

Okemo, Vermont



Scouts, Parents and Leaders: **Winter is here!** ...So, it must be time for our *Winter Sports Weekends!*

Troop 26 will once again enjoy Skiing in Vermont. This year our visit will be in late-February. Troop 26 will be participating in the "**We Ski Vermont**" program sponsored by the GREEN MOUNTAIN COUNCIL, BSA. The trip is scheduled for the weekend of **February 22nd – 24th**. Our reservation form and payments must be received by the Green Mountain Council no later than **February 8th**. **Please mark your calendars and be prepared to act fast to sign up and make payments for the trip.** Here are the details:

Location of Resort: **OKEMO MOUNTAIN** - Located in the heart of the Green Mountains of Vermont, the resort offers snow covered slopes to keep you busy all day. Choose from all different levels of slopes-from beginner to expert-and pray that you know how to stop when you finally reach the bottom.

Accommodations: Sleeping arrangements are in a local high school. Don't forget your sleeping bag and pads. Hot dinners and breakfasts are prepared by scouting volunteers. Bag lunches are available for purchase. Planning hint: Bring plenty of padding with you. Scouts are encouraged to bring air mattresses or pads. Also, most Vermont schools still use the "gang" showers. We recommend you bring sandals and swim suits for bathing and a baggie for storing wet items for the trip home.

Payment Information: Total cost depends on the plan selected, whether you're renting skis or a snowboard, and whether you'll want a Saturday AM lesson. **Typical cost for the average scout will be \$210** (package plus 2-day snowboard rental) or \$245 (add a Saturday lesson). Checks should be made payable to "BSA Troop 26".

- Eagle Plan: \$155 - 2 day ticket, 2 breakfast, 2 dinner, 2 cracker barrels, 2 nights lodging/shower, hospitality, patch (**this is the default package for us!!!!!!**)
- Silver (Non-skier) Plan: \$60 - 2 breakfast, 2 dinners, 2 cracker barrels, hospitality area, lodging/showers, patch (for parent chaperones that do not want to ski)
- Life (Saturday arrival) Plan: \$125 – 2 day ticket, 1 dinner, 1 breakfast, 1 cracker barrel, 1 night lodging/shower, patch (only if we have a group that can't make the trip up on Friday evening)

Add Saturday lesson \$35

Add 2 day skis /snowboard rental \$60

Logistics: **Parent volunteers are needed to drive.** We will drive up to Vermont on Friday afternoon, leaving immediately after school lets out (i.e., as early as possible). The specific departure time will be announced prior to the 22nd. We will return Sunday evening. **Due to the length of the drive, prepare for a long weekend and a fairly late arrival Sunday evening.** A detailed information packet with directions and arrival procedures will be provided after our reservations are made.

Sign up now to reserve your spot. In order to get our reservation made, and the final roster identified, the **DEADLINE FOR SIGN-UP IS WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 6TH!!!** Sign-up at our Monday meetings through 2/4. Please contact Mr. Priester at (609) 714-9654 or via e-mail (priester.family@verizon.net) if you have questions. Thank you!!

Fall Back Date (in the event of unsafe driving conditions): 3/28 – 3/30/2008

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