

Traverski Trip Policy

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Philosophy

Traverski exists for its members. We sponsor a number of trips each year for the enjoyment of its members and friends. The Club does not intend to gain financially from these trips and prices are set for an overall long term, break even point. Trip coordinators volunteer all services and are not compensated in any way. Volunteering is important to Traverski and its members.

By participating as a large group and using our planning experience, the Club can offer exciting trips at excellent values.

Scope

The following policies applies to all events in which the Club "Trip Policy" is referenced. The policies will generally apply to all club sponsored ski trips, but other events will also fall into this category. All events covered by these policies clearly state this fact.

Sign-up

Sign-up for an event is always on a first come basis. By signing up for an event you are showing your intention and availability to participate. The initial sign-up date is generally announced in advance but this is not mandatory. Sign-ups are taken at all club events or by contacting the trip coordinator.

Most trips generally have a maximum number of participants that can be accommodated. However, this number can be adjusted upward or downward based on participation, market conditions, or any other reason deemed beneficial to the Club and its members by the Executive Board. When, at any given time, this number is reached additional sign-ups will be placed on a waiting list. Those on the waiting list will be required to maintain their status by meeting the same payment schedule (see **Payments**) as other participants. If a space becomes available the Club will attempt to contact the top person on the waiting list promptly, but you may be transferred to the active list without prior notice. Every effort will be made by the Club to find space for all those wishing to participate, but of course this is sometimes impossible.

The Executive Board may decline to accept or retain any person as a participant on a trip.

Prices

As mentioned above, the Club does not aim for a financial gain from sponsored trips. The Traverski Executive Board sets its prices based on advice from the appropriate coordinators regarding the Club's estimated cost and anticipated participation. Actual costs and participation will generally result in a small gain or loss for the Club.

Prices for participants are set in advance and are announced. Most events will have a single price, but to accommodate the various tastes of our members, many options may be available that can affect your actual price. These options generally fall into the category of lodging upgrades, lift tickets or meals but can include a vast array of possibilities. Be certain, before you sign-up, that you understand all included and optional items.

The Club reserves the right to recalculate the trip price due to an error in computing the original price, the imposition of additional fees, or foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations. In the same manner, the Club may elect to refund any excess gain earned by a trip. Any changes to a trip price after sign-up has started, or any excess refunds will require approval from the Executive Board.

Payments

To sign-up for a trip, an initial payment toward the price is required. Based on participation the trip coordinator makes a binding financial commitment on behalf of the Club. Therefore this initial payment is generally nonrefundable, except as noted in the **Refunds** section.

Each trip will have a published schedule of payments that are required to maintain your position on the participation list. Missing a payment date may result in removal from the list at the discretion of the coordinator or Executive Board to make room for others wanting to participate. Some trip options will also have payment deadlines which will be announced to participants. Trip coordinators are not required to notify participants of upcoming or missed payments - **it is your responsibility to make payments on time**.

Those removed from the participation list for missing payments lose their position on the list. If payments are brought up to date, reinstatement on the list is at the bottom (including any waiting list).

Refunds

As mentioned previously, the Club makes commitments based on the estimated and actual number of sign-ups. These commitments to travel providers may be written, verbal, and/or financial. It is extremely important to the Club's long term success that these commitments are upheld. If you change your plans after signing-up for a trip your right to a refund is limited.

A request for removal from the sign-up list must be made in writing and given to the trip coordinator or any Executive Board member. If your cancellation can be filled from the waiting list all deposits will be returned, minus any penalties imposed by the contracted suppliers (such as a name change on airline tickets), and a non-refundable \$25 sign-up fee possibly charged by the Club.

The Club has no obligation to absorb losses incurred as a result of a participant's cancellation. Along with each trip's payment schedule, a refund schedule is published. Generally the refund timing is different from the payment schedule. If there is no waiting list, you will be given a refund according to the refund schedule based on the date your cancellation notice was received. You may be given additional money if the Club can secure additional refunds from their contracted suppliers on your behalf. In no instance will the initial non-refundable sign-up payment be refunded if your spot cannot be filled.

Persons removed from the sign-up list for failing to comply with the payment schedule will be given a refund per the refund schedule as of the date of their removal, minus the \$25 sign-up fee, if it was imposed by the Club.

Those on a waiting list will receive a full refund when it is determined that they cannot be accommodated on the trip, or by request at any time before being upgraded to the active list. This does not incur the \$25 sign-up fee.

The Club advises participants to investigate purchasing personal trip cancellation insurance from their agent to protect their financial investment if they believe that a situation could arise that would cause them to have to cancel. The Club does NOT offer any type of trip insurance.

Trip Cancellation

If a trip is canceled in full or in part due to events beyond the control of Traverski Club (such as, but not limited to, weather, natural disaster, or other acts of God), the Club will not be held liable. The Club will make all possible efforts to obtain refunds from trip suppliers. The Club will refund to participants all monies collected from suppliers in accordance with our contracts. However, in some circumstances this may not amount to the full price of the parts of the trip not completed.

If a trip is canceled by the decision of the Executive Board, all monies collected (including the initial payment) will be refunded to those on the sign-up list.

Non-member participation

Non-members who are eligible to join Traverski Club are welcome at all events. However, they are limited to participate in at most three events before they must join Traverski to continue participating. For non-members, a surcharge of 10% will be added to the price of the event. The surcharge is due along with the final payment.

All non-member trip participants must sign the **"Waiver and Releases from Liability and indemnity Agreement"** before participating in any Traverski trip.