The only exception to the policy will be the case of illness, accident and/or death in the family and that cancellation must be called in the day before the event. For cancellations made 10 days or fewer prior to the trip, a 5% cancellation fee will be applied.

Partial Refunds (One Per Group)

Partial refunds are only given when cancellations are made by 12 noon on Friday before the ski date. The refund request form must be either faxed or emailed to the Council Office before 12 noon on the Friday before the ski date.

Refunds will not be given for no shows. There will only be 1 refund per unit.

Refund requests submitted to the Council Office after the Friday before the ski day will not be considered. We will allow for a person to carry over his or her payment to another ski day. Once you have decided to roll-over credits, you cannot submit a refund request for those credits on a later trip. Credits are transferable to other families.

Rollovers

If your unit submits proper notice (see above) canceling its participation in one of the first two outings it has the option to roll-over its credit to a remaining 2025 date. If a unit intends to roll its credit over to another weekend, it must declare this intention before noon on the Friday before the trip it had been registered for. A new registration form is due for the future trip. Example: If you wish to roll over credit from the Jan. 12th trip to be used on the Jan. 26th trip your unit must declare that it wishes to cancel and rollover its credits by noon on Fri., Jan. 10th. Your unit would then submit a revised registration to the Council Office indicating the rollover credits by 5 p.m., Friday Jan. 10th. Anyone from a unit can use credits from anyone else in that unit who had earned them.

Inclement Weather Refunds

...will only be given if weather conditions cause the slopes to be closed. This almost never happens. Keep in mind Scouts must be responsible for lifting and tubing tickets and the clothes they attach them to. There will be no refund or replacement tickets if tickets are lost or misplaced. No replacement tickets are available without purchasing another.

REMEMBER THERE ARE 2 OPTIONS FOR CANCELLATIONS FOR THE FIRST TWO TRIPS:

PARTIAL REFUND OR TRANSFER TO ANOTHER TRIP.

THERE IS ONLY ONE OPTION FOR THE LAST TRIP: PARTIAL REFUND ONLY

Refund Request Form

This form must be faxed or emailed to the Council Office by noon on Friday before the Ski Trip Fax: 336-378-9169 Email: aaron.walters@scouting.org or william.hobbs@scouting.org

UNIT TYPE: _____ No. _____

DISTRICT: _____ Date: _____

SKI TRIP DATE (circle one): January 12th January 26th February 09th

Choose one:

Option One: Transfer fees to another ski date Jan. 26th OR Feb. 09th Option Two: Send a refund to the unit.

| | Number of tickets | Amount Paid |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Ski Package Refunds: | _____ | _____ |
| Meal Voucher Refunds: | _____ | _____ |
| Snowtubing Rental Refunds: | _____ | Damage Waiver _____ |
| Refunds: | _____ | _____ |

TOTAL FEES PAID: _____

5% Cancellation fee: _____

Total due to unit: _____

Leader Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please review ONSC "Scouts on Skis" refund policy:

ONE PARTIAL REFUND will be issued to a group per trip for all individuals who had paid but are unable to attend. The unit leader must turn in the refund request no later than noon on the Friday before the trip.

Refund checks will be made out to your Pack, Troop, Team, Crew or Post and will be mailed to your top unit leader (i.e. Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Team Coach, Crew Advisor, Post Advisor).

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE REFUND POLICY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE:

Leader Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

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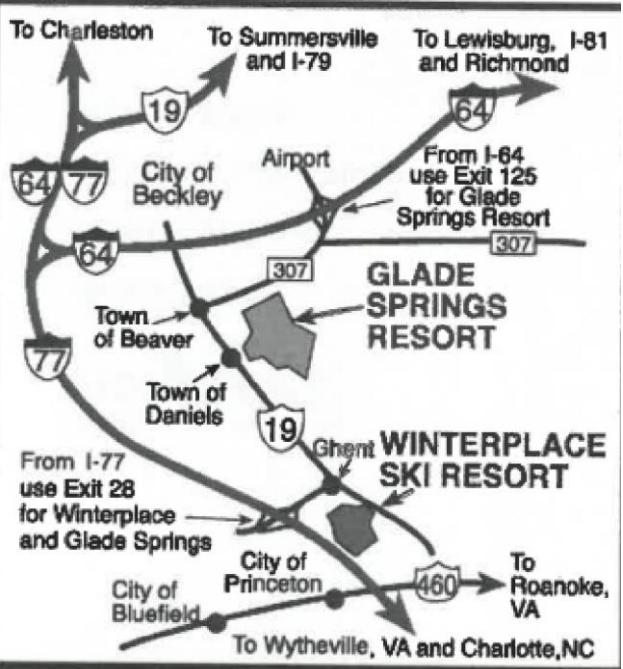


Checking in

Groups checking-in on Sunday morning should send only your group leader to the check-in table (located in the building right next to the main ski lodge called Mickeys). All other group members should wait outside or sit at the tables in the "Group Orientation" area (also located on the 2nd floor of the main lodge building).

Remember

Everyone attending "Scouts on Skis" **MUST** attend with their Pack, Troop, Team, Crew, or Post. **NO INDIVIDUAL FAMILY REGISTRATIONS** (unless you're the only family attending) - **ALL GROUPS** **MUST HAVE A REGISTERED BSA GROUP LEADER** who is listed on the pre-registration form!



Directions to Winterplace: From Greensboro take I-40 to Winston-Salem. Get on 52 North. Follow signs (via I-74) to I-77 North (near Mt. Airy). Stay on I-77. Winterplace is located between Princeton and Beckley, W. VA. - Exit #28 (to Ghent). Plan on about a 3-hour drive.

Questions? Call West Virginia Travel Info at 1-800-CALL-WVA

Call Winterplace: 1-800-607-7669

Call Old North State Council- (336)-378-9166

GROUP NAME: _____

EQUIPMENT RENTAL AGREEMENT

I accept for use AS IS the equipment listed on this form, and accept full financial responsibility for the care of the equipment while it is in my possession. I will be responsible for the replacement at full value of any equipment rented under this form, but not returned to the rental facility. I agree to return all rental equipment by the agreed date. I understand that the binding system cannot guarantee the user's safety. In downhill skiing, the binding system will not release at all times or under all circumstances where release may prevent injury or death, nor is it possible to predict every situation in which it will release. In snowboarding and other sports utilizing equipment with non-release bindings, the binding system will not ordinarily release during use; these bindings are not designed to release as a result of forces generated during ordinary operation. I understand that the sports of skiing, snowboarding, and other sports (collectively "RECREATIONAL SNOW SPORTS") involve inherent and other risks of INJURY and DEATH. I voluntarily agree to expressly assume all risks of injury or death that may result from these RECREATIONAL SNOW SPORTS, or which relate in any way to the use of this equipment. I understand that a helmet designed for RECREATIONAL SNOW SPORTS use may help reduce the risk of some types of injuries to the user at slower speeds. I recognize that serious injury or death can result from both low and high energy impacts, even when helmet is worn. I AGREE TO RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS Winterplace Ski Resort, NW Acquisition LLC, and their affiliates, members, shareholders, directors, officers, employees, agents, and the equipment manufacturers and distributors and their successors in interest (collectively "PROVIDERS"), from all liability for injury, death, property loss and damage which results from the equipment user's participation in the RECREATIONAL SNOW SPORTS for which the equipment is provided, or which is related in any way to the use of this equipment, including all liability which results from the NEGLIGENCE of PROVIDERS, or any other person or cause. I further agree to defend and indemnify PROVIDERS for any loss or damage, including any that results from claims or lawsuits for personal injury, death, and property loss and damage related in any way to the use of this equipment. This agreement is governed by the applicable law of this state. If any provision of this agreement is determined to be unenforceable other provisions shall be given full force and effect.

| Day: S M T W T F Date: _____ / _____ / _____ | I, verify, herewith, the visual indicators or my bindings to correspond with the settings as shown on this page. I, the undersigned, have read and understand this release agreement. | | | | | | SHOP USE ONLY | | | | |
|---|---|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------|---|----------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Equipment User's Full Name Please Print Clearly! | Skied Before? | Ever Taken a Lesson? | Height | Weight | Skier Type | Age | Adult or Parent/Guardian Signature | Boot #/MM | Ski# | Din# | Tech Initials |
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SNOWTUBING RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Please Read Carefully Before Signing

AGREEMENT

BECAUSE WINTERPLACE HAS ALLOWED ME AND (IF APPLICABLE) MINORS I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR ("MINORS") TO PARTICPATE IN SNOWTUBING, I AGREE THAT:

- 1. I WILL ACCEPT THE RISK** of injuries or death while participating in snowtubing. These risks include injuries or death resulting from: (1) falls caused by or collisions with other persons, buildings, nets, fences, barriers, towers, poles, ditches, culverts, snowmobiles, groomers, lift components, snowmaking hydrants and other snow-making equipment, rocks, trees, limbs, branches, roots, stumps, ice, bare spots, and variations in terrain or snow conditions; (2) boarding, riding, or getting off a lift; and, (3) the negligence of Winterplace Ski Resort, NW Acquisition, LLC, and their owners, members, directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives, and insurers (collectively, "Winterplace"). **I ALSO AGREE THAT I WILL EXPLAIN THESE RISKS TO MINORS BEFORE ALLOWING THEM TO PARTICPATE.**
- 2. I WAIVE MY RIGHT TO SUE WINTERPLACE FOR, AND RELEASE WINTERPLACE FROM LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES**, where the damages result from: (1) any of the risks described in paragraph 1 above; (2) my participation in snowtubing; and, (3) my responsibility for Minors' medical expenses.
- 3. I WILL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD WINTERPLACE HARMLESS IF:** (1) Minors sue Winterplace for damages arising from the risks described in paragraph 1 above, or for Winterplace's negligence and, (2) any other third party sues Winterplace for damages arising from my participation, or the participation of Minors in snowtubing.
- 4. I ACCEPT A SNOW TUBE "AS IS"** and will return it in the same condition as it was given to me, except for reasonable wear and tear. I will reimburse Winterplace for damage to the snow tube other than reasonable wear and tear while it is in my possession.
- 5. I AND MINORS MUST FOLLOW ALL WRITTEN AND VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS.** Failure to do so may result in revocation of privileges without refund.
- 6. GOVERNING LAW:** West Virginia law governs this agreement.
- 7. COURT WHERE LAWSUIT MUST BE FILED:** Any lawsuit against Winterplace arising out of my or Minor's participation in snowtubing must be filed in the Circuit Court of Raleigh County, WV.
- 8. SEVERABILITY:** If any part of this Agreement is found unlawful, it will be disregarded, and the remaining parts will be enforced.

IF YOU DO NOT AGREE TO ALL OF THE TERMS ABOVE, DO NOT SIGN IN THE SPACE PROVIDED. BY SIGNING IN THE SPACE PROVIDED YOU DEMONSTRATE YOUR INTENT TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT.

Is everyone in your party at least 44 inches tall, if so initial here:

