

## Stowe Mountain Resort Opens Friday for the 2017-2018 Winter Season

November 14, 2017 (STOWE, VT) Stowe Mountain Resort is scheduled to open this Friday, November 17th. The FourRunner Quad will open at 8am this Friday to offer lift service on Vermont's highest peak. The Quad will continue to open at 8am on weekdays through the winter season, with a 7:30am start time on weekends and holidays. Opening weekend will offer top-to-bottom access on Mount Mansfield via the following trails: Lord, North Slope, Ridgeview, Sunrise, Standard, Centerline, Upper Hayride and Crossover. Several freestyle features will also be open. Please be advised that there will not be any beginner terrain available on opening weekend.

Skier and rider services will be accessible out of Mansfield Base Lodge for the weekend. Front Four Sports and Rentals will offer retail shopping and rental options; Mansfield Café and the Den Bar will be open for your food and beverage needs, as well as the Octagon Café serving breakfast and lunch. Additional ticket and season pass services will be available at Spruce Base Camp, which will open daily at 7:30am. The Over Easy transfer gondola will also be open daily for the season.

Cubs Daycare is open for the season with drop-off and pick-up available by the Adventure Center on Spruce Peak. Guest parking for skiers and riders is available at Mount Mansfield with newly expanded slopeside parking near the Gondola base at no charge. Free public transportation is available daily via Green Mountain Transit Authority shuttle buses beginning November 24.

"We are all delighted to open for skiing and snowboarding this Friday in Stowe," said Bobby Murphy, Stowe's vice president and general manager. "I'm proud of all that our team has accomplished in preparing to welcome our guests to the resort."

Stowe's Friday opening follows the opening of Colorado's Breckenridge and Keystone Resorts, which began their ski seasons Friday, Nov. 10. Vail Resorts' additional mountain resorts will open by Thanksgiving. Colorado's Beaver Creek Resort is slated to open Wednesday, Nov. 22, as is Kirkwood Mountain Resort in the Lake Tahoe region; followed by Colorado's Vail Mountain, Utah's Park City Mountain and Lake Tahoe's Northstar California Resort, with opening days of Thursday, Nov. 23.

### **Epic Passes Available through Sunday, Nov. 19**

Sunday, Nov. 19 marks the final day to purchase a 2017-2018 Epic Pass, saving more than 40 percent compared to lift ticket window prices. Ski unlimited and unrestricted from opening day to closing day for only \$899. The Epic Pass offers unlimited, unrestricted skiing and pays for itself in just over four days. Enjoy full access to Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone and Arapahoe Basin in Colorado; Park City in Utah; Heavenly, Northstar and Kirkwood at Lake Tahoe; Stowe Mountain Resort in Vermont; Afton Alps in Minnesota; Mt. Brighton in Michigan; Wilmot Mountain in Wisconsin; Whistler Blackcomb in Canada; and Perisher in Australia for the 2018 season. The Epic Pass grants limited access to Les 3 Vallées, Paradiski and Tignes-Val D'Isere in France; 4 Vallées in Switzerland; Arlberg in Austria and Skirama Dolomiti in Italy. A child pass (ages five to 12) is \$469. Where will a pass take you this season? During the first 30 days alone, your pass unlocks special pass holder discounts on rentals and lodging, events, and weather updates so you know when and where the best snow is falling. Plus, it gets you all the powder days you could hope for. Follow Epic Pass on Facebook for updates throughout the season and look for #First30 news and info.

### **Make Sure to Have Your Evolution Stowe Card**

Skiers and snowboarders using the Epic Pass at Stowe will need an Evolution Stowe Card to access the lifts this season. If you have received your Epic Pass Card in the mail but still need an Evolution Stowe Card, take your Epic Pass to the Mansfield or Spruce ticket window to pick up your Evolution Stowe Card or call us at 802-253-3500 to receive the Card by mail. If you have not yet received your Epic Pass, please call the Epic Season Pass Office at 970-754-0008.

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