

TROOP 599
SPRING BREAK COLORADO SKI TRIP
MARCH 8-16, 2019
(version 2)

For the Thirty-Forth (34th) year our Troop is **planning to go** on a High Adventure Ski Trip during Spring Break (March 8th – March 16th) ***provided we get enough people (Scouts and Adults) to sign-up and commit to go.*** Again this year we are planning to go to Keystone Resort in Colorado. The expected details of the Trip are as follows:

ITINEARY:

Leave from MDUMC @ 5:30 pm on Friday March 8th
Arrive to MDUMC @ ~ 8:00 am on Saturday March 16th

We will plan to **depart from the back of MDUMC** (under the pick-up/drop-off area) on Friday March 8th, 2019 at 5:30 PM in two (2) rented 15-passenger vans and a trailer for all the gear. As we do not yet know how many people will be going this year, we will plan on 7 or 8 people per van with at least three (3) drivers per van. Should more people sign-up to go we will have a third van. We should arrive at Keystone about 3:30 PM on Saturday afternoon.

As on all previous trips, we will drive straight through the night and rotate drivers every 4 hours or so. We will be stopping for gas and meals (late Friday night snack, Saturday breakfast and lunch) along the way. However, our first stop will not be until just north of Dallas, some four hours into the trip, so plan on either eating dinner before we leave or bring something to eat with you.

For the Drivers, we will have removed the second row seat in the van and have a “bed” on the floor of the van so that one driver may be sleeping while another is driving and a third is navigating/keeping the driver alert. A fourth driver (if applicable) will be on the third row seat.

We will have a small ice cooler in each van for LIMITED amount of drinks, water (provided) and food. You may bring some snacks with you but please be reasonable about what you bring. It is suggested that you bring a water bottle with you for use in the van. You may bring electronics (ie: iPods, tablet etc.) but please bring EAR BUDS or EAR PHONES if you wish to listen to anything so as to not disturb the others in the van who may be sleeping or Driving. Bring a Charger for any electronics you have. You may wish to bring a small backpack or bag to put your personal items in while in the van. You also may wish to bring a small pillow for sleeping in the van.

We will be taking a small U-Haul Trailer as usual so you may pack in a duffle bag or reasonably sized rolling suitcase. All luggage will be put into the trailer with only “essentials” that you might need during the drive to/from Colorado to be inside the van.

We will also have 2 large coolers (one for each condo) that will hold the frozen dinner entrée's that you will each provide along with some pre-purchased pizza's (for Saturday night) and breakfast meats/foods.

As we near Keystone on Saturday afternoon, we will be stopping in Silverthorne to pick up all the Ski Equipment that we will have ordered. You will be fitted for your boots and gear **SO PACK A PAIR OF SOCKS THAT YOU WILL SKI IN INSIDE YOUR "essentials" BAG** that goes in the van so we do not have to dig into your luggage in the trailer. All of the ski equipment will be loaded in the trailer and we will drive the remaining 15 minutes to Keystone Resort. We will make one more stop on the way into Keystone to pick up the keys to the condos at the Real Estate office.

Upon arrival at the Lodge we will park the vans and trailer in the underground garage and unload everything and move it all up to the condos. Once settled into the condos, a group (one or two or?) from each condo will go to the grocery store to purchase the various breakfast and lunch items that their condo wished to have. The budget has \$250 for this, anything a condo spends above that must be paid for by the occupants of the condo.

We plan to ski FULL days (and most nights) Sunday through Thursday. While there is night skiing available each of these night, **THERE IS TO BE NO NIGHT SKIING ON THURSDAY** as we must turn all our equipment in that day in order to not be charged for Friday. The group will depart Keystone for Houston on Friday morning at approximately 8:00 am after loading all of our belongings back into the vans and trailer. We plan to arrive back in Houston on Saturday morning, March 16th, at approximately 8:00 AM again at the back of MDUMC.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

We will be renting at least two 2-bedroom condos in one of the Lodge buildings of River Run Village in Keystone in the center of the ski lift area. Each person will be assigned a bed to sleep in (or on if you are sharing and wish to sleep in a sleeping bag etc.) Several of the beds are queen size sleeper-sofas in the living rooms and come with sheets, blankets and pillows.

As in year's past we will be cooking all dinners in the condos using dinner entrée's frozen and brought from home. Breakfast and lunch materials will be purchased locally once we get there. The cost of the breakfast items is included in the trip price. Each condo team will plan dinner meals and freeze it before departure. Each pair within the condo is expected to prepare one of the four dinners needed (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) with Thursday dinner usually leftovers for the youths and a night out dinner for the Adults. Saturday night of arrival will be pizza for everyone that is provided.

Breakfasts are usually cooked in each condo. Each Condo will make up their own **DUTY ROSTER** for cooking, meal clean up and condo general cleaning. Lunch material will be part of the grocery purchase and each person can choose to make their lunch and take it onto the mountain with them or to purchase (at their own cost) a lunch at one of the several mountain restaurants. We usually try to set a time and place each day to all meet up for lunch on the mountain at one of the restaurants.

The Lodges have hot tubs, a large recreation room with pool tables as well as two laundries. Access to the outdoor pool and hot tubs is also provided.

EQUIPMENT/LESSONS:

All sport package skis/snowboards, boots, poles, helmets (required for everyone) and lift tickets for 5 full days of skiing are provided as part of the package price. Each person will be responsible for providing their clothing, gloves and other personal equipment. Any upgrades beyond the basic Sport package skis (Performance or Demo skis) or Snowboards (Demos) if desired are a small extra price to the basic ski package.

If you are new to skiing, there are several adults that are going on the trip that will help you learn the basics of skiing on the first day or two, and we are happy to do so. However, if you are Snowboarding you are on your own as none of the Troop adult teachers snowboard. While we have been able to help many Scouts learn the basics of skiing over the years such that you can have a fun/safe time and learn to maneuver your way down the mountain on the easier slopes, you may also want to consider taking a paid lesson(s) from the Keystone ski school. If you do this the cost is extra as your own expense.

COST:

The trip cost has been kept as low as possible and is based on the expectation of a large group and fuel costs of no more than \$3.00/gallon. The package price includes the items indicated above but does not include personal spending money, money for ski/snowboard lessons, and money for food and snacks enroute to and from Keystone. **The cost for each person is estimated at \$1,400 depending on this year's prices,** which covers transportation, lodging, lift tickets and basic equipment rental. If we run over an additional assessment after the trip may be necessary to cover unexpected additional expenses. The initial Deposit per person will be \$250 and non-refundable.

QUESTIONS: Please see, call or email Mr. Beebe (713-899-7275 and dana.c.beebe@gmail.com) if you have any questions. We will have an organizational meeting in January and collect the deposit in October and all remaining fees in January and February.