Highland Nordic Ski
State Meet Travel Protocol

Paperwork: The trip is an official SPPS sponsored field trip (subject to all SPPS travel policies). Planning paperwork is submitted per district rules in September. Skiers must complete medical forms, field trip forms, and typically a Giant's Ridge Waiver.

Lodging

- **Qualifying Teams:** the MSHSL reserves a block of rooms at the Giant's Ridge Lodge for Teams and Coaches. These rooms are almost always available for qualifying teams (9 person suite). Historically the MSHSL has only allowed one night stays. This changed in 2023. If the current race schedule holds (first race at 11:00 am) we will do a two night stay (Wednesday and Thursday). The district pays for the team room and the coach room.

- **Qualifying Individuals and/or Relay Teams**: Ideally we would like to place qualifying individuals/relay teams in the Giant's Ridge Lodge. This is not normally an option. Qualifying individuals may be placed in a hotel room in Eveleth or Virginia. We may have other HP skiers in this hotel. The district pays for room of the qualifying skier. If only an individual or Relay Team qualifies, the trip may be modified to be one night (night prior to competition).

- **Other HP Skiers**: Historically we have brought non-qualifying skiers to the state meet when logistics allowed. Ideally we'd bring varsity skiers (not racing) and/or some JV skiers. Coaches discretion for the selection of non-qualifying skiers (may include things such as dedication, years on the team, and potential to be a future state qualifier). There may not be an equal number of boys and girls. To do make this trip happen we need:
    - JV coaches in Eveleth or Virginia to chaperone
    - Hotel Rooms in Eveleth or Virginia (non-qualifying skiers pay for their rooms)
    - Room on the bus (we frequently share a bus with Central's team so seats may be limited)

  Non-qualifying skiers will be charged a fee to attend to cover rooms, chaperone overnight fee (per SPPS contract), and extra bus fees for transportation between the hotels and Giant's Ridge.

Transportation: All qualifying skiers, alternates and non-racers making this SPPS field trip will be expected to travel on the SPPS provided team bus. The team bus may be shared with Central. The bus will depart sometime after school.

Food: Historically skiers (and their parents) have managed the food for the qualifying teams and individuals. Ideally a parent for each qualifying team will be identified to coordinate food planning. Meals required include:

- Dinner Day 0 (first day of travel)
- Breakfast Day 1
- Lunch Day 1
- Dinner Day 1
- Breakfast Day 2
- Lunch Day 2

- Dinner Day 2 - bus stops in Cloquet.

Non-racers will ideally be lodging in Virginia. There are restaurants within walking distance to the Quality Inn and Suites. Skiers with the assistance of JV coaches will plan breakfasts and lunches.

Trail Passes
Qualifying teams and individuals will have trail passes paid for by SPPS. Non-racers will need to purchase their own trail passes at Giant's Ridge.