## **Stowe Nordic 2017 Backcountry Tour Series**

Stowe Nordic is excited to revive two iconic Stowe backcountry events. Both will be low key tours over classic sections of the Catamount trail.

Both tours will depart from the Trapp Family Lodge Outdoor center with a bus ride to the start and will end back at Trapps with a party and celebration of the wonderful terrain you will have just skied over.

These tours are on well marked trails, but are in ungroomed and unsupported backcountry terrain so appropriate gear is required:

- no skinny skis
- at least lightweight metal edge touring skis are required
- climbing skins are a good idea for Bolton-to-Trapps, but not needed for the Stowe Traverse
- trail map (a basic map will be provided)
- a light pack (water, extra layer of clothing, etc.) is also recommended

## #1: Stowe Nordic's Bolton-to-Trapps Tour – Saturday Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>

- Park at Trapp Family Lodge
- Bus departs from the Outdoor Center at 9am
- Arrival at Bolton about 45 minutes later
- You will require a trail pass from Bolton for this tour (special rate of \$10 for the tour)
- Route will follow the Catamount trail back to Trapps
- Finish party at Trapps included in the price food, von Trapp Lager, and prizes (2-5pm)
- Cost \$25 (includes everything except your Bolton pass)

## #2: Stowe Nordic's Catamount Trail Stowe Traverse – Saturday March 11th

- Park at Trapp Family Lodge
- Bus departs from the Outdoor Center at 9am
- Two tour options:
  - o shorter option start at Edson Hill XC Center 20K (12mi)
  - o longer option start at Sterling Gorge 30K (18mi)
- Refreshment stops provided along the trail:
  - o Edson Hill
  - o Stowehof
  - o TopNotch
  - o Stowe Mountain Resort XC Center
- Finish party at Trapps included in the price food, von Trapp Lager, and prizes (2-5pm)
- Cost \$25