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7th October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

New Hampshire, USA Ski Trip
17th February – 25th February 2023

We would like to offer your child an exciting opportunity to join one of the few remaining spaces on our school Ski Trip to New Hampshire, USA, in February half term, 2023.

In recognition of your child's exemplary record at school and contribution to school life, we would like to offer 50% of the cost of the trip which is £1535 at full price. If you would like your child to take up this opportunity, this means you would need to pay £767.50 towards the trip.

This trip will take place during the February half term holidays. Loon and Cannon are known to be two of USA's premier ski resorts with superb instructors and breath-taking scenery.

The total cost of the trip is £1535 and includes:

- Return flights and transfer to London Heathrow Airport
- 4 hours per day ski tuition with a fully qualified instructor
- All ski equipment and lift passes. Pupils will need to provide their own ski clothing
- 6 nights half board accommodation in a 4* hotel
- 1 night stopover in New York City
- Fully comprehensive winter sports travel insurance

This does not include the cost of lunches or personal ski wear (coats/trousers/gloves etc) as well as any additional spending money your child wishes to have.

Pupils will need an ESTA in order to travel to the USA. The cost of this is \$21. It will be the parents' responsibility to organise this closer to the departure date. We will explain how to complete the application in a parents' information evening.

At present, Covid 19 restrictions for entering USA are (found at <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/usa/entry-requirements>):

Children 17 and under are exempt from the vaccination requirement.

For travel, the US definition of a fully vaccinated child is the same as the definition of a fully vaccinated adult. This is different to the UK. Further details are on the [US Embassy website](#). After arrival in the US, children 17 and under that are not fully vaccinated may be required to attest that they will take a test 3 to 5 days and will self-isolate should any symptoms develop or if they test positive. A parent or other authorised person should attest on behalf of a passenger 17 and under. More details are on the [US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#).



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If a child (17 and under) is travelling with only one parent or someone who isn't a parent or legal guardian, you may be asked to provide certain documents at the border. For further information, see the [US Customs and Border Protection website](#).

The cost of Covid 19 related necessities for travel are not part of the cost of the trip. Parents/carers would need to pay for this as an additional cost.

How to secure a place:

We are offering the opportunity to pay 50% towards the total cost to a very limited number of pupils and there are only 5 places available. Place allocation will be on a first come, first served basis and there are limited places available. The final decision of place allocation will be made by the Headteacher.

You will need to pay the full amount on Wisepay and return the slip attached to this letter as well as the Wisepay receipt. You can send this with your child to reception or email via postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk.

Payment schedule:

50% payment of £767.50	Pay on Wisepay by 26 th October 2022	Money paid on Wisepay cannot be refunded.
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For those that are successful in securing a place, a parents' information evening will be held early in January 2023.

We appreciate the quick turnaround for the payments of the trip. However, the spaces for the trip have only recently become available. All final payments have to be made to the ski company in order to secure places.

Pupils will need to return their reply slip either to postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk as soon as possible and by Wednesday 26th October 2022 at the latest if they wish to take part in the trip. Owing to the late opportunity to join the trip, any money paid is **not refundable** and so if you pay this and then change your mind, the money paid will be lost.

If you have any queries, please contact Miss Porter (Assistant Headteacher) via postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely



Mrs K Hibbs
Headteacher



Ski Trip – New Hampshire, USA - February 2023

Pupil Name: _____

Form: _____

- I give permission for my child to attend the ski trip to USA in February 2023.
- I would like my child to be considered for a place on the trip and will pay 50% of the cost of the trip by via my Wisepay account by Wednesday 26th October 2022

Signed: _____

Date: _____



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