

**SECTION 4**

**Alpine Bus Procedure**

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Alpine Bus Committee

During each meeting, there will be tables labeled "Sunday Buses", "Weekday Buses", and "Cross Country Buses" with a signup sheet for the upcoming day ski trip. A minimum of 21 people MUST prepay for the Club to run a bus. The buses arrive at the Parking lots 1/2 hour prior to departure. The signup count needs to be accurate as it's too late at various points before the trip (see individual days below for specifics) to order another bus and the Club pays for buses ordered and not used. If you cannot make the meeting but wish to ski, have a friend who's going to the meeting prepay for you or use PayPal on the website. So to be clear, 21 people pre-paid will keep a bus rolling and A minimum of 70 people pre-paid, is needed for 2 buses to be ordered.

**All Alpine Bus Sign Ups -**

There are NO Email Signups, but you can sign up in advance online using **PayPal** at [www.ocskiclub.org](http://www.ocskiclub.org) at "Alpine Bus sign-up and pick-up." Please indicate pickup point and any special info where indicated.

You may also sign up at a meeting or you can have a friend sign you up. If the bus list is full, you will be WAIT LISTED. We MUST confirm our seats with Browns 48 hours prior to the ski day. PayPal will shut down at noon 2 days before the ski day. For example noon Wed. for a Fri. bus and noon Fri. for a Sun. bus.

You MUST prepay the bus fee, there are NO REFUNDS.

It is strongly advised that you plan on pre-paying in advance for buses. Waiting until the Thursday meeting before the ski day, means you take your chances on getting a seat. Alpine Buses allow you to sign up at two weeks in advance on PayPal or at meetings.

**Wait List:**

All Wait Listed persons will go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> pick up site. Wait Listed persons have priority over all others that just show up to ride the bus. If you are not pre-paid, you must go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> stop to see if there are any open seats available.

**GUIDELINES FOR ALPINE BUSES**

Bus Fees	Members/Applicants:	\$10.00 (\$9.00 Bus Fee and \$1.00 bus driver tip)
	Guests:	\$15.00 (\$14.00 Bus Fee and \$1.00 bus river tip)

**Fees**

**CASH ONLY** (No checks, credit cards, or coins) for the bus fee and the lift ticket when paying in person.

The bus fee for members and applicants is \$9.00; guests/day member are \$14.00. A gratuity of a \$1.00 each will be collected for the driver.

Lift ticket costs vary from \$25.00 to \$50.00, more for Special days or Happy Hour Buses.

Bring enough cash for the bus fee (if you haven't pre-paid) and the lift ticket cost. (~\$65).

Exact change is appreciated.

**Proof of Membership**

Membership and Applicant Cards will be asked for when collecting bus fees. If you do not have your card, you will be charged the guest/day member fee of \$15.

GUESTS are welcome, however, seating depends on availability. Guests must be at least 18 years of age. All Guests have the option of purchasing a Guest /Day membership seat of \$14 or pay the \$40 fee to become an applicant. All guests must sign the Guest Release form on the bus.

Family Buses: The Club runs family buses during school holiday weeks and on every 2<sup>nd</sup> bus on weekends. Members who are parents/guardians may bring their children (age 7 to 17) with them on the designated family bus. The parent/guardian must sign the Guest Release form for each child. The bus fee is the same as the member fee (\$10.)

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Meet buses promptly in morning (seats fill quickly) and the Buses depart on time. You should expect to be at the parking lot 15 minutes prior to departure to promptly load buses for the trip. There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Pickup Location at either I 87 Exit 9 Park-n-Ride lot **OR** Route 7 Hoosick Street Wal Mart overflow lot.

**Parking Lots**

Links to directions can be found on the Club's website [www.ocskiclub.org](http://www.ocskiclub.org) or at time of sign-up

**Weekend Buses** – (Including Sunday, Happy Hour, and Cross Country Buses)

1st Pickup Location – Buses leave promptly at 6:30 am. Use the NYS McCarty Ave. Parking Lot, Park in the 1st Parking Row, Just West of the Fuel Pumps - 2 Cars deep. Otherwise your car may be towed at your expense. NYS performs routine maintenance on the rest of the parking lot. This lot is donated by the State of New York and we must follow their directions.

**Weekday buses**

1st Pickup Location – Buses leave promptly at 7 am. Use the Crossgates Mall parking lot. The area is east of JC Penny's Department Store. Near the traffic light to Crossgates Commons.

**2nd Pickup Location (ALL Buses)**

Exit 9 - About 15 minutes after first pickup. The Park-n-Ride at Exit 9 of the Northway, on the NE side.  
Rte 7 - About 15 minutes after the first pickup. The Overflow lot (in the middle) on Rte 7 (Brunswick) located in the Wal Mart Plaza, (Trips to Bromley, Mount Snow, and Stratton use Rte 7)

**Ski Area Buses Depart**

Departure time in the evening from the mountain is 5:00 pm SHARP unless otherwise announced. Buses do not wait for missing passengers.

**Equipment Storage**

Do not lean skis on buses. Place ski boots securely in overhead racks on the bus. Ski bags are recommended. Skis, poles and larger bags are stowed in the lower luggage compartments. Wet Items should be stored in the lower luggage compartments or placed in plastic bags and placed under the seats, for the ride home.

**Equipment Pickup**

**Please make sure you have your own equipment when you depart from the bus at night. Many bags look alike in the dark. Labeling your equipment and bags will help resolve problems that arise.**

**Switching Buses**

Return home on the same bus (and seat) that you were on from the morning. If, for any reason you are not returning with the Club, you must notify your bus leader.

**Saving Seats**

Is allowed if the bus is not filled. Each person present can save one extra seat. Note: This is your seat for the entire trip. No switching of seats. You cannot use a seat for your luggage unless there are empty seats after leaving the second stop. All equipment bags must be stowed overhead or under your feet.

**No Smoking**

No Smoking on any of the buses (this includes the bathrooms). NYS Law

**Keep The Buses Clean**

There are garbage bags in the front and the rear of each bus; please use them.

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No beverages will be served until the buses have departed the mountain's parking lot. Bus leaders will be providing Water for the ride home. Please recycle returnables in the designated bag. The nickels help pay for the next trip's water. **Red Wine is not allowed on the buses.**

**Drive Ups**

If you wish to drive to the mountain, you must pre pay the Lift ticket at the Thursday night meeting, (or Friday morning at Crossgates, Sunday morning in the McCarty Ave lot, or at the days' second pickup point). A Bus Committee representative will issue a receipt. After the Browns buses unload, exchange your receipt for your lift ticket. The exception to the rule is Council Events, no need to pre pay; you can purchase tickets at the mountain. This includes all Sunday Council Races too.

**Proper Conduct**

Please use good judgment on the bus and at the mountain. Inappropriate behavior may result in removal from the bus and you will be responsible for your own transportation from the mountain.

**Injuries**

If injured while at the mountain, please let the ski patrol and the bus leader know. Be sure and identify yourself as an OC. Ski Club member. The buses cannot provide ambulance services; you are responsible for your own arrangements.

**Bus Status Updates**

To keep informed of the latest updates see us Thursday night at the Polish Community Center or check the Club's website [www.ocskiclub.org](http://www.ocskiclub.org) or the Hotline 475-7553

**NOTE: \*\*\*\*All Information is subject to change\*\*\*\***

Think Snow,  
The Alpine Bus Committee

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