

Transportation and Release Information – MLK GIANT’S RIDGE RACE 1/18/2020

As a general rule of thumb – alpine ski bus loads at AHS front doors on denoted times indicated below, followed by AMS front doors on Cherry Ave. N. 10-15 minutes later, followed by arrival at Powder Ridge 20-30 minutes later depending on road conditions and traffic.

Parents from STMA / Kimball / etc. can drop their racers off or drive themselves to Powder Ridge for bus loading to away races – note the times below. Check with your office / Athletic Director for release times. Certain away races (see below) may have an STMA pickup at the STMA HS. (e.g. Afton Races)

Have a plan for your skis/equipment – usually offices can store equipment during school hours. Powder Ridge lockers are accessible on away races when the busses meet there to load the Breakaways team. Skis should be in protective storage bags. Away races also have an equipment trailer.

Have a plan for missed meals. If a racer is not riding bus to and/or from, PLEASE INFORM COACH SERGE!

Date: Saturday, January 18, 2020 (with overnight stay Friday, January 17)

Race Location: Giant’s Ridge, Biwabik, MN

Course Inspection: 8:30am

Race Starts: 9:00am / 1:15pm – (WAIVER REQUIRED TO RACE – see email)

Transportation Notes:

NO SHUTTLE BUS

- Due to kids not having school on Friday, January 17th, there is no shuttle bus from AHS/AMS to Powder Ridge, all kids will need to be dropped off at Powder Ridge at 3:00pm for bus loading.

Charter Bus to / from Giant’s Ridge

- Annandale / STMA / Kimball / Breakaways racers load charter bus at Powder Ridge at 3:00 pm
- Lockers will be accessible. Skis will be stored under bus (no trailer)
- Bus departs Powder Ridge at **3:30pm SHARP!**
- Arrival at Camp Chicigama approx. 6:00pm.

Saturday schedule:

- 6:00 AM – hot breakfast served (included in camp stay, no additional \$\$ needed)
- 6:30 AM – load at Camp Chicigama and transport to race shortly after, no later than 7:00 AM.
- 7:30 AM – arrival at Giants Ridge, get lift tickets and gear up
- 8:30 approx course inspection, 9:00-9:15am morning race start, 1:15pm afternoon race start
- Load for departure immediately following awards (approx. 5:00-6:00pm) – NO FOOD STOPS
- Captains will send notifications of departure progress via Remind.

NO RETURN TRANSPORTATION TO ANNANDALE! All racers should be picked up from Powder Ridge. Expect a late return around 10:00pm. Powder Ridge closes at 9pm so equipment lockers will not be accessible.

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Food Notes: Outside food is not allowed inside the chalet. Available options:

Supper on Friday, Jan 17th:

- A short food stop and restroom break (McDonald's, Subway, etc) will be planned in Cloquet. You can also pack food to eat on the bus to Giants. Keep the bus clean! Please send \$\$\$ with your racer for this or pack a meal.

Breakfast on Saturday, Jan 18th:

- A good hot breakfast is made by Camp Chicigami staff and provided to racers, chaperones and coaches as part of the fee for the overnight stay. No need for additional \$\$.

Lunch on Saturday, Jan 18th:

- Parents will put together a walking taco lunch in the team's warming tent. We will have a small selection of beverages and other snacks. Parents who make the trip are welcome to partake.

Supper on Saturday, Jan 18th:

- The return bus will NOT make a food stop. Kids can keep grazing in the tent till race is over, they can also eat in the chalet. Please send \$\$\$ with your racer for this or pack additional meal.

PACKING POINTERS:

Expect it to be cold! Historically this has been the coldest weekend of the year. Even if the temperature dip to -30 the race will proceed (maybe with a no-strip rule). PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY!! If a "no-strip" rule is placed due to cold, kids will need a warm jacket / snow pants to race in.

Linens are a must!!! The camp has none, you need to bring a pillow, sleeping bag, toiletries, towels, etc. Don't expect much heat at night, warm PJ's, etc. Plan for a cold shower.

Multiple hand and toe warmers, warm socks (note that thinner socks tend to be better for ski boots – avoid cotton socks, wool is best).

Before the trip, pull ski boot liners out and warm/dry the inside shells of your boots. Over a race season condensation and sweat will freeze and collect in the bottom of your boots, contributing to extra coldness.

Money for food and incidentals. Phone chargers / battery bricks, headphones, ear plugs, travel pillows...

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