

Red River Nordic Ski and Biathlon Club Winter Trip - Canmore at New Years!

RRNS&BC is hosting a club trip to Canmore from December 30th to January 4th. As skiing becomes a significant portion of our winter existence, RRNS&BC wishes to extend an invitation to all club members and their families to a fun-filled trip to where snow is guaranteed and the terrain beautiful. This is a family-based trip that will bring a balance of team / leveled - training and good-old family fun. Families will be encouraged to join in on the many events that are scheduled but have the flexibility to have family-oriented time as well. It is our wish to have RRN members from across the age groups and their families join us.

Highlights of the trip include:

- * motor coach transportation from Winnipeg to Canmore (departing early Monday, December 30th)
- * crib tournaments on the bus (the champions from the Flin Flon trip a couple of years ago are looking to repeat)
- * accommodation at Canmore area hotel (kitchens in most of the block reservation)
- * meeting / games / recreation room at the hotel as well as a waxing room
- * likely a couple of group meals for the sake of camaraderie but each family will make their own decisions for meals ie: cooking in room, restaurants, etc...
- * New Years Party!
- * shuttling to the Canmore Nordic Centre (fantastic skiing) for a few days
- * training sessions for all levels of skiers (Jack Rabbit to Adult Members)
- * instruction (all levels of club members will receive coaching from our coaches as well as from some of Canmore's finest)
- * access to range time
- * Workshops / coach instruction for current and interested new coaches
- * day trip to nearby downhill skiing venue (Sunshine or Lake Louise)
- * shuttle to Calgary for shopping / Calgary Flames game (Jan.3)
- * Return transport from Canmore to Winnipeg, leaving mid-afternoon (after a few hours of skiing), stopping for dinner along the way and travelling through the night, arriving morning of Sunday, Jan. 5th, with a day's grace to get ready for work / school the next day

Trip Costs...

The costs outlined below are not exact. They are very close but it is not possible to determine exact costs until we know how many are traveling and until a few more details are worked out in Canmore. Values below are on the cautious side, to avoid any shock later on. Note that Zone Four will be used for registration - seats on the bus, as well as the Club Fee. All other expenses are handled by the family directly with the venues (hotel, Nordic Centre, downhill skiing expenses, etc...)

Transportation: \$210. per person (all transport throughout trip)

Club Fee: \$20. per person (incremental expenses ie. driver's room, deposits for Canmore Nordic Centre, etc...)

Total per person due to Zone Four (by Nov. 20): \$230.

Hotel Cost: to be booked and arranged by families; ranging from \$120 to \$175 per night, number of guests dependent (closing date by Nov. 10)

Canmore Centre fees: paid by families; \$10 per adult, \$7:50 youth

Downhill skiing fees: paid by families

Calgary Flames game tickets (looking into block purchase, to be covered by those going to the game)

Meals: to be paid by families (kitchens, BBQ available - some group dinners might be nice but we'll arrange that later)

How to Jump Aboard...

Registration will open on Zone Four, as of 9:00 p.m., Monday, Sept. 30. Registration is limited to 52 people at this point, the capacity of a bus. Once the 52 spots are filled, a second bus will be offered via Zone Four.

important notice: Registration for the trip will remain solely RRN until end of day, November 1st, after which, if seats remain, it will be opened up to another association in order to fill the bus

* Note that this second bus is not a certainty. This list will serve as a back-up should anyone on the first (official) bus have to back out. Should that be the case, the family needing to back out is asked to contact Jamie Giasson as soon as possible, as he will assist in the transition to the next family in line. This second-bus list will also be something we focus on to see if we can fill another one. The more the merrier, but again, this second bus is not guaranteed.

Registration on Zone Four requires a \$50 deposit for each seat on the bus.

* Should a family have to back out and another can take its place, the \$50 deposit will be returned.

* Note that registering for the second bus list / waiting list will not cost anything but the Zone Four fee.

* A notice will go up on the RRNSBC site indicating that the first bus is full as well as the date that the second bus list / waiting list will open.

Once 52 people have signed up (full bus), those families will be contacted and given the information for the block-booked hotel. Families will make their own bookings at the hotel. Cancellation policies for the hotel will be detailed at that time as well (guest-friendly policy). Group rates were negotiated. Most rooms have kitchens and vary from one bed to 2 bedrooms with a loft.

Please direct any questions to Jamie Giasson, trip organizer.