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## EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GOING TO STOWE

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## 1. REGISTRATION

Great Room in Spruce Camp, Sunday 6pm-7:45pm; Monday 8:00am-9:30am and 6:30pm-7pm

**Come to registration on Sunday Night to pick up your lanyard** and lift tickets.  
Sign up for the Race. **Free giveaways!** Limited supply.

## 2. THE RACE

**Pick up your race bibs** at Spruce Camp, Tue. morning 8:00am-11am

**Race Clinic** Competition Hill, Tue. 9:30am – 10:15am  
Olympic Gold Medalist Donna Weinbrecht (*see #5 below*) will be giving tips to all racers who take part in the clinic.

**The Race** Competition Hill, Tue. 10:30am – 12:00pm

Not racing? **Please watch and cheer on your FCS colleagues and family.**

## 3. DINING

**Breakfast**, Spruce Camp, Mon. & Tue. 8:00am – 9:30am

Show your RFK Lanyard to the cashier, and breakfast is on the FCS!

If you have an EPIC pass, please show it to the cashier; it will save the FCS 20% on your breakfast. (More money for the charities.)

*Note: Spruce Camp offers a limited menu for breakfast: only bagel/English muffin sandwiches (egg, cheese, bacon, sausage), loaded breakfast tots, churro donuts, cinnamon rolls, yogurt, whole fruit and cereal cups.*

### GROUP MEALS

**Sunday Welcome Reception**, 6pm-7:45pm

FCS provides a light dinner in Spruce Camp, featuring 2 soups (charred tomato bisque and creamy potato leek), 2 types of sandwiches (shaved roast beef & cheddar wrap, applewood smoked bacon & turkey club), a grilled vegetable flatbread, mixed green salad, chips and assorted desserts. **Two drink tickets** per adult for beer & wine. Soft drinks are free. Full cash bar available. (*Technically it's cashless; cash for tips always appreciated!*)

**Monday Dinner**, 6:30pm-9:00pm

FCS provides a buffet dinner in the Spruce Camp Great Room, featuring 2 entrees (bacon wrapped pork loin, citrus maple turkey breast), baked potato bar, green beans, spinach salad, assorted desserts, and a Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Cart. **Two drink tickets** per adult for beer & wine. Full cash bar available. (*Technically it's cashless; cash for tips always appreciated!*)

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**Tuesday Awards Reception, 5pm-6pm**  
FCS provides a selection of hors d'oeuvres. **Open bar.**

#### **After Parties**

Base Camp Bar – Sunday (9:45pm-11pm) Desserts and drinks. Cash bar. *(Cashless transactions only.)*

Midway Lodge/Tower 5 Bar - Monday (9:00pm-12:30am); **open bar until 10:30pm**, full cash bar afterwards. *(Cashless transactions only.)* Dumplings, chips and pretzels.

Casino Night at the Lodge - Tuesday (8:30pm-12:00am); **open bar until 9:30pm**, full cash bar afterwards. *(Cashless transactions only.)* Coffee and desserts.

#### **MEALS ON YOUR OWN**

Lunches are up to the individual. At the resort, Alpine Hall, Pico Taco, and Whistle Pig are open for lunch. An après ski menu is available in the Topsy Trout beginning at 3pm. The Upper Lobby Specialty Bar offers snacks beginning at 3pm.

**There's no group dinner on Tuesday night. We suggest you book well in advance for the Lodge's restaurants, Alpine Hall and The Topsy Trout.** Otherwise, there are a number of great restaurants 15-25 minutes away from the Resort in/around the town of Stowe, some of which have donated **gift certificates** that will be raffled off at Monday's dinner event.  
No group meals (or events) on Wednesday.

#### **4. ACTIVITIES ON THE SLOPES**

##### **Lift Tickets/Epic Pass**

If you signed up to ski/snowboard, you'll receive a 2-day lift ticket at Registration. If you wish to ski a 3<sup>rd</sup> day, we can provide you with a voucher that entitles you to purchase an additional day at a discounted rate. If you know in advance you would like to ski an additional day, we can email the voucher to you before your arrival. All additional tickets can be purchased directly and in-person at the ticket office in the Spruce Camp. Vouchers can be emailed in advance for your convenience, but we will also have the information at registration as well. If you plan to arrive in Stowe early and wish to purchase a discounted ticket for Sunday, we will need to know in advance so we can email the voucher you will need to present at the ticket window before your arrival.

If you have an Epic pass, please be sure to bring it with you to Stowe!

##### **Kids Adventure**

**Act fast if you plan to register your child for ski school!** If you wish to sign up for **Kids Adventure (ski/snowboard lessons for various levels)**, parents/guardians should register online through [www.stowe.com](http://www.stowe.com) (see the "Lessons/About Ski and Ride School " section). Reservations will need to be made by calling Stowe directly at (802) 253-3685.

- Please register **well in advance** as enrollment is limited and typically sells out. **DO NOT WAIT TO ARRIVE IN STOWE TO MAKE YOUR ARRANGEMENTS.**

- Guests are responsible for purchasing all Adventure Center lessons directly through Stowe. Once you sign your child/children up for a program, the Adventure Center will give you instructions on how to proceed and where to go the day of your lesson. There will not be a representative from the Adventure Center at the FCS Registration, which is another important reason to book early and guarantee your spot for lessons.

## RENTALS

If you're looking to rent any equipment, stop by longtime FCS supporter **Pinnacle Ski & Sports** (1652 Mountain Road, Stowe) before you get to the Lodge. will be offering RFK attendees **20% off on all rentals and retail items**. Use coupon code: FCS20.

Our partners at Vail Resorts are offering a **25% discount** on equipment rentals. [Rental Information](#).

## 5. MEET & SKI WITH OLYMPIAN DONNA WEINBRECHT

Olympic gold medalist Donna Weinbrecht will once again be joining us in Stowe, Vermont, bringing her legendary expertise to the slopes. In addition to serving as the grand marshal for our race, she'll be on hand to greet guests at our Sunday Welcome Reception (photo op!)-- and at Registration, you can sign up to ski with Donna on Monday or Tuesday.

**Monday 10:00am-12:00pm:** *Intermediate and advanced skiers*

**Tuesday 12:00pm-1:00pm:** *Beginners and kids*

During our Sunday night Champion Forum, Donna will be interviewed by FCS Board Director Etienne Katz.

## 6. ACTIVITIES OFF THE SLOPES

**Cross-Country Skiing** (*Subject to snow conditions!*)

The [Cross-Country Center](#) is just 10 minutes from the Lodge. You can rent equipment and pay for a permit for their trails.

**Snowshoeing** (*Subject to snow conditions!*)

You can also snowshoe at the [Cross-Country Center](#). Or rent shoes at the Lodge and **hike on your own for free on the Resort property** (e.g., across the golf course or up Mountain Round towards Smugglers Notch). You can also pay for a guided tour (with hot cocoa!). **Reservations can be made through the Lodge by calling 802.760.4061.** *We recommend you do so in advance!*

**Ice Skating**

**The outdoor skating rink is open and free.** Skates are available to rent. Hours are Sunday-Wednesday 12:00pm-6:00pm (weather dependent).

**Sledding** (*Subject to snow conditions!*)

There's a **great hill for sledding/tubing** behind the Stowe Elementary School (254 Park St.). Bring your own or buy plastic sleds at Shaw's General Store on Main Street.

### **Fitness Center**

Hours of Operation: 5:00am - 10:00pm

Plenty of **workout equipment** is available for free in the fitness center overlooking the outdoor pool.

### **Outdoor Pool**

The pool is heated and there are **two outdoor hot tubs**.

### **Spa**

Hours of Operation: Spa/Salon 8:00am - 7:00pm Daily

**Reservations are strongly recommended**. Mention FCS Race for Kids and get a **\$25 discount** on midweek appointments (excluding salon treatments). Call 802.760.4782.

### **Kids Camp**

Kids Camp will not be offered this year.

### **Babysitting**

**You must book in advance!** Call Apple Tree Learning Centers 802-253-4321. Note: Apple Tree recruits babysitters on a demand basis.

- The price per baby-sitter will be \$30.00 – \$35.00 per hour depending on the number of children.

## **7. FIRESIDE FORUMS**

Business guests are encouraged to attend our 3 days of Fireside Forums, to enjoy research presentations, panel discussions, one-on-one interviews and more. *[See separate Forum Agenda.]*

- **Sunday 7:45pm-9:45pm** in the Alpine Lounge in the Spruce Camp Great Room. There will be 3 back-to-back sessions, including our Leadership Award presentation.
- **Monday 9am-11:15am** in Tamarack A Room at the Lodge. There will be 2 back-to-back sessions. We then continue after lunch.
- **Monday 1:15pm-5:00pm** with 8 sessions, including our Brand Reputation Award presentation.
- **Tuesday 1:30pm-5:00pm** in Tamarack A Room with 8 sessions, including our Marketing Partnership Award presentation.

**The Sunday night Forum includes an Open Bar, and an Open Bar will be available beginning at 3pm on Monday and Tuesday.**

## **8. RAFFLES & AUCTIONS**

**Raffles, Silent Auction and Live Auction will be staged at the Monday night dinner.**

**IF YOU ARE DONATING A PRIZE, PLEASE ADVISE Kevin Windorf, [kevin@thefcs.org](mailto:kevin@thefcs.org), 908-858-0427 BEFORE THE EVENT.**

Some of the big ticket prizes this year will include sports tickets, electronics, jewelry, and baskets galore! The Live Auction will feature vacation packages donated by The Lodge at Spruce Peak.

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Our recommendation: **come ready to spend!** (And help us raise money.)  
You don't need to be present to win... if you put your name on your tickets. **Hint: Bring address labels from home so you don't have to spend the night filling out your tickets!**  
1 ticket for \$10... up to 20 tickets for \$100

## 9. AFTER PARTIES

### Sunday night, 9:45pm-11pm

Following our opening night Fireside Forum, we invite you to step back to the Base Camp bar for an "après-forum" happy hour featuring after dinner drinks, desserts, and more **live music** from Jay Burwick, who leads Better Angels, our Monday night band. Full cash bar. *(Technically it's cashless; cash for tips always appreciated!)*

### Monday night, 9:00pm-12:30am

We'll be going just across the road to the Midway Lodge's Tower 5 Bar. We've rented two buses to shuttle guests (no kids please) to/from Midway and the Lodge. It's a 3-minute ride.

- From 9pm – 1am, the bus will leave "Hourglass Circle" at the South Wing of the Lodge, near the Performing Arts Center, drop off at Midway, and continue the loop all night long.

**Live Band "Better Angels" will be playing all your favorite rock & dance hits.**

There will be a **Fastbreak Billiards Tournament** and an **Air Hockey Tournament**. \$5 donation to enter either game, winner gets a \$100 Amazon gift card. Play as often as you'd like. **The FCS is buying the drinks until 10:30pm.** Full cash bar and light snacks (dumplings, chips & pretzels) will be available. *(Technically it's cashless; cash for tips always appreciated!)*

### Tuesday night, 8:30pm-12:00 midnight

**Our Casino Night** was again a big hit last year, so we are bringing it back, adding two more blackjack tables (now at 7!). There are also craps, roulette and Texas Hold 'Em. At 11:30pm, you turn your winnings into raffle tickets to win big prizes. (Winner need not be present.)

**Open bar until 9:30pm.** Full cash bar will be available. *(Technically it's cashless; cash for tips always appreciated!)* Coffee and desserts.

## 10. CHARITIES

At Monday night's Dinner, we'll hear from folks representing our three charities:

- Make-A-Wish Vermont & Northeast New York
- Hope & Heroes
- Downey Side.

**We ask that you give our young speakers your full attention and respect.**

Note: raffle tickets will not be sold during their presentations, so buy early (and often).

## 11. GENERAL INFORMATION

**Please wear your RFK lanyard at all times.**

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**Dress code:** There's no code, just think "resort casual" – sweaters & jeans. What to see what folks usually wear? Check out last year's photo galleries: <https://thefcs.org/fcs-news/fcs-rfk-2025-photos>

## 12. HOUSEKEEPING AT THE LODGE

The housekeeping staff will visit every room at least once a day. Please be sure NOT to leave a **DO NOT DISTURB** sign on any hallway door to your room(s).

## 13. SPONSORSHIPS STILL AVAILABLE

If you have some extra budget, the FCS would graciously welcome donations of **any size** to help us offset some of our uncovered costs, including:

- Monday Dinner
- Monday Live Band
- Race Clinic
- Tuesday DJ
- Monday Shuttle Bus
- Billiards/Air Hockey Tournaments
- Race Results
- Tuesday Casino Night

Please contact John Toth, Kevin Windorf or Tim Hart if you can help. Every dollar the FCS does not spend goes into our donation shared by the 3 charities. *Thank you for your support!*