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Welcome to the 2010 USA Ski Trip

Parents Information Evening

- **The presentation will begin around 18.45pm**

In the mean time please:

- **Ensure you have signed in on the relevant sheet in the Crush Hall**
- **Pick up an administration pack**
- **Speak to the ski & snowboard companies who have stalls at the back of the hall – they can offer advice & help with all kit.**
- **Enjoy the refreshments!**

- **There will be time at the end of the presentation to speak to the suppliers or staff about any further questions you may have.**

The plan for tonight

1. Information on the resort
2. Administration
3. Finances
4. Ski lessons
5. Après Ski
6. Fundraising
7. Expectations
8. Travel arrangements/Logistics

Steve Whitaker from Sub 32 and Ernie from Noah's Ark

1. Ski clothing, equipment and advice

Please feel free to ask any questions during the presentation

Staffing/Groups

Due to this trips gargantuan size there will be certain differences to this trips organisation

- Students will be placed in groups of 10 or 11
- Each group will have a 'lead teacher'
- This teacher is their first point of contact if they feel ill, need money from their 'bank', have ski equipment issues
- Their 'lead teacher' will communicate all messages/logistic points to them every evening
- This will ensure that all students needs can be catered for more ably by the experienced staff

The Beacon Resort

Loon & Cannon mountains

A fantastic family run resort close to both mountains

- Large function rooms
- 2 swimming pools
- Spacious and comfortable rooms
- All rooms have television and private bathrooms



Cannon Mountain (ski for 3 days)

- 178 skiable acres
- Ideal to learn new techniques
- Plenty of skiing area for all abilities

Loon Mountain (ski for 2 days)

- 336 skiable acre
- Snowmaking for 97% of mountain
- Slightly tougher trails than Cannon



New York!

Hotel Pennsylvania

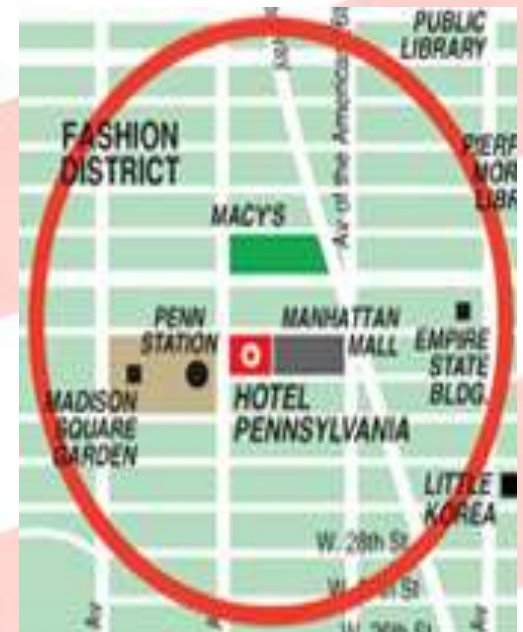
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Amazing location right opposite Madison Square Garden

Short walk (10 mins) to Times Square

Comfortable rooms

Ideal location to explore this magical city!



Administration

Your administration pack includes:

- Medical form – those with a nut allergy or an allergy requiring an epipen must see Miss Arend tonight.
- Supervision of students and expectations form
- Trip indemnity and ESTA responsibility form
- Ski lesson form
- Timeline of key dates & Insurance information sheet

PLEASE RETURN BEFORE CHRISTMAS - THE SOONER THE BETTER!

Finances

ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE IN BY 16th NOVEMBER 2009

- Failure to do so will result in charges enforced by the ski company for which YOU will be liable to pay.
- Students will be responsible for their own spending money until we arrive in USA, where it will then be collected by each students 'lead teacher'. Parents – please ensure monies are packed securely.

Ski Lessons/Options

- Completely different to previous years
- Choose to Ski or snowboard, no additional charge to snowboard

I MUST KNOW BY END OF THE WEEK IF YOU ARE WANTING TO SNOWBOARD

THIS CANNOT BE A LAST MINUTE DECISION

- If there is not an equal split between skiers and boarders, groups will be a mix of both, however they will be of the same ability.

Ski Lessons

- Sign up for participation in one of two Saturday sessions
- 16th Jan – Non-skiers/Beginners (no experience – 1 week on snow)
- 23rd Jan – Intermediate/Advanced
- Both sessions will run from 18.30pm – 21.30pm
- There will be at least two members of staff at each session for supervision purposes

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Après Ski Activities

- Quiz
- Visit to the ‘Worlds Largest Amusement Arcade’
- Karaoke
- Presentation Evening
- Factory store visit
- Hard Rock Café on Times Square
- New York evening entertainment – TBC
- Tour of New York – own tour or guided, TBC

As I do not wish to ask for more money, Après activities will be funded through fundraising events – Race Night and the football cards.

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Fundraising

- **Football cards**

- Please return all money and cards ASAP please
- Ensure all names are on the cards
- Hand directly into Mr Barrington or Miss Arend, do not put into a teachers tray

- **Race Night**

- Friday 6th November 2009
- Held in the school hall
- Admission will include meal (curry, chilli or similar)
- Bar available
- Raffle
- Invite all friends, relatives, neighbours!!!
- Tickets will be on sale from school reception in the near future. Please wait for communication about sales through your son/daughter

Travel Arrangements

- Depart school at 10.00am with 'Eagle Line' coaches to London Heathrow
- **Meet at school for 9.00am** (parents please park on grass or parking areas on school grounds – **not in the turning circle**)
- Luggage - 1 bag at 23Kg, ski/board bag (23kg) and 1 piece of hand luggage
If you have your own equipment you can check it in as an additional bag
Please only put ski's/board and boots in your bag
Let me know by half-term if you are bringing your own equipment
- Transfer from JFK to Beacon Resort with Greyhound Coaches
- Coach transfers every day to the relevant mountain that we will be spending the day on
- Coach transfer to NY – these coaches will remain with us until we are dropped off at airport
- Students will be assigned a coach and are to remain on the same coach throughout the trip

Date	From	To	Flight	Time
12/02/10	LHR	JFK	VS09	16.50 – 20.00
19/02/10	JFK	LHR	VS10	22.25 – 10.25 Land on 20 th

Passports

The passport arrangements for this years trip are as follows:

- Passports to be handed into reception from 4th January until 22nd January – DO NOT place them in a teachers tray – no teacher will be held responsible for any lost passports if the correct procedure is not followed.
- Please be aware there will be a strict handover procedure – students/parents will be required to sign in their passports at reception.
- Passports will then be returned to the student on approach to the airport
- It is then the Students responsibility to keep the passport until they are on the coach to resort where they will be collected by their ‘lead teacher’.
- Passports will then not be returned to students until we check in for our return flight.
- Passports then remain the responsibility of the student.

Itinerary

Date	Activity
Friday 12 th Feb	Travel to Heathrow Airport Transfer to The Beacon Resort
Saturday 13 th Feb	Ski fit 1 st day of ski/snowboarding instruction (Cannon)
Sunday 14 th Feb	2 nd day of skiing/snowboarding (Cannon) Visit to 'Worlds Largest Amusement Arcade'
Monday 15 th Feb	3 rd day of skiing/snowboarding (Cannon) Relax and enjoy hotel facilities
Tuesday 16 th Feb	4 th day of skiing/snowboarding (Loon) Karaoke
Wednesday 17 th Feb	5 th day of skiing/snowboarding (Loon) Presentation evening
Thursday 18 th Feb	Transfer to New York – stop en route at an outlet village Hard Rock Café for evening followed by après activity (tbc)
Friday 19 th Feb	Check out of hotel Exploration of New York on foot and by Coach
Saturday 20 th Feb	Arrive back at Heathrow – 10.25am Arrive back at Crypt School 2.30pm (approx)

Itinerary timings/order subject to change...but hopefully won't!