



SKE/SMF

22 November 2021

Expression of Interest Ski Trip 2023 USA –
Killington/New York, Saturday 11 – Sunday 19 February 2023

Dear parent/carer

I am delighted to announce, in conjunction with SkiBound Holidays, that I am looking into the possibility of booking a return visit to Killington ski resort/New York on the east coast of America during February half-term 2023.

At this stage, I am asking for an **expression of interest only** to assess if the trip will be viable with sufficient student numbers to enable to the trip to run.

When this trip was advertised your son/daughter was sufficiently excited about it to come and get an information letter from me. I hope that after reading this letter you are equally as enthused and are prepared to support their application on this truly fantastic opportunity. Having looked at numerous resorts, Killington offers a unique experience, which is considerably better value for money than all other resorts on the east coast. You can find out more about the conditions and the resort by visiting the Killington ski resort at www.killington.com.

Killington is the largest resort in the eastern United States and stretches across six different mountains. The resort has 140 runs catering for all standards and being situated at a height of approximately 4,500 feet, it boasts an excellent snow record of 250 inches annually. The accommodation provisionally booked is The Holiday Inn in Killington, which is a short drive to the slopes. In New York, our accommodation is the Fairfield Inn Central Park, walking distance from Times Square and other tourist attractions. As with most hotels in the USA, rooms contain two queen size beds with four people per room. Each room has ensuite facilities and satellite television.

The trip is aimed at current students in years 10, 11 & 12 and skiing experience is not a prerequisite as the resort caters well for all levels of ability from beginner to advanced. If your son/daughter is currently in year 11 or 12, then they must continue their studies at Heckmondwike Grammar School to be eligible for a place on the trip due to insurance requirements.

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What's included in the price?

Return flights from Heathrow to New York
All known airport and security taxes
All UK departure taxes
All return coach transfers in the UK and USA
7 nights half board accommodation
5 days lift pass
5 days hire of skis, boots, helmets and poles
4 hours ski lessons per day (in same ability groups)
One night stopover in New York with visit to attractions
Insurance cover, including Covid cover

Resort Information

Resort altitude	1165ft
Slopes	2000 - 4241ft
Lifts	22
Ski Area	752 acres
Green Runs	28%
Blue Runs	33%
Black Runs	39%
Snow making facilities	70%

What's not included in the price?

Ski clothing (to be hired or purchased before travel)
Lunchtime meals & drinks in resort/New York as half board (Breakfast & Evening meals only included)
Cost of passports/ESTA or any other Visa entry requirements
Cost of any Covid travel requirements at date of departure (PCR tests/lateral flow tests)
Ski trip personalised hooded top (optional)

How much will it cost?

Initial estimates suggest that the cost per student of the trip will be in the region of **£1775**. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, costs have increased in the travel sector, and this is reflected in the price. We have given very careful consideration to comprehensive travel insurance and have found a suitable policy which includes Covid cover. The policy provided by SkiBound and underwritten by Endsleigh Insurance is, we believe, the best policy available and the cost of this is included in the overall price of the trip. A copy of the policy will be available in due course.

Please understand that Government restrictions in force in February 2023 may affect our ability to travel. Currently, travel to the USA is permitted and we have confidence that the visit will go ahead as planned. However, we will, of course, be subject to any restrictions put in place by the British and American authorities at the time of the trip and our plans may be subject to change. We will keep you posted.

What do I do now?

If you would like your son/daughter to participate in this Ski trip please complete the **expression of interest reply slip** attached to this letter and return to **Mr Keenleyside by Friday 26 November**. If there are sufficient student numbers to make the trip viable I will proceed with the booking. Those students offered a place will be required to pay an **initial non-refundable deposit of £150 by Friday 10 December**. If in the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the trip please don't hesitate to contact me by phone or email at skeenleyside@heckgrammar.co.uk

Yours faithfully



Mr S Keenleyside
Ski Trip Coordinator

Expression of Interest February 2023 Ski Trip to Killington, Vermont, USA.

Student Name:

Student Form:

Student Gender:

Student Date of Birth:

Declaration I, _____ the parent/carer of the above named student, would like to express interest for my son/daughter to take part in the potential ski trip to Killington, Vermont, USA during the February half term holiday of 2023. If offered a place I will make the initial deposit of £150 payment via ParentPay to cover the initial deposit for this trip, and understand that this deposit will become **non-refundable** should my son/daughter be accepted on to the trip. I further agree to make future payments in accordance with the payment schedule that will be issued by the tour company on confirmation of the booking.

Signed:

Date :