

General Tips

Wear comfortable clothing on the bus.

If we are staying in condos, you may want to bring coffee, juice, etc to get you started in the morning. Usually the rooming assignments are available a couple of days ahead, so you can coordinate food with your 'roomies' beforehand.

For USA trips health/accident insurance is a virtual must. A helicopter evacuation from a ski hill and a couple of days in hospital can set you back a HUGE amount of money and OHIP doesn't pay for it.

VSC Border Policy

Effective January 9, 2003

- 1) VSC members are solely responsible for providing to US and Canadian custom authorities all required documentation and information:
 - a) evidencing citizenship or landed immigrant status in Canada and/or any required visas; and
 - b) required to allow entry into Canada and/or the US.
- 2) Any action or non-action taken by a VSC member that violates any US or Canadian laws or regulations is the sole responsibility of such member. This includes, and is not limited to, failure to comply with US or Canadian customs regulations at the point of entry.
- 3) In the event a VSC member is detained for any reason at the US or Canadian border on a day or weekend trip, the following guidelines shall apply, subject to approval by the Trip Captain and at least one attending board member:
 - a) if the member has failed to meet the requirements and/or comply with items 1 and/or 2 above, the trip shall continue to its destination, without delay;
 - b) if the member has been suspected of violating any laws or regulations, and customs officials have detained the member to investigate, the trip shall wait for up to one hour; and/or
 - c) if the reason for detaining the member has not been determined, or if the member has been detained as part of a random search process, information gathering or racial profiling, the trip shall wait for up

to two hours.

- 4) In the event a VSC member is detained and the trip continues without them, the Trip Captain shall use reasonable efforts to assist in arranging alternative transportation for the VSC member to the ski destination in the US, at the VSC member's own expense
- 5) If the VSC member is denied access to the US, for any reason, it is the VSC member's sole responsibility to arrange, and pay all costs associated therewith, return transportation to Toronto.

Get Involved!

We are always looking for members to help out with social events, Bus Captains on day trips, Weekend Trip Captains, promotional helpers, ski instructors and board members... Let one of the Directors know what you'd like to do. Participating really makes it more fun!



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Club Policies & Procedures

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Club Meetings

Our regular club meetings start at 8:00 pm every other Thursday. Many members arrive earlier to have dinner or a drink and chat with fellow club members. The meetings are very informal and social, so do come out!

Money Stuff

Fees for membership, trips and lessons can be made in cash or by cheque, payable to the Voyageurs Ski Club. All prices include applicable taxes

There is a \$25 service charge for any NSF cheques, which must be paid before attending any further events.

Authorized refund cheques will generally be available at the second meeting following the event. Refunds will be mailed if not picked up.

Signing up for Events

You should be prepared to show your membership card when signing up for events. The most common way to sign up for trips, lessons etc, is at the club meetings.

Sign up tables open at 7:30PM and close at 9:00PM. Mailed-in applications will be processed *after* sign up closes on the opening night of each event. All events are subject to cancellation if a minimum enrolment is not achieved.

Signing up for Day Trips

Email or phone the Day Trip Director by Friday NOON at the latest for Sat/Sun trips. Guest are welcome subject to the Day Trip Director confirming that space is available on the bus. There is a \$10. guest fee in addition to the bus & lift charges. Guest fees can be applied to full membership fees. All guests must sign a guest member application that includes a waiver.

Social Events

There are a number of social activities throughout the year. Some are published in the Program Booklet, others are advertised on the website, at club meetings or by email. Everyone, including guests, is welcome and even the 'skilled' events like golf day; don't really require any (skill, that is).

Charter Trip

You need not be an advanced skier to go. We choose resorts because they offer a variety of terrain to suit all levels of skier. The details for each year's trip are published in the Program Booklet and the group may get together before departure day to get organized.

BUS Etiquette

Busses are Non Smoking

Busses leave ON TIME... so please...arrive at the stop 15 minutes ahead of the posted departure time ... Be late, be left! On weekend trips, the first two rows of seats on both sides are reserved for the trip captain & their "stuff", like food! Please use seats starting in the third row!

The seat you select is yours for the full trip. You may only save the one seat adjacent to yours for a friend getting on at a later stop.

Ski/Board/Boot BAGS are required to protect members' equipment. On day trips, members may bring their boot bags aboard, but must be stored under the seats. (Not in the overhead bins).

Bring snacks for yourself and to pass around
Beverages must be in cans or plastic (no glass containers)
We do recycle on the bus... one bag for cans, plastics, etc and another for garbage.

Weekend Trips

To reserve a weekend trip, a minimum \$100 deposit is required. Full payment is required no later than the stated closing night for each trip. You may forfeit your spot if you have not paid in full by closing night. Cancellation Charges will apply.

Non-member guests are welcome on weekend trips, but may only be signed up on the closing night. There is a \$20 per ski day guest fee in addition to the published opening night price. Guests must sign a Guest Member Application form, which includes a waiver.

What is included in each trip is described in the Program Guide and on the website. There are no refunds or adjustments for unused portions of a trip package.

Cancellation Policy & Charges:

If you cancel on or before 9PM of the closing night for the trip, you will receive a full refund, less a \$ 50 cancellation fee. If you cancel after the closing night, you may forfeit your full fee. If you "No Show" (miss the bus, are turned back at the border), you will forfeit your full fee. Club credits cannot be used to cover these penalties. You may not arrange "substitutes".

The trip captain organizes rooming lists. Every effort to accommodate your rooming request will be made, however we cannot always guarantee to accommodate your request, especially if it involves several people. Trips are subject to cancellation by the club. On the outbound bus, a 'box lunch' or similar meal is included.

Weekend trip arrival procedure

You will be tired and cranky! On arrival the Trip Captain checks us in, gets keys etc. Please stay on the bus until everything is handed out and you know where you are going. If there is a problem with your room, see the Trip Captain or call the front desk.

During your Stay

If you have any questions about what, when or where things are happening, see the Trip Captain. Please be on time for group events. It is inconsiderate to keep others waiting. If you go out (away from the resort), be sure you know where you are staying, so you can get a cab back later.

Check Out

Return room keys to the front desk, unless otherwise instructed. Do not leave them in your room/condo. If there is damage, the room occupants are responsible for costs. If we have a 'Late Room' you can store your luggage there and use it to change before boarding the bus. Be sure to be ON THE BUS *before* the stipulated departure time!

Trip Home

It usually seems longer!

It is a Voyageurs tradition to have a departure party on board. Bring bags of munchies to pass around. On the homebound trip, we make a short stop to pick up fast food (at your expense). The drop off points are the reverse of the pick up points. I.e. Consumers Rd first, Bus Terminal last.