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MW Mike Wiegele Helicopter Skiing

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WELCOME

Thank you for considering Mike Wiegele Helicopter Skiing for your heli-skiing/boarding experience. Since 1970 our family owned and operated company has provided the ultimate helicopter skiing and boarding experience.

Nestled in the heart of the Cariboo and Monashee Mountain ranges of British Columbia, the self-contained resort setting, offers the perfect combination of natural beauty and first class amenities for your perfect vacation.

We look forward to welcoming you to our beautiful backyard. Let's go skiing!

Mike Wiegele – Founder, Lead Guide



HOME OF THE WORLD'S FINEST POWDER

Mike Wiegele Helicopter Skiing (MWHS) offers more than 1.2 million acres and over 1,000 peaks, of high alpine and glacier skiing/boarding. The MWHS tenure consists of elevations from 1,046 to 3,569 meters (3,400 - 11,600 feet), and accesses the greatest variety of slopes and mountains of any individually-based helicopter skiing operation. Our wide variety of terrain options offers the most adventurous runs for intermediate to expert levels.

PRISTINE SNOW CONDITIONS

Blue River is home to the world's most productive, reliable and consistent snow belt. Our landbase accumulates an average 10 meters (30 feet) annual snowfall, which provides reliable alpine snow cover from mid-November through May.

SEASONAL ADVANTAGES

Come take advantage of the pristine snow, deep tree skiing in December. The first seven weeks of the season offers you the advantage of our reduced early season rates and fresh powder conditions.

Our spring skiing is also exceptional! In April, the days are sunny and warm in the valley, but the high alpine glaciers still offer perfect snow for skiing/boarding. The longer days also enable skiers and boarders to accumulate more vertical. In most years, April offers MWHS guests a deep snow-pack with good stability.

UNLIMITED VERTICAL FUN

MWHS pioneered unlimited vertical. Our **Deluxe, Elite and Super Elite** package guests do not pay additional charges for skiing vertical. This means you only pay the package rate. On a typical day we average approximately 20,000 vertical feet per day – that equates to 130,000 vertical feet in a week. Depending on the time of year, ability of skiers, weather and snow conditions, many seven day groups ski 180,000 to 220,000 vertical feet.



TERRAIN SELECTION

Your guide chooses the day's terrain based on weather conditions, snow quality and stability, as well as the group's skiing/boarding ability and the flying conditions. Our wide variety of terrain means that there is always a great place to ski/board every day – whether you are an intermediate, advanced or expert skier/boarder.

Your guide will select a skiing/boarding route that suits your ability and comfort level, and offers just the right amount of challenge. Depending on conditions, we often start with an open, moderate glacier run, or a gentler run through the trees. As the week proceeds and your confidence increases, we progress according to the group's abilities.

When conditions allow, we take advantage of our most exciting terrain. Your guide will lead you to the best possible snow, taking extra time to evaluate the snow stability before enjoying the challenge of steeper slopes.

For a gentler introduction to the back country experience, we offer an Introduction to Off Piste Package which helps you build confidence in the different types of terrain and snow conditions you may encounter while helicopter skiing.

GLACIER SKIING & BOARDING

For many, high alpine glaciers provide the most exhilarating skiing/boarding experience of all - the freedom of carving hundreds of powder turns down a glacier surrounded by majestic untracked snow covered peaks. When conditions allow, glacier skiing/boarding is suitable for all skill levels.

TREE SKIING & BOARDING

For many, the varied terrain, never-ending challenge and the deep snow found in the trees provide the ultimate experience. The highest quality of snow is found in the naturally spaced old growth forest where the loose powder is protected from wind and sun. We spend a great deal of our time within the forest glades and open spaces below the tree line, using the buddy system to increase safety. These documents can be previewed on our [website](#).



PACKAGE OPTIONS

7 DAY PACKAGE

Arrive and depart Saturday around noon; ski/board full days Sunday through Friday, plus Saturday morning.

5 DAY PACKAGE

Arrive Saturday, depart Thursday after skiing/boarding; or arrive Sunday, depart Friday after skiing/boarding.

3 DAY PACKAGE

Arrive Saturday, depart Tuesday after skiing/boarding; or arrive Tuesday, depart Friday after skiing/boarding.

NON-SKIING PACKAGE

Non-skiers are welcome to experience the MWHS Heli-Ski Village Resort hospitality and enjoy our cross-country skiing and snowshoeing trails, climbing wall, massage therapists and fitness centre facilities.

ALL MWHS PACKAGES INCLUDE:

- › Professionally certified guides
- › Gourmet meals and luxury accommodation
- › Full access to resort amenities
- › Complementary powder-specific skis and snowboards
- › Complimentary use of personal safety gear including: Ortovox Transceiver, shovel pack and probe





	DELUXE	ELITE	SUPER ELITE	PRIVATE	SEMI-PRIVATE	INTRO TO OFF-PISTE
OVERVIEW	The Deluxe week is the most popular of our MWHS/Boarding packages.	The Elite guest is a strong and experienced skier/snowboarder who must have the endurance for a long and demanding day in all kinds of snow conditions and challenging terrain in a small group environment.	Elite guests looking for a larger group experience need look no further than the Super Elite Packages.	Guests choose Private packages for unparalleled flexibility, comfort and freedom. In consultation with your guide and pilot, you can ski/ride as much or as little as you wish each day.	Semi-Private packages place two groups with each helicopter, preserving much of the flexibility and freedom of Private packages but at a reduced cost.	Learn how to ski off-piste in a safe environment and coaching from world class ski instructors. Packages offer flexibility and options to different levels of guest.
PACKAGE LENGTH	3, 5 or 7 Days	7 Days	7 Days	7 Days (Custom Packages Available upon Request)	7 Days (Custom Packages Available upon Request)	3 Days Snowcat or 1 Day Snowcat + 6 Days Helicopter
HELICOPTER	Bell 212	A-Star	Bell 212	A-Star or Bell 212	A-Star	Piston Bully Snowcat & Bell 212
GROUP SIZE	Up to 10	Up to 4	Up to 9	A-Star - Up to 4 Bell 212 -Up to 10	Up to 10	Up to 10
GROUPS PER HELICOPTER	Up to 3	Up to 2	Up to 2	1	2	1
GUIDES PER HELICOPTER	2	1	2	A-Star - 1 Bell 212 - 2	1	2

Inquire to reservations for package schedule, type of package, rates and dates.



DELUXE BEST ADVANTAGE!

BELL 212 DELUXE FEATURES

- Unlimited vertical
- Feet of vertical lift guaranteed:
 - 7 Day Package** - 80,000 v.f.
 - 5 Day Package** - 50,000 v.f.
 - 3 Day Package** - 30,000 v.f.
- 2 professional certified guides per group
- Up to 10 guests per group, up to 3 groups per helicopter
- Gourmet meals & accommodation (double-occupancy)*

DELUXE GROUPING

Mike Wiegale Helicopter Skiing (MWHS) reserves the right to form groups based on ability level and weight.

The MWHS Heli-Ski Questionnaire you fill out before arrival helps us to determine what kind of skiing group will be best for you. Groups may be adjusted throughout the week to ensure optimally balanced ability levels. Guides also form groups based on the total weight of each group, due to helicopter safety reasons.

Wherever possible, we will ensure friends and family can ski together based on the above factors.

ELITE EXPERT SKIER/ RIDER PACKAGE

The Elite guest is a strong and experienced skier/ snowboarder who must have the endurance for a long and demanding day in all kinds of snow conditions and challenging terrain. We require a minimum of 9 guests for the Super Elite package. If we do not have 9 guests booked, skiers/boarders will be reassigned to the Deluxe Tour, at the lower rate.

BLUE RIVER SUPER ELITE

- Unlimited vertical (100,000 feet of heli lift guaranteed for 7 Day package)
- Bell 212 helicopter
- Up to 9 guests and 2 certified guides per group, up to 2 groups per helicopter
- Gourmet meals & accommodation (double-occupancy)*

ALBRED A ELITE

- Unlimited vertical (100,000 feet of heli lift guaranteed for 7 Day package)
- A-Star helicopter
- 4 guests and 1 certified guide per group, up to 3 groups per helicopter
- Gourmet meals & accommodation (double-occupancy)*

PLEASE NOTE: MWHS reserves the right to place any Elite package guest who is experiencing skiing/snowboarding difficulties into a Blue River Deluxe group (refunding the Elite premium paid).

*Single accommodation -\$250/day supplement, subject to availability.



PRIVATE & SEMI-PRIVATE FLEXIBILITY & COMFORT

Guests choose Private packages for unparalleled flexibility, comfort and freedom. In consultation with your guide and pilot, you can ski/ride as much or as little as you wish each day. Semi-Private packages place two groups with each helicopter, preserving much of the flexibility and freedom of Private packages but at a reduced cost. The Private and Semi-Private package programs are based on allocated flying hours. Additional flying hours are available.

PRIVATE BELL 212

- 1 group of up to 10 skiers
- 2 certified guides
- Gourmet meals & accommodation (single-occupancy)

PRIVATE A-STAR*

- 1 group of up to 4 skiers
- 1 certified guide
- Gourmet meals & accommodation (single-occupancy)

SEMI PRIVATE A-STAR*

- 2 groups of up to 4 skiers
- 1 certified guide per group
- Gourmet meals & accommodation (double-occupancy)

INTRO TO POWDER WELCOME TO THE MOUNTAINS

Snowcat skiing/boarding offers a relaxed introduction to backcountry skiing/boarding and mountain safety skills, helping you build confidence in all types of terrain and snow conditions - including powder!

1 DAY SNOWCAT SKIING/BOARDING

- Unlimited vertical
- 1-2 certified guides per group
- 1 group of up to 12 skiers/boarders
- Gourmet meals & accommodation (double-occupancy)*

1 DAY SNOWCAT & 6 DAY HELI SKIING/BOARDING

- Unlimited vertical
- 1-2 certified guides per group
- 1 group of up to 12 skiers/boarders
- Gourmet meals & accommodation (double-occupancy)*

*Single accommodation -\$250/day supplement, subject to availability.

HELI-SKI VILLAGE

Mike Wiegele's Heli Village Resort in Blue River, provides exclusive luxury in a self-contained resort setting. Unique in the heli skiing industry, the resort allows guests to enjoy the best of the day's powder and then return to their exclusive log chalet accommodation and village amenities. In addition to private and shared log chalet accommodation, the Heli-Village Resort offers the exclusive services and amenities needed to create a unique and memorable vacation.

Blue River has cell phone service through Bell and Telus networks. All rooms have telephones and calls can be transferred by the Front Desk. Wireless internet is available throughout the resort. Cell phone usage is not permitted in the Main Lodge or while helicopter skiing.



THUNDER RIDGE CENTRE

The Thunder Ridge Centre houses the front desk, guest lobby, Glacier Room, MWHS reservations department, and the administration offices.

GUIDES HAUS

The Guides Haus is the heart of MWHS's operations. This is where our team meets twice daily to collect and review all avalanche, weather and safety-related data and to complete hazard evaluations. The Guides Haus contains the weather office, avalanche research office, the Canadian Ski Guide Association's office, a climbing wall (available to guests) and the MWHS Village's medical clinic.

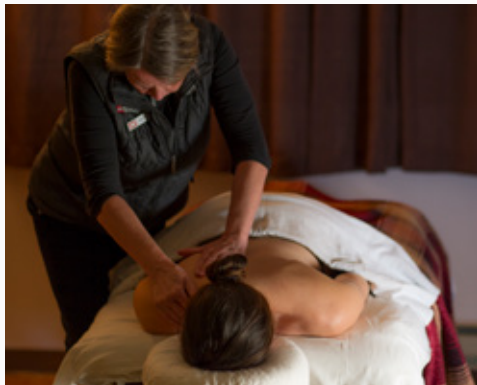
MEDICAL CLINIC

Our medical clinic is in the Guides Haus and is equipped to meet the medical needs of our guests. Guests requiring advanced medical care are taken to local healthcare facilities. All of our guides have extensive first aid training. We have a doctor on site throughout the season to attend to any medical concerns and is often available to ski with guests.

SPORT SHOP

The Sport Shop provides guests with a variety of high performance complimentary custom boot fitting, powder skis and snowboards designed for use in Wiegele terrain. Expert technicians tune your equipment nightly and then deliver your skis/board to your helicopter pad each morning.

THE MAIN LODGE



POWDER MAX DINING ROOM

One of the rewards of active mountain life is eating well, a pleasure we take seriously in Blue River. Under the guidance of Executive Chef Toni Spöri, gourmet meals and attentive service make dining in Blue River the perfect complement to a great day of skiing/boarding. With advanced notice we can prepare and serve meals in your chalet, accommodate special dietary needs or help you celebrate a special event.

WINE CELLAR

Our award winning wine cellar features some of the best wines from around the world, to complement any meal and satisfy our most discerning guests.

SILVER BUCKLE LOUNGE

Named after our famous Silver Buckle – 1 million vertical feet award – the lounge is where guests relax with a drink by the fireplace, catch up on the sports highlights on the flat screen televisions, enjoy live music and relive the week's highlights during the Friday Night Show.

FITNESS CENTRE

Our fitness centre features weight machines, free weights and a fully equipped cardio room. After a day in the mountains you can relax in the saunas or indoor hot tub or enjoy a stretch class in the studio.

MASSAGE

Our massage therapists are available throughout the winter season. Request a massage prior to arrival through our online massage request form or book an appointment on arrival (subject to availability).

GAMES ROOM

In the Games Room guests enjoy a game of pool, foosball, or table tennis while others relax with cards or a board game.

BONNIE'S BOUTIQUE

Our boutique carries a wide selection of clothing, souvenirs and accessories for your ski vacation.



PRIVATE POWDER PARADISE

Located 45km North of Blue River, this luxurious handcrafted wooden lodge (elev. 2300 ft) is exclusively available to small and large groups, of up to 20 heli-skiing/boarding guests in Elite, Private and Semi Private Packages. The 17 bedroom Albreda Lodge offers stunning views of Mount Albreda (elev. 11,600 ft) and quick access to the northern reaches of MWHS's vast terrain. Personal guides and exclusive helicopter access allow guests to enjoy all the exceptional comfort, attentive service and full amenities they have come to expect from our Blue River location – in a more exclusive and intimate setting. Gourmet meals served in an intimate dining room. If Albreda Lodge bookings do not meet the minimum required to operate the lodge then guests will be accommodated in the Blue River Heli-Village Resort.

ALBREDASUITE: \$2,100

For guests seeking the ultimate in private luxury, the two bedroom Albreda Suite offers a full kitchen, living room with fireplace, 3 private balconies and two luxurious bathrooms. The master bedroom has a king-sized bed, fireplace and ensuite bathroom, while the optional second bedroom contains two double beds.



ALBREDALODGE FEATURES

- › Intimate dining & gourmet meals
- › Fully equipped ski shop and boutique
- › Fitness, steam & massage rooms & hot tub
- › Telephone, fax, wireless internet & satellite TV
- › Fiber-optic link to Blue River Heli-Village
- › Climbing wall





EXQUISITE MOUNTAIN RETREAT

BAVARIAN HOUSE: \$12,000

The lavishly appointed private residences at Bavarian House Estate offers everything needed to pamper up to 18 heli-ski guests, in high mountain style. Rejuvenate after a day of deep powder heli-skiing with the lavish comforts including stone fireplaces, private spa, and sauna. Relax while your meals are prepared exclusively for your group by a private chef and served in the Bavarian House dining room.

CABANA: \$6,000

This spectacular estate offers the option of a 3 bedroom cabana, with a full kitchen, living room and dining area, as well as a steam room and bathroom areas.



BAVARIAN ESTATE FEATURES

- › 6 rooms plus a luxury 1 bedroom suite
- › Intimate dining & gourmet meals
- › Fitness, steam room, games room & hot tub
- › Telephone, fax, wireless internet & satellite TV





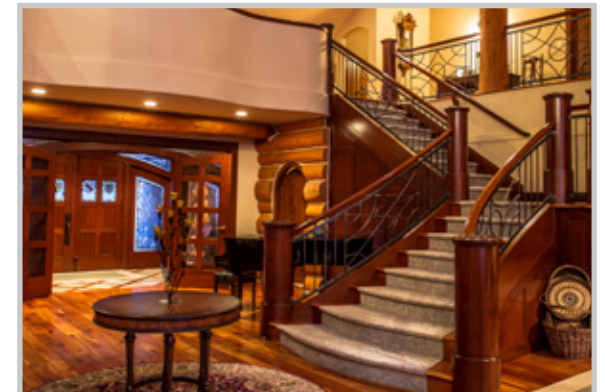
LAKEFRONT RETREAT

Located on Eleanor Lake, this quintessential luxury residence offers everything needed to pamper a small group in high mountain style. Just steps away from the MWHS Heli-Ski Village in Blue River – this beautifully handcrafted 3-bedroom (one king bed, two queen beds and two ensuite bathrooms), 9,000 square foot estate, was originally custom designed for the Wiegele family. It is lavishly equipped with a master suite, private spa, gym, office, stone fireplace, library, vaulted ceilings and industrial kitchen appliances. Meals can be prepared exclusively by a private chef and served in your own luxury dining room.



ELEANOR ESTATE FEATURES

- › Wood-burning stone fireplace
- › Fitness room, hot tub, sauna & gym
- › Office, satellite TV & wifi
- › Industrial kitchen with private server





HELI-VILLAGE ESCAPE

Our Blue River heli-ski village resort accommodation consists of 22 handcrafted log chalets. Most MWS Private heli-ski packages include a helicopter pad, directly outside your door. Satellite TV and wireless internet access is available in all the chalets.

Accommodation at the MWS Heli-Ski Village is provided with a purchase of any of our ski packages.



CHALET FEATURES

- > Full kitchen areas in every chalet
- > Cozy stone fireplaces
- > Ensuite bathrooms
- > Access to Eleanor Lake
- > Connection to all resort activities



GUIDING

Safety is our #1 priority. Our safety systems are the best in the business and our guides are highly trained to provide you with a safe and exhilarating powder experience. At MWHS our goal is to provide you with the ultimate skiing/boarding experience. Traveling safely in the mountains requires that our guides balance excitement and challenge with your safety and comfort.

Each guest must participate in our safety briefing and training and must wear the supplied avalanche transceiver while skiing/boarding. All guests are required to read and sign our liability waiver and review all hazard signs before skiing/boarding or entering a helicopter.

SNOW STABILITY ASSESSMENT & TERRAIN SELECTION

Your guide chooses the day's terrain according to snow conditions and stability. When the snowpack is stable we have many options. When snow stability is fair or poor we ski/board more moderate slopes to reduce the risk of exposure to potential avalanches.

Guides meet each morning and evening to analyze weather and snow stability data that has been gathered from field observations, snow pit profiles and two remote weather stations. This information is then evaluated using the [5 Step Snow Stability Checklist](#) to choose the day's terrain.

SKIING/BOARDING SAFELY WITH YOUR GUIDE

To ensure everyone's safety, you must give your full attention to the guide's instructions at all times and ski/board within the safety parameters they set. Our policy is that all guests ski/board with a buddy in the trees or in visually demanding conditions.

Each guest receives an avalanche transceiver and shovel pack which must be worn while in the mountains and guests are instructed in its use before beginning skiing/boarding. The shovel pack consists of a shovel and probe

MOUNTAIN RESCUE

Guides and staff regularly practice emergency procedures to prepare for potential rescue situations in the mountains. All guides carry rescue equipment and first aid supplies in their packs and each helicopter carries first aid equipment, oxygen, rescue ropes and an avalanche pack. Rescue caches in key mountain locations are equipped with a toboggan, crevasse rescue equipment and survival equipment.



MEDICAL FACILITIES

Blue River: Red Cross Outpost for basic health care.

MWHS Heli-Village Medical Clinic: Doctor and basic medical services available.

Clearwater: Dr. Helmcken Memorial Hospital facilitates medical services and basic emergency care.

Kamloops: Royal Inland Hospital for specialist attention and advanced medical care.

AVALANCHE RESEARCH & FORECASTING

Initiated in 1990 by Mike Wiegele, the Avalanche Research and Forecasting program provides scientific research to helicopter ski operators and other industries. Project partners include the MWHS's the Federal Government and the Simon Fraser University research team.

RADIO REPEATER & WEATHER STATIONS

Three repeater stations support uninterrupted communication throughout the back-country to enable the Blue River base station to constantly monitor helicopter and guide operations. Each day, guides collect weather data from two remote weather

HOW TO BOOK YOUR PACKAGE

Most guests prefer to take advantage of advanced booking incentives and rebook their vacation packages while in Blue River. Those guests preferring to book later in the pre-season should begin by contacting a Reservations Coordinator. MWHS Reservation Coordinators work with you to book your package that best suits your skill level and interest.

STEP 1: CONTACT A RESERVATION COORDINATOR

Ph: 1 (800) 661-9170 (North America) or 1 (250) 673-8381 (International)

Email: reservations@wiegele.com

STEP 2: MAKE YOUR DEPOSIT

MWHS packages are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you do not send a deposit by the agreed date we will release your booking and reserve the right to sell the package.

Once we receive your deposit we will reserve your seat until the full payment due date. Your package is confirmed when full payment is received. Deposits sent for bookings that have not been confirmed by a Reservations Coordinator will not be accepted.

Deposits:

Snowcat: \$500 CAD

Snowcat & Heli: \$1,000 CAD

Deluxe: \$1,000 CAD

Elite: \$2,000 CAD

Private/Semi-Private: \$3,000 CAD

STEP 3: COMPLETE YOUR ARRANGEMENTS

Approximately 12 weeks prior to your heli-ski/board week you will receive a final payment reminder. At that time you will be required to complete the following forms which are available through a MWHS reservations coordinator or online on our website.

- ✓ **Heli Questionnaire:** to determine skiing/boarding ability and group placement
- ✓ **Massage Request Form:** includes preferred appointment times
- ✓ **Personal Health Profile:** personal health information is held in the strict confidence

STEP 4: MAKE YOUR FULL PAYMENT

Your final payment is due 10 weeks prior to your first day of skiing/boarding. Your reservation will automatically be canceled and your deposit kept if we do not receive full payment by this date.

PAYMENT METHODS

Please contact a Reservations Coordinator for more information on making deposits and final payments. Payments are accepted in Canadian and US funds only. Any payments in US funds will be credited to your account at our exchange rate, which may change without notice. We are pleased to accept the following payment methods:

- ✓ **Bank wires**
- ✓ **Visa**
- ✓ **Mastercard**
- ✓ **American Express (on resort purchases)**
- ✓ **Cheques**

STEP 5: REBOOKING INCENTIVE PLAN

Once you ski with us, you have the opportunity to reserve your seat for the following season. By paying a deposit while on-site or within 2 weeks of departure, you can reserve your seat, request a guide, and save money with re-booking incentives. If you do not rebook within 2 weeks, you run the risk of your preferred week selling out, your guide getting requested by another group, and not taking advantage of re-booking savings. Please talk with our Guest Relations or Reservations team on-site for current re-booking incentives.

WHAT TYPE OF SKIER/BOARDER SHOULD I BE?

You should be at least an intermediate level skier/boarder. Less advanced skiers/boarders are encouraged to develop their powder and backcountry skills with an intro to off piste package. If you have questions about your skiing/boarding ability, please contact our reservations department.

WILL I NEED TO JUMP OUT OF THE HELICOPTER?

No helicopter skiing operation will allow guests to exit an airborne helicopter.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

Waterproof technical outerwear with room for several layers underneath is best for powder skiing/boarding and variable weather. Helmets are recommended, but not mandatory. The Sport Shop will fit guests who do not have their own with a helmet. We supply shovel packs, but you may use your own small backpack to hold personal items. Powder specific ski and snowboard equipment is provided for guests so there is no need to bring your own.

Note: No personal items can be left in the helicopter while skiing/boarding.

WHAT KIND OF FITNESS TRAINING CAN I DO TO PREPARE?

In order to fully enjoy your heli-ski/board vacation you should be fit, healthy and injury-free. Many guests choose to ski/board at their local resorts in order to fine-tune technique and increase fitness prior to their MWHS vacation.

CAN I COME IF I DON'T SKI?

Yes. Besides the relaxation of your winter wonderland chalet, there are plenty of other activities such as snowshoeing or cross-country skiing (equipment available at our Sport Shop) that you can take advantage of. Contact us for more information on our [Accommodation and Meal Packages](#).



DOES BLUE RIVER OFFER ACCESS TO CELLULAR NETWORKS?

The Blue River heli-village has access to cellular coverage, however our mountain areas have limited signal access.

DO I NEED TO BRING MY OWN EQUIPMENT?

Our knowledgeable and experienced Sports Shop staff will provide the equipment you need to enjoy your MWHS experience. At no extra charge, you can choose from a wide selection of powder skis and snowboards that are perfectly suited to our powder terrain. Your equipment will be adjusted to accommodate your ability and body size, tuned, then waxed each day for maximum performance. We also offer a selection of ski boots and snowboard boots, however most guests prefer to bring their own. If so, we highly recommend that you carry them as hand luggage during your travels to Blue River.

For frequently asked questions check out our website: www.wiegele.com/faqs

FLYING TO KAMLOOPS

Our nearest airport is located in Kamloops, BC. You can fly there with:

Air Canada Offering flights daily from Vancouver, BC and Calgary, AB.
1 (888) 247-2262 | aircanada.com

Westjet Offering non-stop flights daily from Calgary, AB
1 (888) 937-8538 | westjet.com

KAMLOOPS TO BLUE RIVER

We have established relationships with hotels and shuttle services in Kamloops, which entitle you to special corporate rates, please contact the reservations team or see wiegele.com for details.

COURTESY SHUTTLE (FOR 7-DAY PACKAGES ONLY)

Our Courtesy Shuttle hosts pick up guests on Saturday mornings at the airport and specific hotels. It takes approximately 2.5 hours to drive the 214 km (133 miles) from the Kamloops Airport to Blue River. Please contact the reservations team for pick up locations and schedule. All travel times are approximate and subject to change due to weather. Please plan connecting flights accordingly. Please note that an early departure or late arrival guest is responsible for making his or her own travel arrangements.

BC BUDGET RENTAL CAR

Vehicles can be dropped off or picked up in Blue River for a reasonable fee. budget.com

PRIVATE MWHS HELICOPTER

Guests may book a helicopter. All flights subject to weather. Contact a MWHS reservations coordinator for pricing and helicopter details.

POWDER SKI CHARTERS DRIVING SERVICES

Phone (250) 674-8704 or 1(855) 598-1777 (toll-free in North America)
Email: reservations@powderskicharters.com | Web: powderskicharters.com

TASTEFUL EXCURSIONS

Phone (250) 314-4555 (local) or 1 (844) 314-4555 (toll-free in North America)
www.tastefulexcursions.ca



PRIVATE PLANE TO BLUE RIVER

MWHS is committed to keeping the airstrip open in the winter for charters and private planes. There will be a landing fee in place. MWHS takes no responsibility for any flights to Blue River and waives any responsibility for trip cancellation or interruption. NavCanada have now placed weather cameras at the landing strip: www.metcam.nav-canada.ca

Flying into Blue River is highly dependent on good weather and visibility. Blue River is a mountainous area with constant weather changes. Be aware of the following: snow, icy runway, fog, clouds, rain, wind, wildlife. The following planes have landed here: King Air, Dash 4 and Lear Jets.

Blue River has a 5,066 foot paved landing strip (uncontrolled aerodrome) located 1 km north of the Heli Village. No fueling or maintenance service is available. For Blue River landing strip conditions, call: 1 (250) 673-8289

Aircraft entering Canada may clear customs in Kamloops, B.C. daily from 8:30 am to midnight but may need an appointment.

Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) / Flight Information Centre: 1 (866) 992-7433
++1-250-376-9237 (International)

Canada Customs / CANPASS: 1 (888) 226-7277 (toll-free North America)
Prior permission from MWHS is required to land and landing fees will apply.
Please contact MWHS at (250) 673-8381.

TRAVEL CHECKLIST

- Check your confirmation letter
- Obtain the recommended insurance
- Inform MWHS of your travel arrival and departure details
- Pack your airline ticket and valid passport
- Review the MWHS liability waiver
- Consider packing your ski or snowboard boots as airplane carry-on luggage

PRE-ARRIVAL PHONE CALL OR E-MAIL

Please call our reservations department to notify and finalize your arrival plans at (250) 673-8381. We need your details to accurately plan numbers for shuttles and meals and prepare for your arrival.

INSURANCE

We strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation, trip interruption, health and evacuation insurance. MWHS does not provide health, life, injury, trip cancellation, trip interruption or evacuation insurance.

VISIT YOUR BANK

There are no banks in Blue River or at Albreda Lodge, so you must complete your currency exchange before arrival. An ATM is available in the Thunder Ridge Centre. We accept Visa, Master Card, American Express and Discover Cards, as well as Canadian and US dollar traveler's cheques from recognized banking institutions. We keep limited cash at the resort and are unable to advance cash on credit cards or cash large traveler's cheques.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

CANCELLATION POLICY

Our reservation and cancellation policies are standard in the helicopter skiing industry. Significant financial commitments related to helicopters, employees, fuel, and supplies are made during summer and fall.

- More than 6 Months Prior to your Reservation: your deposit will be refunded minus an administration fee; \$250 Intro to Off Piste, \$500 Deluxe/Elite or Snowcat/Heli tours or \$1000 Private tours (per seat).
- Less than 6 Months Prior to Your Reservation: your deposit is non-refundable.
- Less than 10 weeks Prior to Your Reservation: full payment including deposit is non-refundable. Reservation Changes: **Any changes to your reservation are subject to an administration fee of \$150.**

REFUND POLICY

Ski packages are sold in 55 units, which begin and end on specific days. No refund is given, in whole or in part, for unused days or transportation, resulting from late arrival or early departure. Likewise, 'Town Days' ("no-fly days") are non-refundable. If inclement weather or helicopter service issues prevent us from reaching the guaranteed vertical footage specified in your package, we will refund the un-skied footage at the rate of:

- \$30 per 1,000 vertical feet as an in-house credit to be used on the current trip
- or \$40 per 1,000 vertical feet as a credit for Deluxe or an Elite seat for the following year (standard hourly rate guarantees apply for Private packages)

If the skier cancels the reservation and is able to find a replacement skier for the seat(s), all money on account will be refunded less an administrative fee upon full payment by the replacement skier.

No refund will be provided if a person is injured while skiing or if a person chooses not to ski for part or all the Tour (i.e. early return) and the Tour reserved herein attains the minimum guaranteed vertical footage.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PRIVATE A-STAR MEMBERS

While in Blue River ask about our A-Star Membership Benefits Package.

NORBERT WIEGELE AVALANCHE RESEARCH TRUST FUND

The Norbert Wiegele Avalanche Research Trust Fund supports a world-class snow science research facility and training program in Blue River. For more information or to donate to the Avalanche Trust Fund – contact a [MWHS reservations coordinator](http://www.mwhs.com/reservations).

CANADIAN SKI GUIDE ASSOCIATION (CSGA)

The Canadian Ski Guide Association (CSGA) is based out of the Guides Haus here on the resort. MWHS supports the organization in many ways. For more information please check out the CSGA website at: [canskiguide.com](http://www.canskiguide.com)

BRUDERSCHAFT – BLUE RIVER



In March 1996, a small group of friends sat together talking about the Bruderschaft in St. Christoph, Austria, and its history of helping people since the 14th century. These friends shared a love of life in the mountains and so decided to start a similar organization with those who come to Blue River. This idea has

flourished, and today, the group is well-established and open through invitation by current members. Our thanks goes out to that initial group, Adi and Gerda Werner from the Hospitz Hotel in St. Christoph/Arlberg, MWHS Guide Andy Aufschneider and Mike himself, for seeing the value in starting the organization here. Money invested through membership is used to assist those in need or to support worthy projects in the Blue River community. For more information, call (250) 673-8381 or visit www.bruderschaft.ca



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