

2019 Mountain High Trips Survey

We need your input in determining when, where, and how many ski trips to organize. Please keep the following in mind:

1. **Chartered buses** and sometimes a **train** are our standard modes of transportation on ski trips.
2. **Early signups are important.** If you don't sign up for a trip at least 30 – 60 days in advance, the trip might be canceled, or at least it might be pared down by removing some features that we can't afford because of a low number of participants. We might have to cancel a dinner, or some other perk, or we might have to cancel the bus. So, don't procrastinate or wait to see what the snow will be like. Send in at least a deposit as early as possible.
3. **The trips we'll organize depend on your preferences,** long or short, far or near, and how much time you are willing or able to take off of work, or away from your non-skiing life.
4. **Each winter, we try to organize a variety of ski trips,** including weekend trips, week-long trips, and something in between.
5. **Some of our members are now retired** and free to go on more trips and longer ones.
6. **There are just 14 questions below,** the last of which is an opportunity to share your own thoughts or preferences and give us your comments on ski trips. You can also add comments in the "Write In" boxes for each question. THE SURVEY IS ANONYMOUS, UNLESS YOU CHOOSE TO ADD YOU NAME IN THE COMMENT SECTION IN THE LAST QUESTION

QUESTIONS

1. How long of a trip are you most interested in? (Check more than one if you wish.)
 - a) Weekend (2 or 3 days)
 - b) 4 or 5 days
 - c) Week-long trips (7 or 8 days).
 - d) Any length is fine with me.
 - e) Write-in comment: _____
2. Would you sign up for more than one trip per season?
 - a) No, one is enough.
 - b) Yes, but only if they were 2 short trips.
 - c) Yes, but just 1 longer one and 1 short one at most.
 - d) Yes, I could sign up for 2 or 3 trips of any length.
 - e) Yes, I'll sign up for as many trips as I can if they are interesting.
 - f) Write-in comment: _____
3. Would you sign up for more than one **week-long** ski trip?
 - a) No, I can't afford even one week-long trip.
 - b) Just one week-long trip is enough.
 - c) Yes, 2 weeks are more fun than just one.
 - d) Write-in comment: _____

4. Would you sign up for a ski trip that requires **flying** to places like Utah (Salt Lake City), Colorado (Denver), Montana (Bozeman, Big Sky), or Alberta (Calgary, Banff)?

- a) No, I don't like to deal with airlines, luggage fees, security checkpoints, etc.
- b) Yes, no problem. Especially if I can use my airline miles.
- c) Other (please specify you preferences or thoughts)
- d) Write-in comment: _____

5. How important is **on mountain lodging** (ski-in/ski-out)?

- a) Very important. I want it always.
- b) Important, but can do without it. Sometimes would be nice.
- c) Not important. Affordable lodging anywhere is just fine.
- d) Write-in comment: _____

6. How important is to have a trip to a Powder Alliance resort where you can use your Fusion Pass for some free skiing?

- a) Very important. Let's always do trips to Powder Alliance resorts, even though there is a limited selection of them.
- b) Nice but not imperative. Let's do it sometimes.
- c) Not important at all. I don't intend to purchase a Fusion Pass.
- d) Write-in comment: _____

7. How important are additional activities like hot springs, etc?

- a) Very important. Let's always add something like that.
- b) Somewhat important. Nice, but not mandatory. Sometimes.
- c) Not important. We just want to ski.
- d) Write-in comment: _____

8. Are you interested in a **weekend** bus trip?

- a) No, I prefer a longer trip or a week-long ski vacation.
- b) Yes, absolutely.
- c) Yes, but ... (please let us know under what conditions)
- d) Write-in comment: _____

9. **Friday departure.** If we leave for a weekend trip, do you care what time we leave on a Friday? Do you need to work on Friday morning? Note that if we leave earlier in the day, we could get to our destination earlier and have more time to enjoy it. So, what would be the earliest you could leave on Friday?

- a) 8 am
- b) Noon or later.
- c) 1 pm or later.
- d) 2 pm or later.
- e) 4 pm or later.
- f) 5 pm or later.
- g) Write-in comment: _____

10. How about a **3-day weekend**, departing on a **Thursday** and returning Sunday evening? Or **Friday – Monday** on a holiday weekend.

- a) No, I can't take off for more than a short weekend.
- b) Yes, maybe I would consider a 3-day weekend, but it's a bit iffy.
- c) Yes, absolutely. A 3-day weekend is more fun. I am all for it.
- d) Let us know your thoughts about a 3-day weekend and/or a Thursday departure. And can you leave earlier in the day, just as in the previous question?

11. Name a few ski areas that you would like us to organize a trip to.

12. Name a ski area or two that you would rather NOT go to.

13. Here are some destinations for shorter trips that your trip leaders are contemplating. Which ones would get your vote? Please mark as many as you want, if you think you might sign up for any of these.

- Mt. Bachelor by itself (for maybe 2 days).
- Mt. Bachelor for one day and the other day at Willamette Pass or Hoodoo.
- 49 Degrees North and Bluewood (on the drive home).
- 49 Degrees North plus Mt. Spokane, plus Bluewood (one day at each).
- Leavenworth - Mission Ridge and Stevens Pass.
- Crystal Mountain.
- White Pass.
- Brundage (probably longer than just a weekend).
- Schweitzer Mt. (probably longer than just a weekend).
- Schweitzer Mt., plus Lookout Pass, plus Silver Mountain (one day at each).

14. Please add any other thoughts, suggestions, or preferences you might want to share with the trip leaders.
