



Event Policies & Agreement

2026–2027 Season

Banquets · Weddings · Reunions · Special Occasions

Your full-service Upper Peninsula event facility



Big Powderhorn Mountain Resort
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Helping you create a truly memorable event at Big Powderhorn

Big Powderhorn Mountain Resort is a full-service event facility offering a wide variety of food and beverage options for any banquet, wedding, reunion or special occasion. Our facilities accommodate both large corporate groups and small, intimate gatherings.

Whether your event is indoors or outdoors, our dedicated and experienced staff will attend to every detail. The staff is ready to help with all your wedding reception or banquet plans, and every effort will be made to accommodate your needs.

- **Wedding receptions**
- **Anniversaries**
- **Corporate/business functions**
- **School functions**
- **Proms**
- **Holiday parties**





The Caribou Lodge — dining room and bar. A warmer, more intimate space.

The Gunbarrel Lodge — the larger of the two, our main lodge.

Either may be paired with our outdoor ceremony site

Facility rental includes:

- Use of your chosen lodge for the day of the event, including an area for the bridal party and use of the outdoor ceremony site
- Access the day before the event, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., for decorating
- Use of any small décor we have on hand
- Licensed venue and bartenders, bar, and glassware (after 5hrs, add'l charges apply)
- Ceremony chair and table set-up
- Indoor restrooms
- On-site parking
- Trash and recycling
- General and reasonable clean-up
- Coordination of the return of any items rented from outside vendors

Rates

- **Caribou** — \$800 per day
- **Gunbarrel** — \$1,000 per day

A refundable damage deposit of \$500 is held against the facility. Table linens are quoted separately. Rates do not include food, beverages, Michigan sales tax or service/labor charge.



Menu selections

We offer a wide variety of buffet options to suit everyone's tastes. Every buffet comes with a tossed salad, steamed vegetable, bread, a pasta dish, and a choice of meat and two side dishes. Water and coffee are included. Liquor and other beverages are not included.

Buffet

- **One menu choice** — (contact us for pricing)
- **Two menu choices** — (contact us for pricing)

Prices do not include Michigan 6% sales tax or 18% service/labor charge.

Choice of meat

- Roast Beef
- Prime Rib (market price)
- Roast Turkey
- Roast Pork
- Porketta
- Baked Chicken
- Baked Ham
- Baked or Deep-Fried Fish (market price)
- Italian Sausage with peppers, onions and mushrooms
- Shrimp — scampi, deep-fried or grilled (market price)

Choice of two sides

- Baby Red Potatoes in Parsley Butter Sauce
- Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- Scalloped Potatoes
- Rice Pilaf



Plated meals

Entrée choices for a plated, table-service meal can be discussed at your planning appointment, and pricing varies. **Table-service meals are limited to parties of no more than seventy-five (75) people**, so that we can hold food quality and service to the standard our guests expect.

Menu pricing and changes

Plate pricing may increase by up to 10% at any time until ninety (90) days before your event. Within ninety (90) days of your event, your plate price is fixed.

No changes may be made to the menu within fourteen (14) days of the event.

Bar

- **Domestic beer** (contact us for pricing)
- **Import and Keweenaw beers** (contact us for pricing)
- **Boxed wine** (contact us for pricing)

Settlement of liquor charges is established at the time your contract is signed.



Policies and Terms

Booking, deposit and payment

A **\$500.00 deposit** is required for all events. The deposit is due within seven (7) days of setting your date. **Your date and event are not reserved until the deposit is received**, and paying the deposit does not lock in event rates.

All deposits are non-refundable and are applied to your final bill.

Payment of 50% of food services is due fourteen (14) days before the event, based on the final guarantee of attendance, which is due at the same time.

A credit card is required at the time of deposit. It will not be charged unless damages or non-payment occur. Settlement of liquor charges is established at the time a contract is signed.

Confirmation and final count

A confirmation of final attendance number is required for each meal no later than **fourteen (14) days before the event**. The confirmation must be signed and submitted in writing. All food charges are based on the confirmed number, or on the actual number of guests served if that number is greater. If more than the confirmed number attend, you will be charged the additional per-person rate. If no confirmed number is received, the maximum number of people originally estimated will be treated as the confirmed number.

Sales tax and service charge

A **6% Michigan sales tax** is added to your account unless a tax-exempt certificate is presented in advance. A **service/labor charge of 18% of food cost** is also added to the account, and appears on your contract. This charge ensures the event is properly staffed. **It is not a gratuity.**



Staffing

All functions are staffed to properly serve the event. If your event requires special staffing, additional charges may apply as determined by Big Powderhorn Mountain Resort.

Food and Beverage

All food and beverage served at the event must be purchased, prepared and served by the staff of Big Powderhorn Mountain Resort. **No food — excluding the wedding cake — or beverage of any kind may be brought onto the premises or carried out by patrons or guests.** This is required by the Michigan Liquor Control Code (R 436.1033) and Michigan food safety regulations, and all federal, state and local laws governing food and beverage purchase and consumption apply and renter agrees to abide by same..

Use of the facility

Big Powderhorn Mountain Resort reserves the right to inspect and control all private parties, receptions and meetings held on our premises.

Set-up and approved decorations. The renter may enter the venue before the event to set up or decorate. Decorating hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the day before the event. Other times must be arranged and pre-approved by Resort. Pre-approved decorations may only be affixed to the facility in an approved way that does not damage it.

! Flame candles, fireworks of any kind, glitter, confetti and rice are not permitted.

Sound levels. Sound levels must be controlled. Excessive sound levels can damage the facility.

Conduct. The renter is solely responsible for supervising the conduct of everyone who attends the event, and is financially responsible if damage occurs. Disorderly conduct of any kind is dangerous, and any person engaging in it is subject to being ejected.

Gambling. Gambling of any nature or manner is prohibited.



Smoking. Per Michigan law, smoking is not permitted inside the facilities. Vaping is treated the same as smoking. Smoking outdoors is limited to designated areas, and no smoking or vaping of cannabis products is permitted on Big Powderhorn property.

Parking. Parking on the lawn, or in any way that damages the property or interferes with traffic or safety, is not permitted.

Charging admission. If the renter is charging admission for the event or if the event is open to the public, the event must be approved in advance, in writing by Big Powderhorn Mountain Resort or may be subject to immediate cancellation and removal.

Vendors. All vendors, contractors, service providers, or sales of any kind on Resort property must be approved in advance by Resort and no outside food, beverage, or other outside product for use or consumption may be brought onto Resort property. Violations of this may be subject to immediate cancellation and removal.

Safety. Exits must remain clear of furniture, decorations and other items for the safety of guests and staff. Open flames, sparklers and fireworks of any kind are not allowed in the facility or on the property.

Event conclusion. Events must conclude no later than **12:00 a.m.**, and the facilities must be vacated by **12:30 a.m.**

Lodging for your guests

Lodging accommodations are available on the mountain and are ideal for your out-of-town guests. Discounted rates may be offered to guests attending your scheduled event, and rooms should be booked well in advance of the event to ensure availability.

To reserve, contact the Big Powderhorn lodging office in the Gunbarrel Lodge at (906) 932-4838 or 855-501-SNOW (7669).



Alcohol

Big Powderhorn Mountain Resort is the only licensee able to sell and serve liquor, beer or wine on this premises. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is restricted to persons of legal age as determined by applicable law. Proper identification is required, and we reserve the right to challenge the age or identification of any individual. We reserve the right to control or refuse the consumption of alcohol, and to refuse service to any individual deemed to be intoxicated. Adults found providing alcoholic beverages to minors, and anyone using unlawful substances, will be asked to leave the premises and if refused, may result in law enforcement involvement.

Assumption of Responsibility

Supervision. The Renter is solely responsible for the conduct of every person attending the Event, including guests, invitees, employees, agents, contractors and vendors (collectively, "Event Attendees"), from the beginning of the Renter's setup access through the time the facility is vacated (the "Rental Period").

Damage. The Renter is responsible for all loss, breakage or damage to the facility, its contents, equipment or grounds caused by the Renter or any Event Attendee during the Rental Period. The \$500.00 damage deposit is applied against any amounts owed under this section and is not a limit on the Renter's responsibility.

Personal property. The Resort is not a bailee of, and assumes no responsibility for, personal property brought to, stored at, or left at the facility by the Renter or any Event Attendee.

Release. To the fullest extent permitted by Michigan law, the Renter releases the Resort Parties from all claims for loss, damage, injury or illness arising out of the Event or the use of the facility.

Right of inspection. The Resort may inspect the facility and the Event at any time during the Rental Period and may require that any activity creating a safety hazard, or violating this Agreement, or any other activity in the sole judgement of Resort to be discontinued.



Indemnification

Resort Parties. "Resort Parties" means Snowflake Operations, LLC; Snowflake Lodging, LLC; Snowflake Entertainment, LLC; Snowflake Gift Shop, LLC; Snowflake Ski Hill, LLC; and Snowflake Holdings, LLC — together with any assumed name under which any of them does business, including Big Powderhorn Mountain Resort — and each of their respective members, managers, officers, directors, employees, agents, contractors, insurers, successors and assigns.

Indemnity. The Renter shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Resort Parties from and against any and all claims, actions, liabilities, losses, costs, damages and expenses, including reasonable attorney fees and costs of defense, arising out of or relating to: (a) any act or omission of the Renter or any Event Attendee; (b) the Renter's breach of this Agreement; (c) any violation of law or of Resort policy in connection with the Event; or (d) any claim brought by an Event Attendee arising out of the Event.

Defense. The Resort may select its own counsel. The Renter shall not settle any claim in a manner that imposes an obligation upon, or admits fault by, a Resort Party without the Resort's prior written consent.

Survival. Assumption of Responsibility and Indemnity survive completion of the Event and any termination of this Agreement.



Signature and Acceptance

By signing below, you confirm that you have read, understand and agree to the rules and regulations of the Big Powderhorn Mountain event and service policies set out in this document.

Location of event: ☐ Caribou Lodge ☐ Gun Barrel Lodge

Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____

Today's date: _____

Type of event: _____

Requested date of event: _____

Person responsible for billing: _____

Estimated number of guests: _____

Please return this signed agreement to Big Powderhorn Mountain Resort, or mail it to the address below. If you have any questions, contact us at (906) 932-4838 or info@bigpowderhorn.net

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