

# Tips & Tails 2025 *January*

Year-round activities feature biking, kayaking, camping, monthly socials, volunteering, and more!

◆◆ 40++ YEARS ▲

● Skiers of All Abilities ↗

● Family Friendly →

[Membership App](#)

[StarkCountySkiClub.org](http://StarkCountySkiClub.org)

[Facebook.com/StarkCountySkiClub](https://Facebook.com/StarkCountySkiClub)

Member of:  
Cleveland Metro  
Ski Council



*What You Missed !* [Meeting Minutes](#)

***Happy New Year's Everyone!  
Our resolution is to hit more slopes in new areas!***

**In Person Meetings are in Session!  
January 21st  
Bogey's Pub and Grill  
1211 39th St NE, Canton, OH 44714  
*Social 6p, Meeting 7p***

## **SCSC Trip Sign-Up Policy**

If you are not a current paid-up member at the time of your SCSC trip application filing; the trip application will be held for a minimum of 30 days before processing. The SCSC trip application processing will only begin after the SCSC membership application with payment is received and processed. Membership must remain current throughout the ski season or travel period.

# Stark County Ski Club Contact List

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## CSMC Update Links

CMSC Sitzmark: <https://skicleveland.com/publications/>

CMSC Meeting Minutes go to: <https://skicleveland.com/cmssc-meeting-minutes/>

CMSC Trips: [Ski Trips – scroll down to see list – Ski Cleveland Metro Ski Council](#)

## SCSC/CVSSC Members Discount at The Ski Shack!

**Hours of Operation: Mon-Tues, Fri-Sat**  
**11a-5p**

**The Ski Shack**  
265 N. Freedom  
Alliance, OH 44601  
330-821-1220



**10%** off any merchandise/ any  
time for SCSC/CVSSC members.

**SHAPED SKI PACKAGES FROM \$350.00**  
(Skis and Bindings)

**SNOWBOARD PACKAGES FROM \$350.00**  
(Board and Bindings)

**SNOWBLADES (with Bindings) \$380.00**

**SKIS: Dynastar-Volki-Blizzard-Elan**  
**BINDINGS: Marker-Look-Tyrolia**

*“Protect your noggin with a Pret helmet with MIPS (Multi-Directional Impact Protection System). MIPS helps prevent scrambling your brain on an impact. Also, if your helmet is five years old or shows any dents, it should be replaced due to possible degradation of the materials. -Thanks, Joyce*

### Membership Privacy Note:

As part of the SCSC membership, we do not share personal membership information with anyone without their permission. If any of our members have a personal event happen (illness, injury, etc.) and a family member, partner, or spouse wishes to inform the membership, you may contact any officer. The SCSC will only allow information held by the club to be released upon the written permission (digital format accepted) this includes but is not exclusive to email addresses, home address, phone number, etc. **Membership period June 1st— May 31st**

## View from the Top– Jason S.

Skiers and Riders,

I hope you are getting in your first runs of the season and hope the holidays were good to you. It was great getting to see so many of you at our kickoff party, if you missed it you missed a great time. We had some special guests join us for the party, The Sole Truth a custom footbed manufacturer from Hartville showed us the importance of custom footbeds or insoles for our footwear. We also had a great donation turn out for our Annual Toys for Tots drive. The clubs philanthropic efforts this year will be split between Adaptive Sports Connection from Snow Trails, and 3 Trackers from BMBW. We also had a successful raffle for our Snow Trails season pass the proceeds going to adaptive sports connection. Sadly, we did not sell enough season passes through the club this season to earn a pass for next season. Our trip committee has been hard at work to give us a great trip line up for this season so if you haven't signed up for a trip do so quickly. Our hard-working trip committee is working and planning our trips for next year with another warm weather beach trip in the works. Keep an eye on our website, and Facebook pages for updates and changes.

## VP Report & Merchandise– Gail V.

Our kickoff party had 62 members attend. We welcomed 2 new members, who will be joining the group on the Holiday Valley-Kissing Bridge trip. Welcome Kelly & Mike. At the party members donated 54 toys and \$180.00 in money for the Toys 4 Tots of Stark County. Phil - Stark County rep for the group expressed his Thank you for our group's support again this year.

We had extra food at end of night, this was packed and taken to St Joe's in Massillon. They were going to use our leftovers to add to the hot lunch supplied to the needy on Mondays. St Joe's is one of the organizations that help supply a hot meal Monday through Saturday downtown Massillon. Thank you to Rocky for getting us the hall this year. Bless the ones that helped put the hall back in order and sweep - we received our cleaning deposit back with a Thank You for leaving the hall in perfect condition.

I want to recognize Joyce Tolerton for her continued generosity to the club. Joyce supplies a great ski related item for each meeting and event for the 50/50 table. She also offers club members a nice discount on ski related items from her shop.

Gary Ciesielczyk won the Snow Trail Pass. 68 tickets were sold for the raffle. Club raised \$335, half of this will be donated to the adaptive ski program at Snowtrails. Unfortunately, we did not sell enough passes to earn a free pass to use for a raffle this season.

We also agreed to donate \$1,500.00 to Three Trackers Adaptive Ski Program. Several of our members volunteer for the program - Gary Johnson, Beth & Tom Sinacore, Greg Dyer, and Inge Reschke.

### **Merchandise:**

Club logo scarfs have been ordered - each participant of the week long trips will receive one. We are using these to replace the leg bands. There will be some available for purchase.

Also ordered a tube scarf with our logo.

Check out the sales on winter wear - I have one sweatshirt that a member would like embroidered, but I need 11 more for the vendor to do the set up.

# Treasurer & AVI Updates– Donna



## AVI Tom Benson HOF Stadium



**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** to everyone who has volunteered over the past 7 YEARS for this great community activity at Tom Benson HOF Stadium! Tack on the 5 years we volunteered at Blossom Music Center, and we realize how long we have been out in the community, spreading the word about our ski club! We should write a book about our memories! It has been a people watchers paradise! If we decide to continue with an 8<sup>th</sup> year, Greg Dyer has expressed interest in coordinating in 2025. We don't need to let AVI know our intentions until closer to summertime. Maybe a reimagined version of this effort is possible. Let Greg know if interested. The Trip Discount Vouchers are not filled out until we receive the check from AVI. We just received one for the Nov 23 event & are still waiting for OHSAA games. If you need yours before the meeting, please contact Donna for a time to meet up.

### A Word from the Treasurer: Donna Brancifort

Because of various activities of the club and the efforts at Tom Benson HOF Stadium with AVI, we have donated to many charities over the years. I'm hoping to gather the collective amount we have donated soon. Currently, we are sending \$335 from the Snow Trails Season Pass Raffle to Adaptive Sports Connection at Snow Trails. We are also donating \$1500 to 3Trackers at BMBW from AVI tip money. There are several members from the club that also donate their time for that program.

### A Word from the Executive Board

Please take note that we will be enforcing the expiration dates for CERTIFICATES starting ~~Jan 1, 2025~~ March 1, 2025. The expiration date of a CERTIFICATE is December 31, 2 years after they are issued. CERTIFICATES can be used towards a CSCS trip or merchandise. CERTIFICATES are issued to board members, trip committee members and used for door prizes.

CERTIFICATES are different than TRIP DISCOUNT VOUCHERS (earned at Tom Benson HOF Stadium - AVI), which have no expiration, at this time.

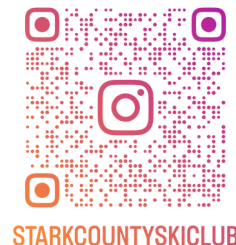
## Talking Tech– Alyssa G.

Happy New Year!

Let's kick off the year with connection and adventure! Stay tuned to our social media channels for all the latest updates, and don't forget to like, share, and tag us in your posts. Your support keeps our community vibrant and growing — every shoutout makes a difference!

Spontaneous plans are often the best ones! Join us on GroupMe for real-time updates about impromptu ski trips and après-ski gatherings. Whether it's chasing fresh powder or warming up with good company by the fire, you'll always be in the loop for memorable experiences.

Looking ahead, I'm already planning new destinations for the 2025 Kayak Season. If you've got a favorite body of water in mind or a dream spot you'd love to paddle, let me know! Together, we can make next season's adventures truly unforgettable. Here's to a year full of excitement and connection!



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# A word from the Trip Committee... Matt S.

At long last, ski and boarding season is here and we have a full slate of trips to look forward to! Details for all of our trips may be found in the trip flyers included in this newsletter.

First up is our Snow Trails Family Fun Day. We will be meeting in the Valley Lodge January 11 at 9:00 AM. Please bring a dish to share. There are outlets available for crock pots. **DAY PASSES MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE ON LINE. THERE ARE NO WALK-UP LIFT TICKET SALES.**

Next up is the Holiday Valley / Kissing Bridge bus trip January 15-17. We will be loading the bus at the Metallus (formerly Timken) parking lot on Faircrest Avenue at 2:30PM and departing promptly at 3:00PM. Snowmaking capacity at Kissing Bridge was substantially expanded over the summer.

Our Eastern ski trip is to one of the most iconic resorts in the U. S.: Whiteface Mountain at Lake Placid. Lake Placid has hosted two Winter Olympics in 1932 and 1980. The 1980 Olympic Games was the site of "The Miracle on Ice", where the U.S. hockey team beat the formidable Russian squad and eventually won the gold medal. The Olympic Village has many interesting diversions off of the slopes.

Our Western trip is to Mammoth Mountain. Mammoth is known for reliable snow and one of the longest ski seasons in the country.

We'll close out the season with a weekend trip to Camelback Mountain in Pennsylvania. Admission to an indoor water park is included. Snow tubing is available for an additional charge that you pay at the resort. Camelback is an IKON resort so, **WE ENCOURAGE ANYONE WITH AN IKON PASS TO JOIN US!**

The trips to Lake Placid and Camelback are self drive. Get together with your friends to share the ride. If you are interested in carpooling, contact the trip leader and we will try to connect those who want to ride with those who are looking for riders.

We are planning a trip to an all-inclusive resort in the Dominican Republic October 19-25, 2025. Flights need to be confirmed in order to finalize the schedule and the cost. A flyer for this trip may be found in this newsletter. We will stay at Lifestyles Holiday Resorts in Puerto Plata. We have reserved two 7-bedroom villas. Each villa can accommodate up to 14 people. Each bedroom has its own bathroom. All rooms have a single king size bed. Each villa has its own pool. Trip cost is expected to be \$1,900 per person for double occupancy or \$2,050 for a single occupant. Air transportation, ground transfers from/to the airport in the DR, lodging, meals, and beverages are included. Again, **FLIGHTS MUST BE CONFIRMED TO FINALIZE THE SCHEDULE AND THE PRICE. A VALID PASSPORT WILL BE REQUIRED.** Once all trip details have been finalized, an email will be sent to all club members with a link to the trip application.

The Trip Committee wants to do the best job we can to arrange trips you want to take. Please contact anyone on the committee to tell us how we can serve you better.

As always, **THE PURCHASE OF TRIP INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!**

Thanks,  
Matt

## Socials– Janet S.

Happy New Year Stark County Ski Club!

C'mon down to our neck of the woods! Our January social will be at Hoodletown Brewing Company, located at 423 W. 3rd St. in Dover (just off of I-77 exit 83). Hoodletown is a craft brewery and restaurant in a beautifully restored century old building. Hoodletown offers craft brews, wines, and seltzers as well as a good selection of shareables, salads, sandwiches, and flat breads.

Let's plan to meet at 3:00 PM on Saturday January 25.

Thanks,  
Janet

**Hoodletown**  
**BREWING CO**



## 2025 Stark County Ski Club Trip List

For SCSC local trips, fill out an “**On-line Trip Application & Read Trip Agreement**” and follow the appropriate payment process, or mail check to the Trip Leaders address listed. The trip application form is available by clicking on the designated trip’s Application Link. **Checks to be written to: Stark County Ski Club.**  
Secure your spot with the designated trip leader, deposits hold your spot(s)!

**Fall Wine Tour** Members’ Cost: \$220-Db1 \$340 Single Bus  
Date: **October 18-19** [Trip Application](#)  
Trip Leader: John “Rocky” Masalko Email: [jmasalko02@gmail.com](mailto:jmasalko02@gmail.com) Phone: 330-949-6016  
Address: 3925 Dueber Ave SW Canton, Ohio 44706

**Snow Trails Mansfield OH Family Day** Members’ Cost: **Varies** Self-Drive  
Date: **January 11, 2025**  
Trip leader: Roberta Graham Email: [skiingdef@gmail.com](mailto:skiingdef@gmail.com) Phone: 330-418-2613  
Address: 8760 Appleknoll St NW Massillon, Oh 44646

**Kissing Bridge & Holiday Valley Ellicottville NY** Members’ Cost: \$360 Bus  
Multi-Day Wednesday January 15-17th [Trip Application](#)  
Trip leader: Drew Gonyias Email: [drew@dgonyaslaw.com](mailto:drew@dgonyaslaw.com) Phone: 330-936-7301  
Address: 1034 Janet Ave. NW, North Canton, OH 44720

**Lake Placid NY/Whiteface Mountain** Members’ Cost: \$849 Self Drive  
Dates: **February 2– February 7** [Trip Application](#)  
Trip leader: Rich Ramsey Email: [ramsey-88@hotmail.com](mailto:ramsey-88@hotmail.com) Phone: 330-327-3720  
Address: 1735 Jefferson Rd NE, Massillon, OH 44646

**Mammoth Mountain 2 Spots Remaining!** Members’ Cost: \$1539+ Lift Tickets Fly  
Dates: **February 22— Wednesday March 1** [Trip Application](#)  
Trip leader: Matt Stear Email: [SCSC.tripchair@gmail.com](mailto:SCSC.tripchair@gmail.com) Phone: (330) 316-2874  
Address: 2235 Oak Tree Dr NW. Dover Ohio 44622

**Camelback/ Blue Mountain** Members’ Cost: \$335 Self Drive  
Dates: **March 8– March 11** [Trip Application](#)  
Trip leader: Mike Lockhart Email: [marinelock@gmail.com](mailto:marinelock@gmail.com) Phone: 330-704.0360  
Address: 1151 Melscheimer Rd. SW., East Sparta OH 44626



*Potential 2026 Trips  
Tahoe (Heavenly, Kirkwood, Northstar) —> Epic Pass*

Optional trip insurance is **HIGHLY** recommended– contact trip leader for details.

Stark County Ski Club

# FAMILY FUN

*day*



**JANUARY 11, 2025**

Start at 10:00 am-9:00pm

3100 Possom Rd, Mansfield Oh 44903

Trip Leader: Roberta Graham

[skiingdef@gmail.com](mailto:skiingdef@gmail.com)

*Meet @ Valley Lodge*

*Bring a Covered Dish to Share*





# 2025

**KISSING  
BRIDGE**



Two Nights at the Wingate Hotel, Ellicottville, NY

**\$100.00 deposit holds your spot—Balance due by Dec. 14th**

## January 15TH-17TH

**Kissing Bridge & Holiday Valley**  
**PRICE: \$360.00 Per person based on  
Double Occupancy**

**BUS LOADS: 2:30 PM**

**DEPART: 3:00 PM**

**Meet at Metallus fka  
Timken Steel Faircrest**

**TRIP LEADER**

**DREW GONYIAS**

1034 Janet Ave.  
North Canton, Oh  
44720-1835

Phone: 330-936-7301

Email:

[drew@dgonyaslaw.com](mailto:drew@dgonyaslaw.com)

**Click Here for**

**[Trip Application](#)**



**~ TENTATIVE ITINERARY ~**

1/15—Bus Departure from Timken Steel Faircrest @ 3pm headed for Wingate Hotel

- Arrive at Hotel for Check-In and spend the evening in Ellicottville

1/16—Bus will depart for Kissing Bridge **Time schedule TBD**

- Dinner in Ellicottville on your own and then either spend your evening touring the town or join a group back at the hotel for indoor swimming and hot tub.

1/17—Bus will depart for Holiday Valley at 8:45am. Slopes open at 9am.

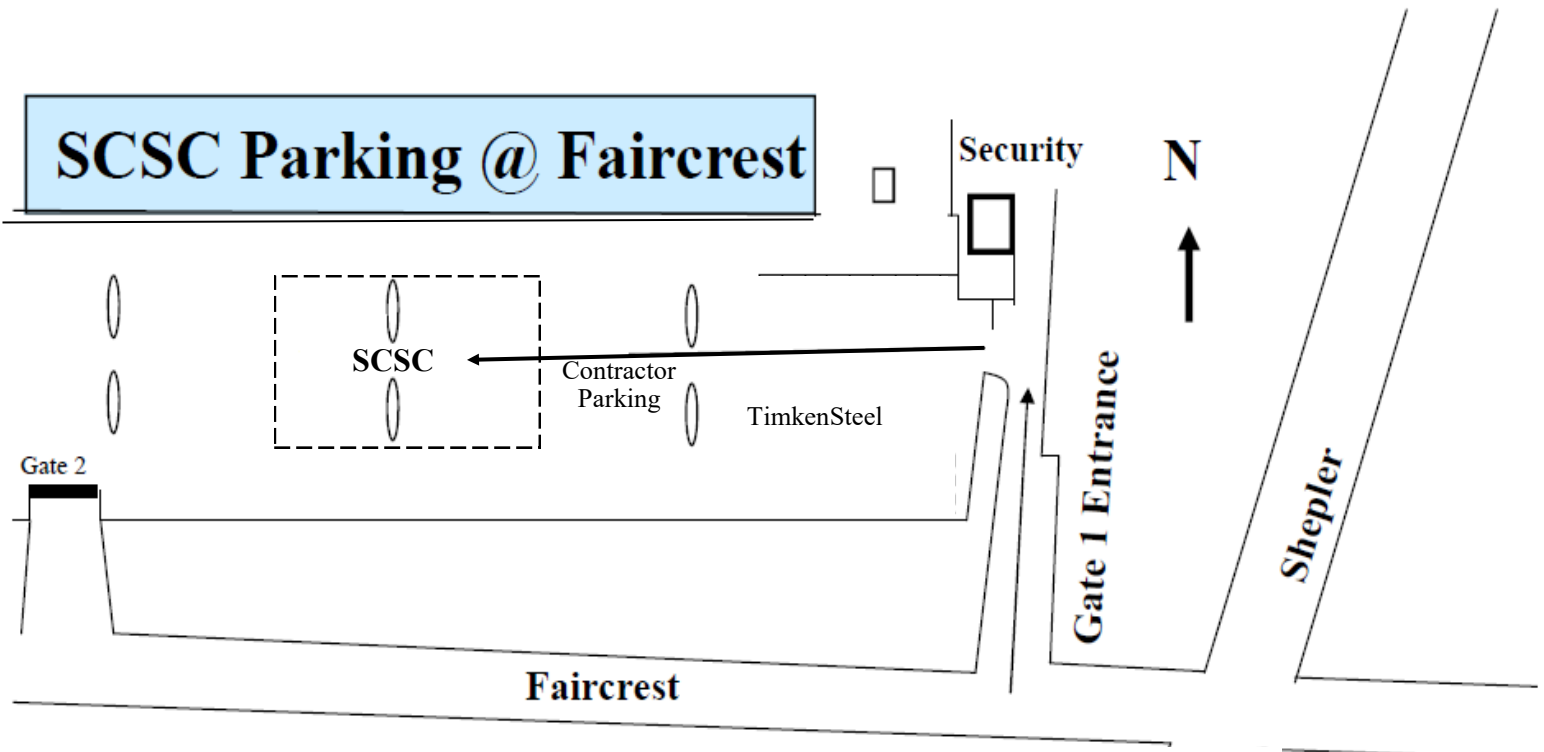
- Bus pick up from Holiday Valley at 4pm (**NO DINNER STOP**) **Please eat prior to return departure**

**Optional trip insurance is HIGHLY recommended**

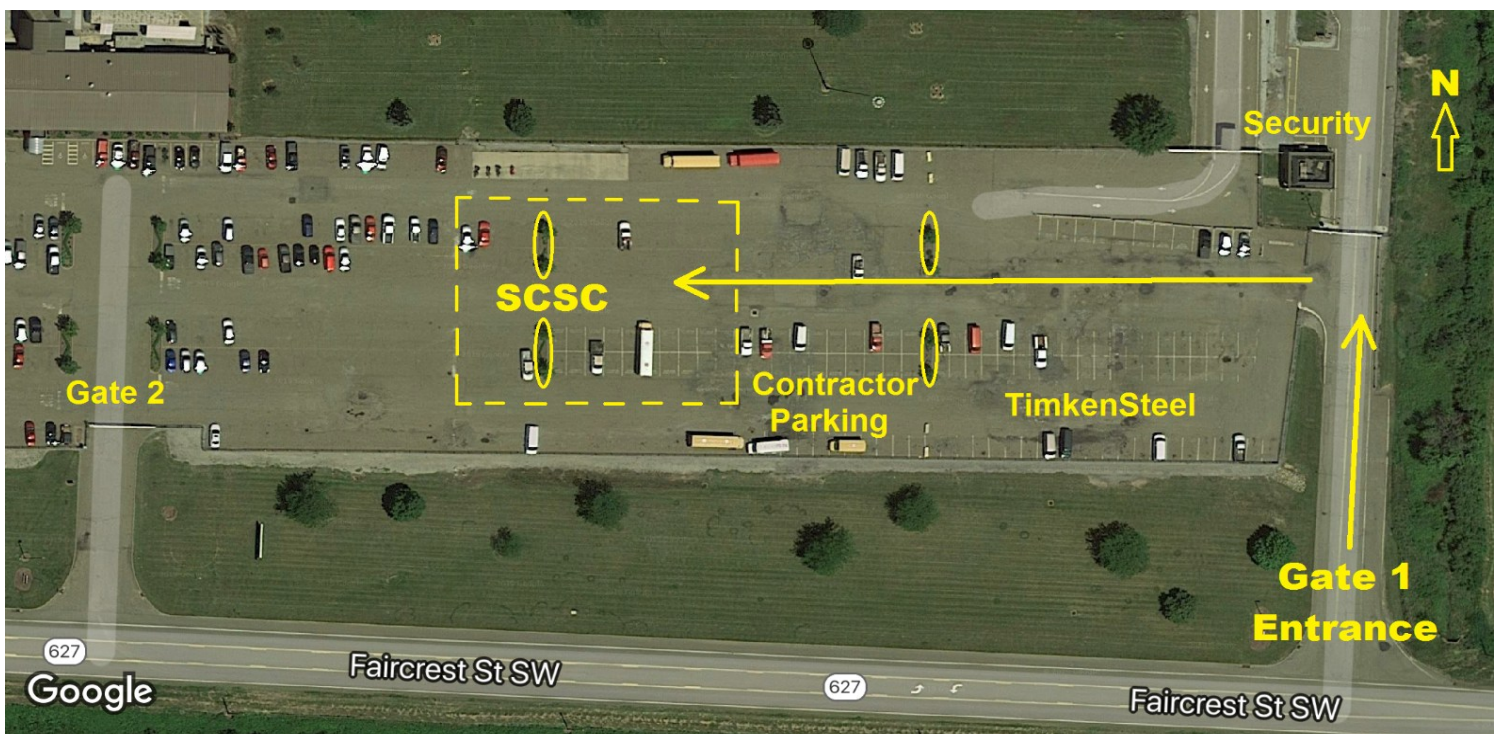


# 2025 SCSC Parking

Please make every effort to park within the designated area marked off below. When parking in the Timken Steel parking lot we need to park within the highlighted area. Test your skills to park within close proximity to the cement islands with the trees.



Please take a close look at the above map for an exact location.  
The club must park in this location. (Weather and plowing conditions may alter this location a little)  
"TMST assumes no responsibility or liability"





## Trip Application

Sunday February 2– Friday February 7, 2025  
\$859 per Person (Includes Lift Tickets)  
**28 Spots Only (14 Rooms) Self Drive**



*Non-Skiing option available \$709*  
**Must indicate on the application**

### *Payment Schedule*

\$100 Deposit Required  
within 10 Days of Trip  
Application Submission

November 1, 2024- \$300  
January 1, 2025  
Remaining Balance

### **Trip Leader:**

**Rich Ramsey**

1735 Jefferson Rd NE, Massillon, OH  
44646 Email: [ramsey-88@hotmail.com](mailto:ramsey-88@hotmail.com)  
Phone: 330-327-3720

### **5 Nights Hotel Lodging High Peaks Resort 4 Days on the Slopes**

- All rooms will either have a queen/queen or a king size bed, mini fridge, coffee maker, private balconies or patio with lake or mountain views.
- There are two indoor pools, two hot tubs, an exercise room, nightly happy hour and live entertainment in the lounge.
- Complimentary Snowshoes can be borrowed at Guest Services Desk
- Hot breakfast Daily (20 people min)
- Board Games and Air Hockey in Great Room

Free Lake Placid shuttle during the day only 4 day consecutive all area lift Whiteface Mt, February 3-6, 2025



Optional trip insurance is **HIGHLY** recommended



# Self Drive 2025

**PRICE: \$335.00**



*Two Night Stay*

**Saturday March 8, 2025– Monday March 10, 2025**

**Trip Includes:**

Hotel for two nights; Indoor Water Park option  
Lift ticket price if you do not have Ikon pass is below

[Resort Lodging](#)

An additional night can be purchased at your own discretion

Lift ticket:group rate of

**Lift ticket: group rate of \$65.00 per person! Equipment Rental: group rate of \$55.00 per person!**

WEEKEND (Non-Holiday)	Price
Lift 8 hour	\$68.00
Lift 8 hour + Rental (includes helmet)	\$102.00
Lift night (4pm-9pm)	\$41.00
Lift night + Rental (includes helmet)	\$76.00
Lessons Add-on	\$50.00

**Blue Mountain lift ticket prices if you do not have an Ikon Pass**

TRIP LEADER:  
Mike Lockhart  
1151 Melscheimer Rd. SW,  
East Sparta, OH 44626  
Phone: 330-704-0360  
E-mail:  
[marinelock@gmail.com](mailto:marinelock@gmail.com)  
Deposit of \$100 due to hold room final payment due Jan.8 2025

[Trip Application](#)



**Optional trip insurance is HIGHLY recommended**



## Trip Application

Saturday February 22, 2025– Saturday March 1, 2025  
\$1539 + Lift Tickets – **28 Spots Only**

**2 Spots Remaining as of 12/1/2024**



### Trip Leader:

**Matt Stear**

2235 Oak Tree Dr. NW, Dover, Ohio  
44622 Phone: 330-316-2874

Email: [SCSC.tripchair@gmail.com](mailto:SCSC.tripchair@gmail.com)

### *Payment Schedule* Deposit \$100

October 12, 2024 \$500  
November 23, 2024 \$500

January 11, 2025  
Remaining Balance

### Flight Itinerary

Saturday February 22, 2025 United Airlines  
# 1690 CLE→ DEN 8:40A-10:14A  
# 2167 DEN→ RNO 11:15A-12:44 P

Saturday March 1, 2025 United Airlines  
# 5978 BIH→ DEN 1:09P-4:29P  
# 1795 DEN→ CLE 5:30P-10:23P

### IKON Base Accepted

#### Adult Lift Tickets

- 4 Day- \$433
- 5 Day- \$514
- 6 Day- \$617

#### Senior Lift Tickets

- 4 Day- \$356
- 5 Day- \$423
- 6 Day- \$507

### *Super Senior (+80) FREE*

### Juniper Springs Lodge Amenities

- **2 BDR Condos Ski-In & Ski-Out**
- Three hot tubs and a heated pool are located on the Lobby level for Juniper Springs Lodge guests only.
- Fitness Room - Open 24 hours with room key access for Juniper Springs Lodge guests.
- Ice Machines located on the second, fourth and fifth levels
- Machines are operated by CleanPay App. Laundry soaps and supplies available (additional fees apply). Open 24 hours.
- Each unit is assigned one (1) storage locker for ski and snowboard equipment located in the lobby.
- Elevation: 8,000 feet
- Welcome breakfast day after arrival
- Complimentary Group Mountain Tour
- \$100 Resort Credit May be used for on mountain gear, food and/or drink purchases



Optional trip insurance is **HIGHLY** recommended