



2012 OTSC Club Information

Welcome to the 2012 Ski and Snowboarding season, we have a great season planned for all our members. We will be traveling to Vorlage, Edelweiss, Camp Fortune, and Cascades for our local trips. Also we have planned 4 exciting away day trips to Mont Blanc, Mont St-Sauveur, Mont Ste Marie and Mont Tremblant to cover all the major ski resorts in the Outaouais & Laurentian regions in 2012.

The OTSC is run by volunteers for the benefit of you our members. So please thank a club volunteer anytime you see one to show your appreciation. The club is a non profit organization and we have to plan the season with a tight budget to ensure the club remains financially viable. With much determination and effort we gain access to special rates and discounts to keep our costs low at each resort. We also negotiate with Busing companies to get the best rates for our members fees, and the safest equipment they can offer. This effort hopefully accomplishes our goal of providing affordable, quality skiing and snowboarding for our members.

Again this year we will use the Parking lot at The Ray Friel Center for drop off and pick up.

Safety

On the Bus

New this year, we will be deploying traffic safety cones around the bus, for both loading and unloading, in town and at the hills. Please leave a big buffer for the bus and us at drop-off and pick-up. As in previous years, we ask that our members stay on the bus, while adult volunteers load and unload the bus. This reduces congestion & increases safety. In order to pack the bus properly & reduce damage to equipment, all boards & skis must be in bags (helps handling too). Helmets & boots must be carried separately.

On You

Helmets are mandatory. Period. Please ensure that your equipment works well (bindings fit boots, etc.) It's no fun getting to the hill & not being able to ski. Dress warmly & take extra stuff in your pack, it's more fun skiing when you are not wet & frozen.

On the Hill

Buddy up, never ski alone, look out for each other! Always look uphill (you don't want to get hit). Always stay in control (the last thing you want to do is hit someone). In the event that a member is hurt: Ski Patrol is the first place you turn. When we first arrive at the hill, we speak to them & they will know how to contact us. Over half a dozen adult volunteers with bright red armbands will be also on the hill, look for them. In addition, one adult volunteer will always be in the chalet, in a visible location.

Volunteers

The Orleans Teen Ski Club's success can be attributed not only to the work of the Board members but also to the many volunteers whose services are pivotal to the club's continued success. Volunteers, who are usually parents of club members, are assigned duties ranging from assisting in the loading and unloading of ski equipment, the signing in and tracking of club members at loading and unloading times, as well as some ski chalet duty at the ski hill. For each ski trip, we usually have 6 volunteers, with one bus captain and two volunteers per bus. Official volunteer duties aside, there is plenty of time for volunteers to enjoy the slopes and have lots of fun at the various ski hills. Volunteers are rewarded not only with free skiing and transportation to and from the hill, but also with the opportunity to connect and make friendships with fellow volunteers and board members.

While the club has a small number of dedicated volunteers who continue from year to year, we are always looking to recruit new volunteers. Whether volunteers are able to come out for only one trip per year (we all have busy lives) or whether they are able to volunteer for several trips, makes no difference - any contribution helps the club and will no doubt be a rewarding experience.

So if you are looking for an excuse to hit the slopes, consider volunteering! If you want more information, please feel free to contact the Director of Volunteers, Josee Derickx, at 613-837-3811 or by email at josse.derickx@otsc.ca We look forward to seeing you in season 2012!

Please visit our website at www.otsc.ca for more trip details and times.

Have a safe and great season!