



## WHITE MOUNTAIN SKI RUNNERS WELCOME TO THE MULES - GUEST TIPS • 2024-2025

Welcome to the Mules! We are delighted that you are planning a visit to the White Mountain Ski Runners, aka the White Mules. As of the 2024-2025 season, we are in our 91st ski season and for these many years, club members and their guests have shared a love of skiing and the mountains - loyalty, good friends, good fun, and good food!

We are a multi-generational, communal ski club with a foundation steeped in old-fashioned traditions and firm values. Old and young work together, helping with meals or scrubbing pots, singing songs and trading stories. Whether it be drinks around the fire or a spirited game in the poolroom or the basement, do not be timid about joining in - the more the merrier! We pride ourselves in our camaraderie and hospitality and we hope you will enjoy your stay with us.

The following are some tips you might find helpful.

### Meals

One of the most valued aspects of the White Mules is the community shared in the kitchen and around the dining table. If you are joining us for a Hosted weekend, here's what you can expect.

- **Breakfast** is generally served between 7:00-8:00am. All are expected to help the hosts clean after breakfast so that they may get to the mountain, too! Many aim to be packed and headed out by 8:00am.
- **Lunch** is usually brown-bagged to the mountain. Everyone prepares his or her own lunch. Ingredients are provided to make sandwiches (generally turkey, ham, roast beef, cheese, and PB&J) in addition to a snack, cookies, and fruit.
- **Dinner** is served between 6:30-8:00pm. Hors d'oeuvres are served during an adult-only cocktail hour, which precedes dinner. Kids appetizers are served in the kids living room. The kids are usually having so much fun with each other, they hardly notice they are not allowed in the adult living room! If there is a larger crowd at the lodge, hosts will coordinate two dinner seatings: an earlier one for the younger crowd starting at 5:30-6:00pm and a second one for the older crowd starting at 7:00-8:00pm.
- The cocktail hour and dinner drinks are BYOB.

### Reservations for Guest Visits

- Please work with your Mules friend to arrange for a hosted weekend visit.
- Please know that in order to accommodate member reservations, weekend hosts are able to confirm only a limited number of guest reservations per weekend. Sometimes guest reservations cannot be confirmed until the week before the weekend.
- If you are fortunate enough to have a reservation and need to cancel, please let your Mules friend know 10 days before the weekend. If cancellations aren't communicated to the host in time, you or your Mules friend will need to pay a cancellation fee. *Thank you!*
- Cancellation fees within 10 days of your weekend are \$25 per person. The fee is waived if you are sick.

## **Costs**

The host collects lodging and food fees in the dining room on the morning of the last day.

### Lodging

- Adult and children guests are **\$30.00 per person/per night**.
- Infants who are in cribs are not charged.

### Meals

- Breakfast and Lunch are **\$13.00 per day**.
- Dinner is **\$14.00 per day**.
- Children aged 4-12 are 50% of regular costs (\$6.50 B&L, \$7 Dinner). No charge for children under 4 years of age.
- Example: for one adult, all Saturday and Sunday B&L meals total **\$40**.

*Please note:* Hosts and Meal volunteers plan and shop for food in advance of the weekend and are reimbursed through meal fees.

## **Simple Reminders for Children and Teens**

- All are expected to help with meals, setting tables, and cleaning up.
- Please do not go into other people's rooms.
- No running throughout the house.
- Please respect the use of the pool table and treat it with care.
- Quiet time is after 9:00pm.
- Please keep the children's living room neat and help younger ones put toys away.

## **Sleeping Arrangements**

- The house can sleep 51 people in 6 family bunk rooms and two single-gender bunk rooms.
- All bunk rooms are on the second floor.
- Weekend hosts will provide room assignments. This is usually posted on the refrigerator.
- In the single-gender rooms, top and lower bunks are on a first-come-first-pick basis unless the host has assigned otherwise.
- While Rooms 4 (Women's Bunk) and 5 (Men's Bunk) are typically used as single-gender bunk rooms, a weekend host may designate one of these bunk rooms to a family, depending on the composition of the reservations for that weekend.
- If you have young children, you will likely be assigned a family room.
- Some rooms have individual heating controls, but not all.
- All beds all have pillows and blankets for general use, but you should bring sheets and pillow cases or sleeping bags for yourself and your family.
- The morning of your departure, please empty trash and vacuum your room.

## **Bathrooms**

- The women's bathroom is located on the second floor. It has two toilets, two showers, and a double sink.
- The men's bathroom is located on the first floor and has two toilets, two showers, and four sinks.
- There is a family/unisex bathroom on the first floor, with a single toilet, sink, and a bathtub.
- Parents, please help children keep the bathrooms clean and dry.

### **Lift Tickets**

With some advanced planning, you can benefit from buying discounted tickets.

- [www.liftopia.com](http://www.liftopia.com)
- [www.skiwildcat.com](http://www.skiwildcat.com) under lift tickets
- [https://www.brettonwoods.com/winter\\_sports/alpine/lift\\_tickets](https://www.brettonwoods.com/winter_sports/alpine/lift_tickets)
- Stan & Dan's Sports Store (on Rte. 16 near the house) <http://stananddansports.com>
  - Also for ski rentals: <http://stananddansports.com/index.php?page=rental-demo>

### **Electronics**

One of the unique aspects of the White Mules is that it is truly an unplugged place where children and adults are present and can engage with one another. Electronics such as video games, laptop computers, and handheld devices are generally not used in the house. There is no Wi-Fi.

### **REMEMBER TO PACK!!** (aside from your regular weekend away and ski gear)

- Sleeping bags or warm bedding (sheets, pillow cases). Ask your Mules friend for bed sizes (usually single bunks and maybe a full- or queen-sized bed).
- PLEASE HEAT-TREAT ALL OF YOUR BEDDING AND GEAR before coming to the house to prevent bed bugs.
- Pillow cases. There is a good supply of pillows, but feel free to bring your own pillow cases.
- Bath towels.
- Drinks. Soda or any alcohol you may want for cocktail hour and dinner.
- Clothing. The Mules dress is smart, casual attire. Please, no lounging in your PJs!

### **Welcome to the Mules!**