



Fireworks Display Proposal for 4th of July 2020

Goal: Establish a plan that allows community members to view fireworks displays from their vehicles (drive-in movie theater concept) while adhering to COVID-19 guidelines.

Partnership: It will require community collaboration from multiple entities in order to achieve this goal.

For the fireworks display in the Town of Killington entities including but are not limited to Northstar Fireworks, the Town of Killington, Killington Ski Resort, Killington Fire Department, and Killington Police Department.

Background:

In years past, the Town of Killington fireworks occurred at the Johnson Recreation Center and drew approximately 200 cars, and just under 1,000 people. Because of limited parking at the Johnson Recreation field, and the inability to socially distance visitors upon arrival, the Town of Killington reached out to Killington Resort to create a plan to socially distance cars in their many parking lots and move fireworks to the resort. The Town of Killington then connected with Northstar Fireworks to discuss the feasibility of moving the display to the pad behind Snowshed lodge. Their head engineer believes that the move will work and that guests will be able to see the fireworks from various parking lot locations.

Parking:

Lots at Killington Ski Resort will be parked to 50% of capacity. We anticipate guests being able to view the show from the following parking lots: Lower and Upper Snowshed, the Killington Golf Course, Ramshead and likely also the Vale and K-1 lots.

- Parking lots would be cleared out at 6pm from mountain biking and adventure center guests and coned off to deter early arrivals and possible tailgating.
- Entrance to lots would be guarded during this time.
- We will assess additional lighting needs in the area and work with the local police department on the best location for cars to line-up prior to granting them access to the parking lots.
- We will utilize traffic signs to communicate to guests driving up to the resort.
- Open lots at 8pm.
 - Use a similar message utilized with outdoor recreation: Park. Watch. Leave.
 - Guests would be encouraged to attend with members from their household.
 - Guests will follow parking attendants to their parking spot. This will facilitate the adherence to the physically distanced parking guidelines.
 - Cars would be parked every other car (leaving a cars width apart from another vehicle)
 - In single rows only (no bumper to bumper parking)



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Parking Capacity

	100% Occupancy	50% Occupancy
Lower Snowshed	374	187
Upper Snowshed	673	335
Ramshead	764	382
Golf Course	40	20
Vale Lots*	580	290
K-1 Lots & Upper Admin*	1300	650
Total	3,731	1,864
*Total without Satellite Lots	1,851	925

Event Policies:

Some of the measures we are asking our attendees to take include:

- Not attending the fireworks display unless you are a Vermont resident or have self-quarantined for a minimum of 14 days per executive order 01-20. We do not currently know when we will be able to welcome guests from outside Vermont without self-quarantining.
- Staying home if you are displaying signs of respiratory illness or have a fever.
- Complying with physical distance guidelines and remaining at least 6 feet apart from others unless you arrived in the same vehicle together with members of your household.
- Following our suggestion to wear a cloth face covering when indoors or in the presence of others.
- We encourage guests to watch the display from their car. If your car allows, clear out your trunk pack some extra blankets and enjoy the show from there. Attendees will be permitted to place 1 chair per person immediately in front of each car if they prefer. They must remain within touching distance of their car.
 - The event will also be livestreamed for those who are homebound or who do not wish to leave their house.
- We encourage guests to bring activities that can occupy their time while they wait in their car for the show to start.



- Event organizers are exploring a way for people to tune into a local radio station or podcast and listen to community related updates, trivia etc.
- Attendees will not be permitted to have cookouts, pop-up tents, play catch, corn-hole frisbee, etc. With the Arrive, watch, leave policy attendees are not permitted to tailgate in any way.
- We encourage attendees to bring your own snacks since Food and Beverage will not be available for sale.
 - Whatever you pack-in please pack-out. Garbage cans will not be available.
- Please leave the sparklers and pets at home.
- We encourage attendees to use the restroom prior to arrival - restrooms in Snowshed base lodge will be available for emergencies only. It is suggested that attendees who enter the restroom wear a face covering.
- This is a free event and advance registration is not needed. If we find that we are over capacity of our parking lots guests may be turned away.

Event Staff and Volunteers:

- The town Recreation Director and the Director of Events at the resort will be the main points of contact for the event.
- As event organizers we will
 - Provide employees and volunteers with VOSHA training related to COVID-19.
 - Asking all employees and volunteers to complete a daily health assessment and temperature check and to stay home if they are presenting COVID-19 symptoms.
 - Implementing physical distancing measures in queue lines and other similar areas.
 - Reserve the right to limit the number of guests/participants in any area of the resort as needed.
 - Employees and volunteers must wear a face covering in the presence of others.

For Questions:

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