

Potomac Appalachian Trail Club-Ski Touring Section

TRIP PARTICIPANTS GUIDELINES

I. Membership-

- A. If you are not a member of STS at the time of the trip you will be charged an additional \$10. Membership in the Club is \$9; contact Doug Lesar to join.
- B. If you will be joining a trip that is designated as an “excursion” (in an area other than MD., PA, VA., or WA.) you will need to join PATC. You can get a membership application on line at <http://potomacappalachian.org> or call 703-242-0315 ex.10. If you are not a member within one month of the trip start, you will be taken off the roster. Unless a replacement is found, you will not receive a refund.

II. Choosing a Trip

- A. Check the trip schedule for a date and location that appeals to you.
- B. Contact the trip leader to find out if the skill level required is suitable for you. If you are a beginner you may want to join a learn-to-ski trip. Many trip locations have ski touring centers that offer lessons.

III. Reservations are made on a first-come-first-served basis.

- A. You are confirmed for a trip when you **submit an application, liability waiver, and a check payable to the trip leader. All three go to the trip leader.**
- B. If the trip is full, you can be waitlisted. No money or forms are due at that time. However if you are notified of a vacancy, money and forms are due asap to assure your place on the trip.
- C. If you sign-up at the **ski fair**, you need to submit all the forms and a check for the required amount to hold your place on the sign-up sheet. All the forms and checks will be given to the trip leader.

IV. Trip Cost is determined by the price of lodging plus an additional fee for administration costs and the shared cost of the leader’s lodging – a perk for time and effort expended to organize the trip.

V. Transportation to:

- A. Locations in the 4 State area is usually by car.
 - 1. Transportation arrangements are made by the participants of the trip
 - 2. Check the roster for those who will drive and those who will need a ride.
 - 3. You may want to rent a van so more passengers can ride in one vehicle.
- B. Locations further away
 - 1. May require airfare and reservations. The trip leader will give you specific details.
 - 2. May require rental vehicles at the destinations.
 - 3. May just require car pools.
- C. If you need to deviate from the planned transportation schedule, please inform the trip leader as soon as possible.

VI. Cancellations/Refunds

- A. If you cancel there may be no refund unless a replacement can be found. A small administrative fee may be charged.
- B. The trip leader may cancel due to lack of snow at the destination or because of too few participants. There should be a statement with the trip description as to deposit refund and general cancellation policy. Check with the Leader.
- C. Some trips “go” whether there is snow or not. Other activities are planned.

VII. Enjoy – A cooperative, energetic spirit is essential; and remember your leader is a volunteer who wants to enjoy the trip also. Ask as many questions as you need to before the trip start so that you will be comfortable in all aspects of the journey.