

Stark County Ski Club Bus Seating and Baggage Protocol:

Stark County Ski Club trips are scheduled well in advance and priced based on number of participants, number of bus seats available and cost of bus transportation services. Bus size needs are determined by the number of people, length of trip, and estimated amount of passenger luggage (ski bag, boot bag, and one piece of luggage, as the trip requires). The following guidelines have been established for the benefit of all of our club membership while traveling by bus or motor-coach.

- All skis/snowboards and all ski /snowboard boots must be in a proper equipment bag.
- No trip participant may board the bus/motor coach before the trip leader has boarded and has cleared the coach for loading. Baggage loading in bus bays may commence as soon as the driver has opened the bays.
- The two front seats of the bus, on either side of the aisle, are for use of the trip leader as he or she sees fit. They may open one of those pairs of seats to other passengers at their discretion. Special requests of passengers may be considered, but only granted by the trip leader.
- Unless the trip leader indicates that space is available inside the bus, all baggage stated above must be stowed in the bus baggage bays.
If participants wish to have their ski boots on the bus, the boots must fit under their own seat or in the overhead compartment above their seat.
- Unless indicated by the trip leader, a participant shall not place their boot bag on a seat next to them or a seat nearby. Bus seats are for people participating on the trips.
- All bus seats are to be available to any trip participant. Seats are available on a first come, first served basis. If any participant is traveling by him or herself, it is not permitted by any means to prevent any other participant to sit in the empty seat next to them. If you are traveling with a partner, the companion seat may be “saved” until the partner arrives. .
- Personal items (snacks/food, coolers, clothing items) are permitted on the bus as long as they can be safely stowed under the participants own seat or in the overhead compartment above their seat.
- If the trip leader indicates that there is space available, boots in boot bags may be placed in the area of the rearmost seat of the bus or a location determined by the trip leader, stacked on the seat and floor to accommodate all who wish to take advantage of this offer.
- The Trip Leader is in charge and all decisions relating to changes during the trip made necessary by weather, injury or unexpected circumstances are his/hers to make.
- Trip Leaders, Trip Committee members, and Officers of the Club and Board members are empowered to enforce these rules on any club bus trip regardless of the destination, location or length of trip.