

PRESS NOTES

VAIL, COLORADO

The following information on Vail and the Press arrangements that have been made is being provided to assist you in both work and recreation while you are in Vail, Colorado, with the President and Mrs. Ford. In addition to the material which follows, "The Scene" magazine (a guide to recreation, restaurants and entertainment in Vail) is being distributed on the press plane today. The guide also contains a number coded map, indicating the location of restaurants, shops, public facilities, etc. Larger versions of this map (titled "The Vail Map") will be available in the Press Center.

COVERAGE

Coverage of the President and Mrs. Ford's activities in Vail will be determined on a case-by-case basis, under the following guidelines: coverage will be designed to disrupt as little as possible the skiers and other vacationers in Vail; a protective pool will be assigned to cover the President's activities each day; open press coverage will be limited to a few occasions when sufficient arrangements have been made as to ensure that the inconvenience to others in Vail is kept to a minimum.

On Tuesday, December 23, there will be open coverage at Grand Junction, pool coverage at Avon and open coverage of the President and Mrs. Ford's arrival at their residence in Vail.

Press day on the Mountain will be held sometime during the week. The White House has arranged for pre-positioned open coverage of the President skiing, with use of over-the-snow vehicles to transport members of the press to designated press areas. Current plans call for the press to be transported via gondola 2 to the top of the mountain before the lifts open-- 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served at the Eagle's Nest Restaurant and members of the press may remain inside until it is time to preposition. Warm clothing and boots are strongly suggested.

On all other days, a protective pool will be positioned at the bottom of the mountain in Los Amigos Restaurant, 318 East Hanson Ranch Road, Vail Village (in the Golden Peak House, #25 on map)--476-5847. Morning protective pools should assemble at 9:00 a.m. each day in the Press Filing Center.

## ARRIVAL AT GRAND JUNCTION AND VAIL

Upon arrival of the press plane at Grand Junction, those who wish to go directly to Vail should board press buses #1 and #2. Both press buses will proceed to Manor Vail. Those who have reserved rental cars can pick them up at the Hertz counter in the terminal building which is within walking distance. Press bus #3 will remain at Grand Junction to transport those wishing to cover the President and Mrs. Ford's arrival. Press facilities: 6 LDs in rear of Press Area. Upon arrival of the President and Mrs. Ford in Grand Junction, a small protective pool will follow in helo #2 to Avon, Colorado, and in the motorcade from Avon to Vail.

There will be pool/press coverage of President and Mrs. Ford's arrival at the Bass residence in Vail. Following the President and Mrs. Ford's arrival in Vail, there will be pool coverage of the President proceeding from his residence to the ski lift. The pool should proceed to the Los Amigos Restaurant, located in the Golden Peak House (#25 on map) Press in the restaurant will be notified when they should proceed outside for coverage.

## CREDENTIALS

Standard White House press credentials will be issued on the press plane by the U. S. Secret Service. In addition, local press credentials have been issued in Vail.

## PRESS FACILITIES

A standard press briefing and filing room has been set up in Manor Vail's Cotillion Room (#5 on map). Press Facilities: 25 long distance telephones and 5 telex. In addition, Mountain Bell Telephone Company has established a press message center which will be in operation from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily. The number of the message center is 303 476-4850.

Those staying in private apartments or condominiums will find the owner's phones in their rooms. Calls on these phones must be made collect or by credit card.

## CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Tree lightings, Christmas Eve Church Services, caroling--consult your local newspaper--VAIL TRAIL or the VAIL VILLAGER.

## LIFT TICKETS

On Tuesday, December 23, between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., Vail Associates will issue free lift passes to accredited White House press in the main ticket office (#26 on map), located at the base of Gondola 1. Since this period is after the normal closing time of 4 p.m., the process of taking photos and laminating the passes should take only a few minutes.

Dependents are eligible for half-price daily lift tickets which can be purchased for \$5.50 at any of the three ticket offices (#3, #26, #80) between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The free and half-price lift passes are being graciously provided by Vail Associates. These lift passes are absolutely non-transferable. Abuse of lift passes will result in loss of the pass.

Lift lines are sometimes long during the holiday period and only skiers who are taking lessons and skiing with an instructor may "cut" the lines. If a specific need has been determined for press to accompany the President on a lift, the Press Office will make the necessary arrangements. Otherwise, no members of the press may cut the lift lines. Such a violation will result in loss of your pass.

## RECREATION

Skiing - Vail Mountain is North America's largest ski complex, offering ten square miles of skiing terrain serviced by sixteen lifts and two gondolas. Lifts operate from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily, except lifts #5 and #7 which close at 3:00 p.m. and lifts #1, #6, #8 and #12 which run until 4:00 p.m.

Ski Equipment - Skis, poles and boots may be rented by members of the White House press corps and their dependents for \$5.00 per day at Christy Sports (476-2244), directly across from the Red Lion (#27 on map).

Ski School - A special rate has been established for White House press and their dependents: \$10 for one all day, \$26 for three all day and \$36 for five all day lessons. Ski school tickets may be purchased at the Ski School group ticket window, Golden Peak Building (#3 on map) (476-3239). Lessons begin at 9:15 a.m. at Golden Peak.

Skiing for Children - The Bratskellar (476-2740) for children 5 to 9 includes lunch and ski lessons. Classes meet at Golden Peak and will occupy your children from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$12 per day, includes lunch. Small World (476-2520) for children 2 to 9 offers snow play and ski lessons from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Ice Skating - Golden Peak Rink (476-1560) is open from 10:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Movie Theater - Crossroads Cinema (476-5271). Showings daily at 8:30 p.m.

Tennis - Arrangements have been made for White House press and their dependents to play tennis at the Vail Racquet Club in Big Horn, East Vail. (476-3267). Court fees are \$10 per 1 1/4 hours. Warm-up suits, racquets and tennis shoes can be rented at \$2 per item or \$5 for all three. Reservations are requested and may be made not more than 24 hours ahead of time.

### TRANSPORTATION

Although rental cars may be used in Vail, parking is severely limited in the village and around the Manor Vail Press Center. Public shuttle buses (orange) circulate every ten minutes from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. daily stopping at several key points in Vail Village and in Lionshead.

Vail Cab - Vail Cab Company (476-2246) is available on call.

Car Rental - Hertz Agency (476-5133 or 476-5354) is located at Vail Village Inn. Avis Agency (476-5405) is located at Vail Transportation Center.

### SERVICES

Beauty Shop - La Coiffure Salon (476-5222)

Barber - Lord Vail Hair Shop (476-2576)

Bank - The Bank of Vail (476-5686)  
17 Vail Road - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Monday through Friday

Babysitting - Ages 2-9, Small World (476-2520)  
Monday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### DINING

There are 62 restaurants featuring international cuisine. Consult your "Scene Magazine" for suggestions. Reservations recommended at most restaurants. Open Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

### SHOPPING

Vail has over 100 shops and boutiques.

### FOOD STORES

Village Market - Crossroads Center in Vail.  
Safeway - West Vail Freeway - Exit 5 miles from Vail.