

Troop 255 Timberline Ski/Board Trip

February 16-18, 2018

Trip Overview

Troop 255 will be heading to Timberline West Virginia again this year for President's day weekend. We will be departing on Friday evening - the earlier the better - and heading down for the ~3.5 hour drive to Timberline. Timberline provides skiers and snowboarders a peak elevation of 4,268 feet, 200 inches of average annual snowfall and a vertical drop of 100 feet. Three lifts service 37 runs spread out over 100 acres of skiable terrain.

Scouts, families, and friends are welcome on this trip which is ideal for both new and experienced ski/boarders. The package deal is a one-sized fits all deal that includes lift tickets, bunkhouse accommodations with shared bath (at the mountain), and meals. We are getting separate bunkhouses for male and female attendees. Ski rentals and a beginner ski or snowboard lesson is included for those that need them (snowboard rentals are not included).

Packages and options:

Three night stay: \$285.00 per person - Includes: 3 nights' bunkhouse lodging, 3 day lift ticket (Sat. & Sun. includes night skiing), 3 day ski rental, 8 meals and a beginner lesson.

Two night stay: \$235.00 per person - Includes: 2 nights bunkhouse lodging, 2 day lift ticket (Sat. & Sun. includes night skiing), 2 day ski rental, 5 meals and a beginner lesson.

What's Not Included:

Snowboard rentals, helmet rentals, advanced snowboard and advanced ski lessons are not included in your package price. These options are available at the mountain as follows:

- Helmet rental: \$10 (weekend) BSA requires a helmet so all scouts must wear one.

- Snowboard rental: \$55 (2 day), \$75 (3 day)

- Level 2+ lessons: \$25

Please bring \$20 for expenses and contribute to gas for your driver. It will be necessary to eat a meal on the way down on Friday night and some may stop to eat on the way home.

Things to Bring:

If arriving on Friday, you can pick up your rentals late into Friday night. You can also pick them up on Saturday morning, but please note that this will take time and you will want to make sure you get up early to make it to a beginner lesson if you are taking one.

Bunk beds are provided with a pillow, pillowcase, sheet and blanket. There is a sink in the common area, and a toilet and shower per 15 beds.

The following are things to bring for the bunkhouse:

- Sleeping bag
- Towels / washcloth
- Soap / shampoo
- Board games / homework
- Attitude for fun & respect for others

For Skiing / Snowboarding:

- HELMETS if you have them (if not - you must rent one!)
- Outer layer jacket (preferably waterproof / windproof)
- Long underwear (not cotton)
- Ski pants, bibs or water proof pants (don't ski in blue jeans)
- Two pair of waterproof, insulated gloves or mittens
- Goggles or Sunglasses
- Facemasks or gaiters – for frigid temperatures
- Warm socks (**not cotton!**)
- Sunscreen

Your Mission: to stay dry and warm! BRING EXTRA CLOTHING AS YOU WILL WANT TO CHANGE IF YOU GET WET.

Travel and Parking:

See attached page for directions. Timberline Resort is located off Timberline Road which intersects with WV Route 32 in the center of Canaan Valley (10 miles south of Davis, WV and 12 miles north of Harman, WV). GPS systems are still behind in mapping in that area.

Arrival and Check In:

Check in is at the Group Sales Office in the lower lobby of Timberline Lodge. They ask that only the Group Leader and an assistant should check in the group to avoid congestion. Carol Politi will arrive by 7 PM. If you plan to arrive earlier, please let me know (carol.bethesda@gmail.com).

Lessons:

I've requested that our included beginner ski lessons be at 9 AM on Saturday. This should give you time to either rent equipment on Friday night or early Saturday morning. If you are renting your own snowboard, you will pick that up on Saturday morning.

Bunkhouse Rules

There must be adult supervision in the bunkhouse at all times. We have plenty of adults coming to ensure this is maintained. No alcohol/no smoking. There is a lights out and quiet hours policy of 10:00 PM.

Meals

Meal times will be reflected on the meal tickets we will distribute on Friday night. Meal tickets are honored during these hours:

- Breakfast: 6:00 – 8:30 am
- Lunch: 10:30 am – 2:00 pm
- Dinner: 4:00 pm -7:00 pm for the Evening Special

Responsibility Code

There are elements of risk that common sense and personal awareness can help reduce.

1. Always stay in control and be able to stop or avoid other people or objects.
2. People ahead of you have the right-of-way. It is your responsibility to avoid them.
3. You must not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible from above.
4. Whenever starting downhill or merging into a trail, look uphill and yield to others.
5. Always use devices to help prevent runaway equipment.
6. Observe all posted signs and warnings. Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.
7. Prior to using any lift, you must have the knowledge and ability to load, ride and unload safely.

Driving Directions to Timberline - Follow These! Not Google if it is Different.

(Timberline is not accurately mapped at this time by most GPS systems. Some of the Timberline Guests have strayed onto one lane Forest Service Roads in wilderness areas with no gas stations for miles. Stay on US or State Routes. GPS systems are specifically taking drivers to Winterset. Drivers are getting stuck in snow banks. This requires a professional towing service. Please instruct your drivers and to continue on Timberline Rd to the STOP sign. Turn RIGHT. Follow the road to the resort.)

Take the Route 495 Beltway south across American Legion Bridge

Merge onto I-66 W via the ramp to Front Royal 57.7 mi

Take exit 1A on the left to merge onto I-81 S toward Roanoke 3.9 mi

Take exit 296 for US-48/VA-55 toward Strasburg 0.3 mi

Turn right onto US-48 W/VA-55 W/John Marshall Hwy

Continue to follow US-48 W

Entering West Virginia 43.9 mi

Continue onto Richard Lee Moyers Veterans Memorial Bridge 0.4 mi

Continue onto US-48 W 25.8 mi

Road Ends at Off-Ramp 0.2 mi

Turn left onto WV-93 W/Power Station Hwy 15.9 mi

Turn left onto WV-32 S 9.0 mi

Turn left onto Timberline Rd 2.5 mi

Turn right onto Yoakum Run Rd, At the 3-way stop sign!

Destination will be on the right 0.3 mi

Timberline recommends having a West Virginia road map while traveling. At this writing, GPS Systems are not accurate for the Timberline area. ***If you are using Mapquest or Google Maps, you can make your destination either:***

Davis, WV 26260 (north of Timberline) or Harman, WV 26270 (south of Timberline).

From the town of Davis: You will take Rt. 32 South to Timberline Road (about 10 miles). Do not turn on Cortland Road. Continue on Rt 32 and pass the BFS gas station. When you see "Big John's Family Fixins'

Restaurant" (on your left), you are nearing Timberline Road. Take a left turn on Timberline Road and follow the signs to Timberline Resort.

From Harman: The town of Harman is at the intersection of Rt. 33/55 and Rt. 32. Take Rt. 32 North and travel about 12 miles to Timberline Road. On Rt. 32, you will travel through Dryfork and then enter Canaan Valley. You will see signs for Canaan Valley State Park. When you pass a strip mall on your right that houses the Ski Barn and Grant County Bank, you are nearing Timberline Road. Take a right turn on Timberline Road and follow the signs to Timberline Resort.

However, please refer to the directions above and do not get off US or state roads.