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Sherwood Ski Club

Parent Meeting – October 26, 2016



I would like to welcome you to the Sherwood Middle School Ski Club. We hope it will be as successful as previous years. It is group skiing and snowboarding offered at discounted prices. Ski Club is not a team. It is for all skiers and snowboarders: beginners, intermediate and advanced. Please note that ALL STUDENTS AND ADULTS who join Ski Club will be required to wear a helmet.

HANDOUTS:

- Ski/Snowboard Brochure Directions (please note that all signups are to be done ONLINE at www.wachusett.com/schoolgroup) - no brochures need to be passed in to me unless you have no ability to apply online.
- Ski Club Waiver/Medical Consent Form (1 combined form)
- Activity Fee Form (for those of you who have not yet paid for the year) \$50 payable to SPS
- Ski/Snowboard Checklist

DATES:

The meeting days for Ski Club will be on Wednesdays beginning January 4, 2016 and will run 6 sessions ending on Wednesday, February 8, 2016. If there is insufficient snow on January 8th, we will postpone the start to the following week, which will push our end date to February 15th. If we postpone the start, you will see an announcement in the parking lot as well as via the email address you have provided on your information form. If we happen to cancel a session, our end date will be pushed back one additional week.

DEPARTURE/ARRIVAL TIMES:

We will be traveling by Fox Coach to Wachusett Mountain in Princeton, which is approximately 35 minutes away. We will depart from the Sherwood Middle School at 2:35, arriving at Wachusett for a 3:15 start. We will depart Wachusett at 6:00pm, arriving at Sherwood between 6:45-7:00pm. All students will be expected to have a ride waiting at the Middle School upon our return from the mountain. Please be prompt as our chaperones would like to get home to their families after a full day of work and mountain fun.

EQUIPMENT DROP-OFF:

The Middle School will be open no earlier than 7:20am on days that the Ski Club meets. No students will be allowed to go through the school with their equipment.

On the days that Ski Club meets, you must drive your child to school with his/her equipment. All students with ski/snowboard equipment must **enter the school via the parent pick-up/drop-off door in the Crescent Street parking lot.** Equipment should be stored *carefully* under the stairs just inside the door. ALL equipment and bags must be labeled with your child's name and I would even suggest that you take photos of your child's things just in case they are lost or misplaced. Remind your child to only stand up skis/snowboards that are in bags. All other equipment needs to be laid down on the carpet with skis and snowboards in one area, boots/clothing bags in another. A chaperone will be in charge of helping students stow their gear under the steps each Wednesday morning. Students arriving before 7:30 must wait with that chaperone before going to the cafeteria where they will be dismissed to homerooms at 7:45. I would

recommend that students wear their ski jackets to school that day and bring any other appropriate winter clothing in a separate bag that they can store it with their skis/snowboard.

SIGN-UP (ALL online): *You do NOT need a paper brochure to sign up* 😊

Parents can start ordering program services October 1, 2015.

Parents Step ONE: go to www.wachusett.com/schoolgroup

Parents Step TWO: Program Code: **SHER** - Parents need to enter this Code to access order form.

**The form has been tailored to our 6-week program and is easy to fill out. **

BUS FEE and BUS CAPACITY:

There is room on the bus for 50 students. So, the first 50 that sign up online will have a seat on the bus and will be enrolled in the program. Once the 50 student limit is reached, you will not be able to sign up online at www.wachusett.com/schoolgroup. If your child is still interested in the program, please send me an email with their name. If we get an additional 26 students interested, we will charter a 2nd small bus. If the number of interested students climbs to around 50 more, we will charter a 2nd large bus. Once signups are closed (around Thanksgiving), I will send an announcement of the bus fee that will need to be sent in no later than Tuesday, December 20th. The bus fee should not be any more than \$80 and will be based upon the number of students signed up.

APPLICATION CHANGES, DROP-OUTS, AND INJURIES: There is a \$10 clerical fee for changes made after the application is received by Wachusett Mountain and a \$25 returned check charge. To withdraw from the program, I would need the Student Badge/Pass along with a withdrawal letter from the parent.. (If injured, the mountain requires a note from the doctor stating the date of the injury.) The mountain issues a transferable credit on sessions not attended. (I think it is about \$30.00.) **Any changes** after the applications have been filed with the mountain are required to go through me for processing.

BEHAVIOUR: Any student found drinking, stealing, in the possession of a controlled substance or cigarettes, using vulgarities, skiing or snowboarding in a reckless manner, or anything else that in management's or the school's opinion is considered disruptive, dangerous or illegal will be dismissed from the program WITHOUT a refund and will possibly be banned from the area (Wachusett Mountain) for the remainder of the season.

CHAPERONES:

If you are interested in chaperoning the ski club this season, please see me at the end of the meeting or send me a message via e-mail to hleger@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us All chaperones are required to have a current CORI on file with Central Office. Volunteers will be considered on a first come, first serve basis.

If you chaperoned last year, please notify me if your contact information or availability has changed and whether or not your CORI is current.

CANCELLATION:

If school is canceled, we will automatically cancel ski club. If Oak Middle School cancels their ski club, we will also cancel and vice versa. If we cancel due to snow after school has already started, a decision will be made by 12 noon. Please call the school to check, or make arrangements with your son/daughter to contact you from school just to be sure. I will do everything in my power to send out an email as soon as I know that we will be canceling ski club that day but it will depend on my class schedule and availability to do so.

In case you need to reach me at the mountain **for emergency purposes only**, my cell phone number is (508) 320-1807. Otherwise please use my email for other correspondences: jschaefer@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us

Thank you!

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Ski Club Coordinator

Checklist for application:

1. (submitted online at www.wachusett.com/schoolgroup) completed brochure, **SIGNED**, with payment or payment information
2. ski club waiver/consent to treat form filled out with accurate contact information
3. activity fee form completed along with a check for \$50 payable to Shrewsbury Public Schools
4. *BUS FEE* - Once registration is closed, a bus fee will be calculated. Each student will need to pay this fee **before December 20th** in order to ride the bus and participate in the program. Checks will need to be made payable to Sherwood Middle School