



STUFF YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW

IN THE DAYS PRIOR TO THE TRAIN DEPARTURE:

- If you sell your ticket to another party, please contact NSAA at 276-7609 or nsaa@alaska.net and let us know the car/seat number of the ticket you sold and the name of the new passenger.
- Check our website (www.AnchorageNordicSki.com) or our hotline (907-248-6667) for updates.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE FOR THE DEPOT:

- **Don't forget your ticket!** All passengers, no matter how young, must have a ticket.
- **Make sure to bring your photo identification.** (Not required for passengers under 18.)
- Securely bundle your skis and poles (ski bags are okay) and attach a label bearing your clearly printed last name.
- Consider labeling your backpacks, etc.
- Bring some cash for food, beverages and T-shirts.
- No beer or wine will be sold on the Ski Train, but you are welcome to bring your own. Please remember to drink responsibly and dispose of your empties properly. Glass containers are discouraged and are not allowed in the polka car.
- Leave your dog at home. Only guide dogs and rescue dogs are allowed on the Ski Train.

DON'T BE LATE:

- **Boarding begins at 6:00 a.m. and ceases at 7:00 a.m.**
- The train doors will close at 7:20 a.m. If you miss the train in Anchorage, you may drive to Wasilla and board there at approximately 9:00 a.m.

NEW BOARDING LOCATION IN ANCHORAGE:

- Like last year, parking will be in the lot on Ship Creek Ave. across from the Comfort Inn; however, boarding will **not** be at the Train Depot.
- The train will be parked east of the Depot between C St. and Cordova. Please check the Ski Train page on our website (www.AnchorageNordicSki.com) for a diagram of the traffic flow.

LOADING AND CHECK-IN PROCESS:

- **The baggage car will be located near NE corner of C St. and 1st Ave.** Load your ski equipment (**securely bundled and labeled with your last name**) on the baggage car prior to boarding. No skis, poles, snowshoes, etc. are allowed on the passenger cars.
- After loading your gear, proceed to the check-in table for the passenger car to which you are assigned. Your boarding pass indicates your car and seat number. **You cannot get on the train without a boarding pass and photo ID** (ID not required if you are under 18).
- When you present your boarding pass and ID at the check-in desk, you will be asked to sign the manifest and the waiver and release of liability prior to boarding the train.
- **Each and every seat on the Ski Train is sold, so please make sure to sit in the seat indicated on your boarding pass.** Please do not put packages and bags on other seats.

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WASILLA BOARDING:

- The Ski Train will stop at the train depot in Wasilla for boarding and unloading passengers. **If you plan to board at Wasilla, please let us know at least a week prior to departure.**
- Please check the Ski Train page on our website (www.AnchorageNordicSki.com) for an aerial photo of the Wasilla depot and parking area.
- Be aware that there is very limited parking at the Wasilla depot.
- You will need to check in prior to boarding. The train will stop at Wasilla at approximately 9:00 a.m. to load passengers and the stop will be brief.
- When you load your equipment in Curry, **make sure to put it on the Wasilla designated baggage car.** The return stop at Wasilla will be at approximately 6:00 p.m.

WHILE AT THE DESTINATION:

- Ski equipment will be unloaded and set in piles alphabetically according to the last name on the attached label. Please lend a hand in unloading so that everyone can get on the trails faster.
- On the way to Curry, the Ski Patrol will brief all passengers about expected conditions. Snow conditions may require certain areas be designated as off limits. Please heed safety instructions from the Ski Patrol and Railroad personnel.
- **Under NO circumstances should you ski between the track rails.**
- **Change of plans by the Railroad:** The train will **NOT** remain in Curry the entire time that you are out skiing. It will depart at about 12:30 and return at about 2:00.
- Pack out what you pack in. Please don't spoil the beauty of Curry with litter!

THE RETURN TRIP:

- **The Ski Train will depart Curry at 4:00 PM.** The train whistle will blow prior to departure. There is a substantial fee for retrieving anyone who misses the return train.
- **Arrival in Anchorage is at approximately 8:00 PM.**
- Enjoy the music, food, and dancing, or just sit back and relax.
- **Please dispose of your trash in the trash cans provided and lend a hand in picking up any stray trash before disembarking the train.**

WHAT TO BRING:

- Dress warmly in layers. Temperatures may vary, but be prepared for very cold weather.
- Touring skis and snowshoes are the recommended gear for enjoying Curry. Don't expect the groomed trails, this is meant to be a backcountry experience. Note: REI will **not** be coming this year with snowshoe demos.
- You may want to bring a pair of shoes along in addition to your ski boots. You must wear shoes when walking between passenger cars. (We want those toes protected!)
- Consider bringing a change of clothes for the trip home.
- You may bring food and beverages, but glass containers are not allowed in the polka car.
- A variety of food and non-alcoholic beverages are sold on the train, and souvenir T-shirts are also available for purchase. So bring along a little cash. Proceeds from these sales help underwrite the cost of the train. Please support NSAA and the Ski Train.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

- Please contact us at 907-276-7609 or nsaa@alaska.net.