

WHITE DIAMOND SKI TOURS

PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK

White Diamond Ski Tours & Wilderness Expeditions, Inc.

White Diamond Ski Tours (WDST) & Wilderness Expeditions, Inc. (WE) is a Christian based guide and outfitting service headquartered in Salida, Colorado. White Diamond Ski Tours has dedicated itself to unique full package ski trips with a spiritual purpose, all at an affordable price! WDST excellent performance has earned a positive image and a continued opportunity to offer quality Christian outdoor experiences.

White Diamond Ski Tours programs are designed to encourage spiritual growth while enjoying the fun and challenge of snow sports in Colorado. The services provided set White Diamond Ski Tours apart from other ski trip experiences. WDST make all arrangements for lodging, meals, lift tickets, equipment rentals, transport, loading and unloading of all equipment. A hearty breakfast and supper are provided each day. WDST includes a group meeting area for devotions and entertainment. All of this is set against the backdrop of Monarch Mountain, whose theme is "lose the crowds, not your friends". Monarch is one of the best group friendly ski areas. Powder Magazine says, "If you've never skied at Monarch Mountain, you are missing one of the most underrated resorts in the Rockies."

Fees

The per person Fee is indicated for each program/activity and is for all participants who meet the required payment deadlines. The **Fee** is broken into two payments indicated on the payment invoice: **the first due by 90 days before your trip** and the **final balance due by 30 days before your trip**. The fee automatically increases \$25.00 per person for each missed payment deadline. Any payments made after a missed deadline will pay the outstanding balance plus the additional fee. Any participants registering after the Final Balance deadline will pay an additional \$50.00 per participant fee. **The deposit and fees are nonrefundable, but transferable** (i.e. Can be used for a participant you add, but cannot be returned to you or applied to the deposit or balance of a participant for whom you have already submitted a fee).

The individual spots you reserved may be forfeited upon missing a payment deadline. WDST will begin filling these spots from the waiting list after the deadline. Please, contact WDST if you need to add someone to your group after the deadline to ensure that spots are still available.

The fee covers all expenses for your participation (unless otherwise indicated), which includes 3 days of skiing, lift tickets, equipment rentals, 3 nights lodging, morning and evening meals, use of the lodge, and program costs. Some extras may be included (i.e. Salida Aquatic Center pass). Participants may have additional expenses, particularly for travel and lodging to and from the base camp. **Note to families:** The Lodge is a group facility and is set up to accommodate groups. We reserve the right to fill each room to capacity with males and females from your group. We do not guarantee families will have separate accommodations. If a family requests a separate room, we may have to place them at another motel. We reserve the right to place them at our facility first. That charge is \$50.00 per person along with the total 3-Day package price. This charge is to supply separate accommodations, whether at the WE Lodge or elsewhere. **The extra \$50.00 per person must be sent along with the deposit (90 days before your trip) for availability and booking purposes.**

All group payments (deposit and participant balances) should be collected by the Coordinator and paid by **ONE** check, money order, or electronic payment. **All payments must be payable to White Diamond Ski Tours** and mailed (unless paying by credit card) to White Diamond Ski Tours, 7870 W. HWY 50, Salida, CO 81201.

WDST requires all first time skiers/snowboarders to take lessons. The two-hour group lesson will provide you with the basics of skiing/snowboarding. All first time skiers and snowboarders are advised to take the 4 hour lesson for beginners for safety purposes. All level 2 or 3 can take the 2.5 hour refresher courses if desired.

Insurance and Emergency Medical Situations

White Diamond Ski Tours & Wilderness Expeditions, Inc. does not carry medical insurance for its participants. **Each participant is financially responsible for medical costs.** You must complete all medical information on the Registration Forms, as this information is critical in the event you would need medical attention. In the event you must return to base camp because of injury or illness, another member of your group will be required to accompany and care for that individual until your group returns from their program/activity. **Note:** The staff will not administer any type of medication, including aspirin, Tums, Tylenol, etc. If you need any over-the-counter medications, you must provide them. Be sure to let your staff know which medications you are taking.

In the event of an emergency at home, friends or family will be able to leave a message at the following phone number. We will make every effort to pass the message on as soon as possible. **Emergency contact number: 1-719-651-0906.**

Physical Fitness and Conditioning

Anyone who wants to take full advantage of the experience should be “in shape”. If you have any questions regarding the physical requirements for a particular activity, we strongly encourage you to inquire.

WDST recommends a conditioning program for the more strenuous activities it offers. WDST suggests getting a medical check-up before starting any physical conditioning program.

Arrival

Groups arrive the day before your skiing begins. White Diamond Ski Tours will be prepared to receive you no earlier than 3:00 p.m. All arrivals will be at 7870 W. HWY 50, Salida, Colorado. The Wilderness Expeditions Lodge & Campground is located across the street from Wal-Mart and next to the Sonic. The Lodge is about 20 minutes from Monarch Mountain. Bring snow chains for your vehicle, just in case!

Arrangements

All participants will receive their lift tickets from the White Diamond staff. All rental equipment will be picked up on the way to Monarch Mountain the morning of the first day of skiing. All equipment will be returned to the rental shop at the conclusion of the final day.

Hot meals will be served for breakfast and supper. No cold sandwich type meals. Lunch meals are each participant’s responsibility, so plan to carry your own food or eat at the snack bar or restaurant. Meal times will be scheduled by your group hosts and communicated to the coordinator upon arrival in Colorado.

A devotional time for spiritual growth and encouragement is offered to the group each evening. The game room/devotion/fellowship area is available before and after the devotion.

White Diamond Ski Tours can accommodate up to 100 people. Each room is set up to accommodate 6 to 12 people. The rooms are furnished primarily with bunk beds, although there are some full size beds. Beds come with pillow, sheets, and a blanket. All rooms have a full bathroom facility with towels included. If you have more than 100 participants, we can arrange additional lodging.