Logistical FAQs

Hope On The Slopes at Bolton Valley, March 13th 2010

What happens to Hope On The Slopes if there is bad weather?
Hope On The Slopes will happen rain, snow or shine, as long as Bolton Valley remains open. Be sure to check the weather in advance and dress accordingly.

Where do I go when I get to Hope On The Slopes?
As soon as you arrive at Bolton Valley, please go directly to the top floor of the main base lodge to check in. Here, you will receive your participant bib and important information about the event. Remember to bring all of your fundraising envelopes and luminaria bags to turn in if you have done any offline fundraising. After you check in, find your team and get dressed for skiing. Make sure to be at the bottom of the Vista Quad Lift at 8:45 for the Event Kickoff Meeting.

Where do I park?
Parking will be at the main base lodge, at the top of the Bolton Valley access road. There will be Bolton Valley employees directing you where to park.

How do I get a lift ticket?
If you fundraised at least $100 before the start of the event, you will receive a free lift ticket when you check in at the registration desk (see above). If you did not fundraise $100, you can purchase a lift ticket in the main base lodge. If you have a season pass to Bolton Valley, it will be valid and you may use it instead of purchasing a ticket.

Will I have access to the base lodge?
Yes! You will have full access to the base lodge for the duration of the event. You can find bathrooms, lockers, drinking water, and a snack bar here. Please note that all indoor Hope On The Slopes functions (dinner, entertainment, and awards ceremony) will take place on the top floor of the main base lodge.

Is there anything I *shouldn't* bring to Hope On The Slopes?
Please do not bring cigarettes to Hope On The Slopes, in accordance with the American Cancer Society's mission. You may bring cell phones, although be aware that you likely will *not* get cell phone service on the mountain. Please make sure to turn off all cell phones and pagers during the Event Kickoff Meeting, the Torchlight Parade, and the Awards Ceremony. Finally, please do not bring pets to the event.

What do I eat?
You will be responsible for your own breakfast and lunch, so plan accordingly. You may bring your own food from home, or you can purchase food at the mountain. There will be a pasta dinner buffet for registered Hope On The Slopes participants from 5:00-7:30PM in the Bryant Room.

Can I bring my kids to Hope On The Slopes?
Yes! Hope On The Slopes is a family-friendly event. We encourage you to bring your children to all parts of the event. We will not be providing child care, so please make sure that your children have appropriate supervision at all times. We will have some kid's activities throughout the day, which will be posted on the Event Schedule on the website.

Do I have to stay for all of Hope On The Slopes?
Hope On The Slopes is a full-day event because it is based on the idea that cancer never sleeps. Therefore, to get the full Hope On The Slopes experience, we highly encourage you and your team to stay for the duration of the event. The Awards Ceremony will be at 8:00PM on the top floor of the main base lodge, and we would like all teams to be there so that we can celebrate our success together.

What about safety?
Skiing and snowboarding are activities that have inherent risk. Please adhere to the Skier Code Of Conduct at all times. Bolton Valley Ski Patrol will be present throughout the event to ensure that everyone stays safe and to assist anyone who needs medical help. In order to maximize your safety, we highly encourage the use of a helmet.

What is the Vertical Challenge?
The Vertical Challenge is our way of tracking how many vertical feet each Hope On The Slopes participant skis. Awards will be given to the winners, but please note that you do *not* need to be competitive about this if you do not want to. A Hope On The Slopes volunteer will be stationed at the base of each chair lift. As you enter the lift line, please go to the volunteer and give them your name so that they can give you credit for the run you are about to take. Remember that checking in is your own responsibility! You will only receive credit for runs for which you have appropriately checked in. Again, safety is our biggest concern. Reckless skiing/riding will result in loss of lift ticket in accordance to the Skier Code of Conduct.

Suggested Things to Bring to Hope On The Slopes

- Skis/poles or snowboard
- Ski or snowboard boots
- Inner layers (long underwear: Under Armor, Hot Chilis, etc)
- Warm layers (sweat pants, sweaters, fleeces, etc)
- Waterproof outer layers (snowpants and shell)
- Helmet (suggested) or hat
- Warm, waterproof gloves
- Warm socks
- Plenty of extra warm clothes in case you need them later
- Sunglasses, sunscreen for nice weather
- Personal medications if necessary (inhaler, epi-pen, etc.)
- Breakfast, lunch, and snacks (or you can buy food at the mountain)
- Plenty of liquids to drink
- Camera or video camera
- Costumes for theme runs (see Event Schedule on website)

Important Times and Places to Be

7:30AM: Participant registration begins on top floor of main base lodge
8:45AM: Event Kickoff Meeting at the base of the Vista Quad
9:00AM: Vertical Challenge begins
5:00-7:30PM: Pasta dinner in Bryant Room
7:30PM: Vertical Challenge ends
7:30PM: Meeting for torch carriers for Torchlight Parade (one from each team)
8:00PM: Torchlight Parade
8:15PM: Awards Ceremony on top floor of main base lodge