



Last Year's Group

2024 Bus Across Nebraska – Black Hills Ski for Light

INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION TO BLACK HILLS SKI FOR LIGHT

**Outbound trip departs Omaha 7:00 A.M. on Saturday, January 20th, 2024
Overnight, Chadron Nebraska – Hotel included in cost of trip
Return trip is on Friday, January 26th**

Dear Friends,

Past participants of the *Black Hills Ski for Light* program, with the help of a group of volunteers and Arrow Stage Lines, are excited to offer an opportunity to the blind, visually impaired and physically challenged individuals to travel to the week-long Black Hills Regional Ski for Light annual winter event in Deadwood, SD held each year in January! The week-long program is, of course, a lot of fun but any participant or volunteer for the program would tell you that more than that, it is the most inspiring and motivating event offered to blind, low visioned or otherwise physically challenged individuals. Persons with physical and vision challenges are constantly dealing with obstacles in their daily life. The Ski for Light program provides a break from the constant attention of dealing with blindness or mobility problems while the program also builds confidence and the wonderful feeling of independence that is often lost to the blind and physically challenged as they meet the challenges in their lives. The program is available to all individuals who are meeting these challenges in life but, as usual, the transportation to such an event is difficult. With the help of our wonderful volunteers, generous donors and Arrow Stage Lines, the eager participants of the program work together each year to raise money to provide round trip bus travel from Omaha to Deadwood and back at an extremely reasonable price. The bus will make stops across Nebraska to pick up interested participants. Travel on the bus is not limited to Nebraskans and we encourage individuals to contact Ward and Kathy about their specific travel needs. Make arrangements now with them to reserve your seat on the bus.

What is the Ski for Light event?

The event is a wonderful get away that has fringe benefits offered as you become successful in outdoor activities that even you may have thought were not possible for you. The week-long event each January offers lodging, meals, entertainment, all ski equipment, lift ticket, sleds, snowmobiles, and all in city transportation for each participant at the cost of about \$200 for the week. There is a concluding banquet which may be of an additional cost. Some individuals may qualify to receive financial aid, and then the cost is about \$100 for the week. If you qualify for financial assistance for the event, please be aware that this reduction in cost does NOT pertain to the bus transportation. In the past, fund raising has been able to considerably offset this cost to the individuals involved.

How do I reserve my seat on the bus?

Now is the time to contact Ward and Kathy to reserve your seat on the bus. This requires a \$50 deposit which will be applied to the total of the cost of your travel. Our reserved bus is wheel chair equipped. Please fill out the bus application form attached ([or click here to electronically register](#)) and send it and \$50 to the address on the application. Deposit checks will be cashed but the funds held in a separate account until close to departure.

Are there other ways to get involved if you do not qualify as a participant?

There are two other ways to participate in the Black Hills Regional Ski for Light event. You may wish to contact the Black Hills Ski for Light office to become a volunteer. Experienced skiers to be ski guides are especially appreciated but there are other ways to volunteer as well. If you go as a volunteer, you will receive the same option of travel on the BHSFL Bus Across Nebraska.

If you cannot attend, you may wish to participate as a financial supporter of our BHSFL Bus across Nebraska. Make checks payable to BHSFL Bus Across Nebraska and mail to the following address:

**BHSFL Bus Across Nebraska
C/O Karen Lemmon, Co-coordinator
104 Lemmon Road
Whitney NE 69367**

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

FOR TRAVEL EXPENSE:

Send the bus application and \$50 deposit to:

Ward and Kathy Kinney
2708 Franklin Avenue
Council Bluffs, IA 51503
Phone: (402) 630-3640:

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION:

Website: bhsfl.org
Mailing address: BHSFL
PO Box 3707
Rapid City, SD 57709-3707
Phone number is 1-605-341-3626

You will be sent information about the event as well as an application and explanation of cost to the event.

QUESTIONS:

Feel free to call. Leave a message and phone number if we miss your call and we will call you back!

Karen Lemmon
Phone – 308-667-2054
Email: klemmon104@gmail.com
or

Ward and Kathy Kinney
Phone – (402) 630-3640
Email: whkinney@gmail.com

Please help us get this information to the blind, visually impaired, physically challenged or volunteering individuals who are interested in this awesome event.

**Remember that the expense of the bus travel
and participation in the Ski for Light event are separate
and participants are responsible to apply to both.**

Thanks
Karen Lemmon, Ward and Kathy Kinney
Co-coordinators for BHSFL Bus Across Nebraska

TO RIDE THE BUS LOG INTO THE [BUS ACROSS NEBRASKA WEBSITE BY CLICKING HERE:](#)

OR

FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING SHORT FORM AND MAIL IT ALONG WITH YOUR \$50 deposit to hold your bus seat:

Ward and Kathy Kinney
2708 Franklin Avenue
Council Bluffs, IA 51503
Phone: (402)630-3640

We prefer checks or money orders

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone number: _____ email address _____

Boarding bus location: _____

(Examples: (Omaha, Lincoln, York, Grand Island, etc.)

Appropriately Check below so that we provide adequate service to you:

____ I am a volunteer

____ I am a participant

____ I travel with a service dog

____ I use a wheel chair

____ My roommate for the Saturday overnight motel in Chadron, NE is _____

____ other accommodations you may need on the Bus