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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 Ski Trip to USA – February 2028

It is with great pleasure that Southam College are inviting current Year 9 students on a Ski Trip to Canon & Waterville in New Hampshire, USA for February Half Term 2028. The trip will leave school on **Friday 11th February 2028 and return on Friday 18th February 2028**. We will be travelling with InspireSki, a well established and trusted company who have run trips from many years with schools from the Stowe Valley MAT.

The total price for the 2028 Ski Trip is £2075, including all transport, half board accommodation, winter sports insurance, evening activities and a ski trip hoodie. The students will receive five hours a day skiing tuition for five days. They will have an instructor to give them expert advice, whether they are a novice or an experienced skier. The price also includes a five day lift pass, ski, boot and helmet hire and some evening entertainments which may include bowling and an ice hockey match if available.

Students eligible for Targeted Free School Meals may use their £120 allowance towards future instalments of the trip; however, the deposit remains payable in full please.

Rooming is based on four students (bed-sharing) in either two double/queen size beds or one double/queen bed and a double sofa bed unless otherwise stated.

If you would like to reserve a place on this trip for your child please login to ParentPay and pay the deposit of £300 by **Monday 7th December 2026**. The trip is limited to 40 students and if oversubscribed, names will be selected at random and deposits refunded to the unlucky students.

Once your child's place is confirmed, we will ask for further payments to be made according to this schedule:

Payment	Due date
£300.00	07/12/2026
£177.50	07/01/2027
£177.50	07/02/2027
£177.50	07/03/2027
£177.50	07/04/2027
£177.50	07/05/2027
£177.50	07/06/2027
£177.50	07/07/2027
£177.50	07/08/2027
£177.50	07/09/2027
£177.50	07/10/2027
£2,075.00	**Total**

The other financial considerations to consider outside the price above are:

- ski clothing,
- spending money (in dollars) which needs to cover the cost of lunch each day.
- a highly recommended Snow Dome Trip (approx. £45) to learn the basics before the trip and assess ability levels.

Passports and visas.

Students must have their own valid passport with at least 6 months until the expiry date left beyond the planned departure date.

Parents /carers are responsible for obtaining ESTA's or visas to allow student's entry into the USA. Travellers with non-British passports may require a full visa for travel and it is the responsibly of parents / carers to check with the relevant embassy and ensure the correct documents are held.

Insurance

To provide insurance cover we use the full Risk Protection Arrangement (RPA) for Academy Trusts, which is backed by the Department for Education.
Full details of cover provided for residential and overseas visits can be found in Section 11 in this document: Risk Protection Arrangement (RPA) for Academy Trusts, September 2026
Please read and understand the policy. Once you have read this document, you may wish to take out your own additional insurance cover.

All payments are non-refundable unless the trip is cancelled and the school is reimbursed or an individual cancelled place is taken up by another student. If the trip is oversubscribed, students will be selected at random and deposits returned to those who have not secured a place.

We are committed to making educational visits accessible wherever reasonably practicable. As the itinerary is fixed and may be intensive, opportunities for adaptation may be limited. If your child may require additional support or reasonable adjustments, please contact me before the sign-up deadline so we can discuss available options and plan appropriately. While we will make reasonable adjustments where possible, the nature of some activities may limit what can be changed at a later stage.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at MacGibbon.S@sco.svmat.uk

Kind regards,



Mr S MacGibbon
Ski Trip Leader