

FAQs

- 1. Who organizes the Ski Trains?** In addition to the time spent by the NSAA office staff, organizing the ski trains requires an enormous volunteer effort spearheaded by a volunteer ski train chairman. The chairman is supported by a dedicated team of volunteers who coordinate such things as parking and loading, food sales, T-shirt sales, safety and, of course, the polka band.
- 2. How long has the Ski Train been operating?**
The first ski train was March 19, 1972. The ticket price was \$5, and the train charter cost was \$3,000.
- 3. What does the Ski Train ticket cover?**
NSAA's biggest cost for the ski train is the charter fee paid to the Alaska Railroad Corp. Most of the ticket revenues go towards the charter fee. Additionally, NSAA must purchase a separate insurance policy exclusively for the ski train. Another 2-3% of the revenues go toward credit card processing and website fees. Additionally, there are additional costs related to staff time and supplies coordinating with the ARRC, marketing, processing payments, assigning seats, printing and mailing tickets, answering phone calls related to the ski train, etc. After all costs are accounted for, proceeds from the Ski Train go towards NSAA's efforts in maintaining Anchorage's trail system all year long. How cool is that? Ski Train supports our local trail systems!
- 4. If something comes up and I can't make the train, can I transfer my ticket to someone else?**
If you find that you will be unable to go on the ski train, you may resell your ticket. Just make sure that you notify NSAA of the change in passenger name.
- 5. Is there food available for purchase on the Ski Train?**
Yes, food and non-alcoholic beverages are available for purchase on the train. You may also bring your own food and beverages. NSAA strongly encourages participants to limit the amount of alcohol on the train, especially hard liquor. Problems in the past have led to restricting some individuals on participating in future ski trains. Fining participants for damages has also been considered to control the problems. We ask that you clean up after yourself and place all trash in the trash bins. Please keep adult beverages concealed for the entire ride. Also, if you plan to imbibe in adult beverages, please drink responsibly.