



**START:** 0645 HRS (PST) Swiss Chalet, downtown Revelstoke

**END:** Early morning at Blanket Glacier Heli Staging South of Revelstoke

**BASE MANAGER:** Al and Marion Schaffer, OR Jami Kruger (Heli Coordinator)

- Our base manager is in Revelstoke. If your loved ones need to get ahold of you at the Chalet, either Al or Jami will be your contact. Our communication at the Blanket is over VHF radios with a satellite phone if we need to call out.

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## FIRST DAY:

### 0645 – Swiss Chalet

- Continental breakfast is included for those staying at the hotel.
- Open early for Blanket Guests
- We will have a copy of our waiver for you to sign, or receive on when you sign in

### 0730 – Drive to our staging area, approximately 20 mins south.

- Drive along Airport way until the pavement turns to gravel, make a right turn on Greenslide Road.
- Google map: <https://goo.gl/maps/aUwer>

### 0830 – Vehicles are left in secure parking lot (farmyard)

- Move all personal gear to helipad
- Wear all ski clothing, including ski boots.

### 0850 – Helicopter safety briefing

### 0900 – Heli exchange commences

- All of the flying out will be done by 1100.
- If you need to be one on the road as soon as possible when returning home, be sure to leave your car last in line for an easier departure.
- Delays are subject to occur on poor weather days.

**ALL TIMES ARE BASED ON FLYING IN  
NORMAL WEATHER.**



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# **PRE-TRIP**

## **TRIP INSURANCE**

Anything can happen on your trip. We highly recommend travel and cancellation insurance provided through [Lifestyle Financial Services!](http://www.lifestylefinancial.ca/index.php/travelinsurance/blanket-glacier-chalet) Follow the link and simple steps to set you up for success!  
<http://www.lifestylefinancial.ca/index.php/travelinsurance/blanket-glacier-chalet>



## **WAIVER**

Mountain activities are hazardous. There are inherent risks with traveling through an uncontrolled environment. Please take this time to read and understand this document before your trip.

- A copy is found at the end of this info package, and online.
- We will have copies the morning of. Please let us know if you have any questions.

**PLEASE REVIEW THE WAIVER  
BEFORE YOUR TRIP.**

## **PACKING**

Working with a 5 passenger A-Start helicopter to fly everyone and their gear into the lodge, we are very limited with space. Gear will be weighed prior to flights, and if groups have excessively heavy or overweight gear that requires an additional heli trip, groups are responsible for the added cost.

- Personal ski gear – Wear all of your gear as if you were going skiing, including ski boots.
- Skis – Strapped together, poles separate. No ski bags.
- Small duffel bag – Max 30-40L. Either a small duffel with sleeping bag outside, or small sleeping bag inside a medium duffel. **\*\*No hard bottom travel bags.**
- Normal daypack – Max 50L. **\*\*Nothing strapped to the outside.**
- Food boxes – Liquor boxed, sized and labeled. Banana boxes are too large.
- Alcohol – No glass. We recommend getting a keg from Begbie Brewery (contact below).
- Total gear weight limit: 45lbs/person – this does not include skis, food.

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45LBS/PERSON.**



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# **CHALET AMENITIES**

**KITCHEN:** Our kitchen is fully equipped with a propane range oven and 4 burner stove. We provide filters for coffee. There is a NEW (2016) large outdoor BBQ.  
Heat: We have a wood burning stove with a propane furnace backup. There is a separate dry room for all outdoor gear.

**SAUNA:** In a separate building from the Chalet, there is a 10-person wood burning dry sauna, as well as a heated change room and shower with stove-generated hot water.

**WATER SOURCE:** “Walk-in” water, delivered daily from adjacent creek.

**FOOD STORAGE:** We have an indoor storage room with shelving to accommodate cardboard food boxes and an outdoor metal storage bin for fridge/freezer items. There is an electric freezer provided during warmer temperature weeks.

**SLEEPING QUARTERS:** There are dorm style and semi-private with single, double and queen beds. Mattress covers and pillow slips are provided. \*\* Bring your own mattress liner with sleeping bag.

**LODGE WEAR:** Please bring your own outdoor indoor slippers and snow boots/booties.

**CARETAKER:** It's your party! We've been doing this for decades, so we want to make sure you maximize your trip and experience. A caretaker will be at the Chalet through the duration of your trip, and whether they're making sure the sauna is ready for your return, that the Begbie keg is tapped properly, or gently suggesting that you should get down from dancing on the table, we are pretty sure that they will quickly turn into family. Our caretakers have local knowledge of the area and terrain but aren't there to tell you where you should go skiing. You came to ski with your buddies, so make your own decisions on where to go. They will supply you with the weather forecast and local avalanche bulletin, so why not have them join you for your group's dinner: the kitchen gets busy at night and it's a great way to connect at the end of the day. (They will supply their own breakfasts and lunches, 'cause who knows if you decide to start early...or sleep-in late.)

**HAVE THE CARETAKER JOIN  
YOUR PARTY FOR DINNER!**

## **GROUP SAFETY**

We supply:

- Weather forecast and local avalanche bulletin information.
- 4 - Programmed VHF radios to be used in each ski group. Private Blanket frequency and all emergency contact channels.
- 1 - Rescue tarp/emergency toboggan
- 1 - Leg and arm split
- \*\*We believe in setting our groups up for success. These are supplied.
- Self-Guided groups are required to carry all other emergency, avalanche and first aid equipment.



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# **EQUIPMENT LIST**

## **SKIING**

- Ski Touring Skis (Bindings adjusted)
- Poles
- Skins (Cut and fit)
- Boots
- Avalanche Probe (300cm)
- Shovel
- Avalanche Transceiver
- Helmet (recommended)

**WEAR ALL OF YOUR SKI GEAR WHEN YOU FLY IN AND OUT.**

## **DAY PACK**

- Day pack (no larger than 50L)
- Lunch Container
- Water bottle/thermos
- Sunglasses
- Goggles
- Toque
- Sunscreen
- Headlamp
- Pocket knife/screwdriver/Leatherman – (One tool to do it all!)
- Personal first aid kit
- Extra transceiver batteries

**DON'T STRAP ANYTHING TO THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR PACK FOR THE HELICOPTER TRIP.**

## **SKI CLOTHING**

- Long underwear/undershirt
- Outer jacket/pants - Gore-tex style of shell, light and has some water proofing
- Fleece/ light primaloft/softshell
- Warmer Insulated Jacket/down Jacket
- Gloves – 2 sets – Thin pair for going up, thicker for going down
- Head Gear – Ball cap or headband for going up, Toque for going down
- Underwear and Ski Socks

## **LODGE CLOTHING**

As mentioned, we need to keep the amount of clothing down to a minimum because of helicopter weight restrictions. We use a solar panel and generator for our electricity, and there will be enough to charge power to cameras at night, but please don't bring any unnecessary electronic devices.

- Sleeping bag with mattress liner - Pillow slips provided.
- Towel and Swimsuit for Sauna
- Lodge clothes / Toiletries
- Flashlight
- Hut shoes/slippers
- Snow Boots / booties

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR OWN SLEEPING BAG!**



# **CMH HELI-SKIING**

The Chalet was built in 1983 by CMH Heli-Ski guide Reiner Glyker, after heli-skiing in the area and realizing its potential. The Blanket Chalet has a shared tenure with CMH Revelstoke, and although we share a lot of runs with heli-skiers, there are many areas that CMH does not ski. They no longer land on Castor peak, or pick up at the lake where the Chalet is located. All runs facing Greenbush Lake do not have helicopter pick-ups, and therefore, remain exclusive to Blanket Chalet touring groups.

The area is CMH's poor weather and poor stability go-to. If they are skiing in the area, they have no other options for that day. We have an excellent relationship with the guiding team and operations at CMH. Every morning the caretaker at the Chalet updates CMH with current weather and conditions at the Chalet. In an attempt not to create any overlap with either party, both parties communicate their plans for the day. If CMH decides to ski in the area they will inform Blanket skiers of their intention at the soonest possible moment. At this time, Blanket skiers will inform CMH of their location and must stay clear of any helicopter landings and approach/take off aerospace.

**REALISTICALLY WE'RE BOTH HELI-SKIING!  
AT THE BLANKET WE JUST HAVE  
A LONGER WAIT BETWEEN PICKUPS!**

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

### **ACCOMODATION:**

**Swiss Chalet Motel** - Traditionally where our guests stay. Upon booking either mention you are going to Blanket Glacier Chalet or use BLANKET for discount code online

[www.swisschaletmotel.com](http://www.swisschaletmotel.com)

(877) 837-4650

### **BEER:**

#### **Begbie Brewery:**

Located in downtown Revelstoke

Call ahead buy a keg for the group and they'll drop it off at the hotel! Don't forget to rent a tap.

521 1<sup>st</sup> Street West

Revelstoke, BC

(250) 837-2756

### **SKI SHOPS:**

#### **Valhalla Pure Revelstoke**

213 Mackenzie Ave

(250) 837 - 5517

#### **Skookum Cycle & Ski**

Revelstoke Grizzly Plaza

(250) 814-0090

#### **Revelstoke Powder Rentals**

709B Victoria Road West

1866-604- SNOW

[info@revelstokepowderrentals.com](mailto:info@revelstokepowderrentals.com)

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# **THIS IS GONNA BE AWESOME!**



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