BROOKVALE GROBY LEARNING CAMPUS



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Dear Parent/Carer

Ski USA 2024: Wednesday 14th February - Thursday 22nd February 2024 This trip is for current Year 10 and Year 12 Students

The 2024 Ski Trip is to Cannon and Waterville in New Hampshire U.S.A. including a stopover in New York! The trip includes:

- Coach to and from the UK airport
- Transatlantic flights including food and drink with scheduled airlines and all applicable flight taxes
- Full Medical and Travel Insurance Cover (exclusions may apply)
- 7 nights half board accommodation based on multi-bedded rooms
- 5 day hire of skis, boots, poles and helmets (includes ski breakage and piste closure insurance)
- **5** x 5 hours ski or snowboarding tuition and a **5** full day lift pass
- Resort representative service
- 2 outdoor evening entertainments with transport where required; bowling and cinema
- Shopping for bargains at 'Woodbury Common Shopping Outlets'
- New York City tour including the Top of The Rock, the Statue of Liberty via the Staten Island ferry, Memorial Fountains at Ground Zero and Central Park
- New York stopover including a meal out in Times Square.

The approximate cost of the trip is £2,250.00 based on 40 students. If we do not get 40 students then the price may have to be reviewed. There is no supplement for snowboarding although students cannot do both, it is one or the other for the full 5 days. Snowboarding is also dependant on a maximum of 8 students of similar ability choosing this option.

If you would like your son/daughter to go on this amazing trip:

- Complete and submit an expression of interest for your child which is accessible by <u>clicking here</u> from 4pm Friday 13th January. The deadline for submitting expressions of interest is Sunday 22nd January
- During the week commencing 23d January, an email will be sent to confirm whether or not your **child has been offered a place** on this trip.
- Those students offered a place will need the £250 deposit to be paid on Arbor by Wednesday 1st February 2023 to secure their place. If the £250 payment is not received by this date, the place will be offered to another student. Late payments will not be accepted.

By submitting an expression off interest, you agree that payments will be made in accordance with the schedule set out in this letter. Failure to fulfill these payments may jeopardise your child's place on the trip.

Please see the information enclosed relating to behaviour expectations, allocation of places and payment information. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact us.

Deposit and Payment Schedule Information

- The payment plan below shows payment deadlines with the final payment due by 1st November 2023.
- Payments are to be made via ARBOR.
- If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office to discuss alternative payment methods.
- All payments are non-refundable (unless the trip doesn't go ahead due to insufficient interest). In certain exceptional circumstances, a refund may be possible but only a percentage of the trip cost, excluding deposit. There will be a point prior to departure when no refund will be possible.

Payment	Payment amount	Payment due by
1	£250 deposit	1 st Feb 2023
2	£250	1 st March 2023
3	£250	1 st April 2023
4	£250	1 st May 2023
5	£250	1 st June 2023
6	£250	1 st July 2023
7	£250	1 st September 2023
8	£250	1 st October 2023
9	£250	1 st November 2023
TOTAL	£2,250*	

N.B. Any student, aged 16 or over at the time of travel, will also be subject to Air Passenger Duty which is an additional charge of approximately £85.00 and this will be set up as separate amount payable on ARBOR at a later date.

Parents / carers and students will be invited to an evening meeting in school before the visit in order to outline specific details and to meet with staff involved.

Yours sincerely

Donna Bee | Michelle Richardson

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Behaviour Expectations and Allocation of places

Behaviour thresholds before being accepted onto the Ski Trip 2024:

You will appreciate that on a residential trip like this, so far away from home, the staff accompanying will be concerned about behaviour and supervision. It would be wrong to put staff in a position where they have to deal with serious cases of bad behaviour or dissent.

With this in mind, the campus will not allow any student with excessive C1's and C2'S, behaviour points above 20, a fixed term suspension or poor attendance (below 95% unless medical evidence can be provided) to attend the trip. This is down to the discretion of the lead members of staff as safety of the students on the trip is paramount.

This will be monitored very closely and we reserve the right to withdraw a place at any time, with the potential loss of any money paid or due, including the deposit. I am sure you will understand the necessity

for this approach and support the campus in doing so. Please discuss this with your child so you are all fully aware of the actions we will be taking if necessary.

Criteria for allocation of places on the Ski Trip 2024:

If the trip is over-subscribed, we have a series of criteria in place in the campus Educational Visits Policy to give priority to students who have not already been, or are due to go, on a residential trip this academic year.

These criteria are in place in order to provide an equal opportunity for all students on campus to participate in our extra-curricular residentials, as well as taking into account the school's standards for behaviour.