

## **Important Trip Details**

### **Potential Pricing Increases**

For each trip: EPIC Pass prices are subject to change as there will likely be ski pass price increases between now and the start of the coming ski season. Committing to an EPIC Pass at trip registration will lock in the current Pass price. Once payment has been made the EPIC Pass is non-refundable.

Pricing for the Whistler/Blackcomb trip is based on the current exchange rate of \$1.00 US = \$1.26 Canadian. Pricing for our Canadian land portion (hotel & bus) could fluctuate until our final payments are made.

Participants who are not HVSC members, including guests, add a \$70 non-member fee for each trip. That non-member fee is waived for Trailsweepers members or new HVSC membership application concurrent with trip registration. (See "Membership" tab at club website, <http://www.hudsonvalleyskiclub.org> ).

### **Registration Priority**

Trip sign-up registration forms, including EPIC Pass order forms as appropriate, along with checks for the initial deposit will be collected at our Sunday June 6th picnic. HVSC members can opt to mail in their registration form/pass order/deposit check. If postmarked by June 6th, registrant will be considered to have signed up at the June 6th meeting.

Only HVSC members are eligible to be accepted as a trip participant through June 30, 2021.

Registrations from non-members, including Trailsweepers members, will be accepted but only confirmed as trip participants beginning July 1, as space permits. As stated above, there is a \$70 non-member fee for each trip (waived for Trailsweepers members).

Each trip is limited to 30 registrants. If, as of the June 6 initial sign-up (including mail postmarked by June 6), there are more registrations than a specific trip can accommodate, a lottery will determine who will be accepted as a trip participant. After June 6, the trips will be filled on a first-come basis.

Once a trip is fully booked, waiting lists will be maintained, since there is always the possibility of space opening due to cancellations.

### **Trip Cancellation**

Getting personal trip cancellation insurance is strongly advised.

The EPIC Pass is purchased with initial trip deposit and is non-refundable.

Our contracts with airlines, etc. require us to make early non-refundable commitments.

Thus, it is unlikely that HVSC can provide any refund for most instances if a participant cancels. However, if it is well before the ski season, we are sometimes able to substitute names to the airline (for a fee), which is why we maintain a waiting list for our trips.

Minimum cancellation fee is \$100.

### **Trip Insurance**

Once we have passed the various contract due dates for airfare, lodging, etc. the trip registrant will be liable for all financial commitments. Trip Insurance is highly recommended. Read your policy carefully regarding specific areas of insurance coverage, some policies do not apply for pandemic-related cancellations. Cancel for Any Reason (CFAR) is an optional travel insurance benefit available on some policies; however, CFAR covering New York State residents is hard to find. CFAR coverage is usually significantly more expensive and typically has additional eligibility criteria:

- Depending on the policy, it is only available within 10-21 days of initial trip payment
- You MUST insure 100% of your pre-paid, non-refundable trip cost
- Cancellation must occur 48 or 72 hours before departure date, depending on the plan
- Benefits may only cover between 50%-75% of costs, depending on the policy.

### **Trip Package Modifications**

Our trip package includes group airfare. Occasionally some trip participants join our ski trip from other areas rather than traveling with us from the Hudson Valley. Email Jim Gahn at [treasurer@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org](mailto:treasurer@hudsonvalleyskiclub.org) for any special arrangements.