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**Streap Alba Geamhradh 2020
International Scottish Winter Climbing Meet
22 to 29 February 2020**

HOST INFORMATION

VENUE & DATES

- **Dates:** Saturday 22 to Saturday 29 February 2020.
- **Arrival:** Saturday 22 February (no climbing on this day). Check in from 5pm. Evening meal 7pm.
- **Accommodation:** Start and finish at Aviemore Youth Hostel, 25 Grampian Road, Aviemore PH22 1PR ([Map](#)). Intervening five nights will be based at climbing huts.
- **Host briefing (all host climbers must attend):** Saturday 22 February 8pm, Aviemore Youth Hostel.
- **Climbing:** Six full days - Sunday to Friday.
- **Evening celebration event:** Tisos Aviemore, Friday 28 February. Evening meal 7pm. Presentation by Guy Robertson 8pm.
- **Departure day:** Saturday 29 February (no climbing on this day). Check out by 10am.

TRAVEL

- Hosts are responsible for making their own travel arrangements to and from Aviemore.
- Mountaineering Scotland does not cover costs for getting to and from Aviemore.
- Aviemore Youth Hostel is a 7 minute walk from the train station.

HOST EXPERIENCE

- You need to be a competent climber with experience of winter climbing in Scotland.
- Your technical lead grade is less important than the need to be an experienced and competent winter climber with sound navigation skills and the ability to cope safely with all that Scotland can throw at you.
- You need to be skilled at winter navigation, especially in whiteout conditions.
- Some guests may have done little or no winter climbing, so it is essential that you feel confident climbing with such partners.

YOUR ROLE

- You will be teamed up with an international guest climber.
- Your role is to climb together and show them what winter climbing in Scotland is all about.
- It is our intention for you to have as much fun and enjoyment as they do.
- If possible, partnerships will be changed during the week so that you can climb with different people.

ACCOMMODATION

- The first night will be in Aviemore YH, five nights distributed around Mill Cottage/Raeburn, Lagangarbh, and CIC huts, and final night in Aviemore YH. You will be advised of your hut schedule at the start of the meet.
- There are full facilities at Aviemore Youth Hostel, but please note that washing facilities are limited at the huts.
- Evening meals, and ingredients to make your own breakfasts and packed lunches will be provided.

KIT LIST – PLEASE BRING

- Full winter climbing rack (include extra slings etc. for your guest)
- Ropes: double half ropes (We have asked guests to provide a half rope, but to be on the safe side please bring a set of double ropes)
- Light sleeping bag and towel for huts
- Guidebooks and maps for Northern Cairngorms, Creag Meagaidh, Glen Coe and Ben Nevis
- Compass
- Mobile phone and charger
- GPS and PLB/Tracker (if you have them)
- First aid kit
- Re-useable bag for packing your lunch
- Rock climbing shoes as contingency if it is too warm to winter climb

GUEST AIRPORT TRANSFER

- We will contact you separately if you have indicated that you are able to provide airport transfer for overseas guests.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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