Sherwood Middle School Ski Club

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Sherwood Middle School will once again be sponsoring a Ski Club after school during the winter season. The program was very successful last year and promises to be equally popular this year. Ski Club is not a team; it is a group skiing/snowboarding offered at **discount prices**. It is for **ALL** skiers and snowboarders; beginners, intermediate, and advanced, but if you are a beginner, you MUST take lessons.

The Ski Club is an extra activity and will be under strict guidelines. Any student with inappropriate behavior in school, on the bus, or at the mountain will lose their privilege to ski with the group with absolutely no money refunded.

All students who join Ski Club will be ***required to wear a helmet.***

The Ski Club will be traveling to Wachusett Mountain on Wednesdays starting January 3, 2018, and running 6 Wednesdays to February 7, 2018. All buses will be leaving from Sherwood Middle School at 2:35. We will leave the mountain at 6:00 and *should* be back at Sherwood around 6:45.

Signups online through Wachusett begin November 1, 2017.

Checklist for registration :

1. Online registration and payment at www.wachusett.com/schoolgroups Group code: SWOD
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

**all forms and fees can be dropped in the Ski Club drop box on the front desk in the main office.

We are looking to fill two buses this year and will be able to accommodate 75 students. You must register online with Wachusett in order to be in the program. The Wachusett program is $120.00 (which is the cost of 6 lift tickets). Acceptance will be on a **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE** basis according to whomever first signs up online. After the

first 75 students, signups will no longer be accepted online. At this point, I will start collecting names via e-mail for a waitlist for a larger 2nd bus. Names will be placed on the waitlist in the order in which I receive email requests. A 2nd larger bus will be chartered only if there are close to another 25 requests. At that time I will reopen online registration only for the first 25 names on the waitlist.

If your child has not yet paid an activity fee, that cost is $50.00, made payable to Shrewsbury Public Schools in a separate check. ***The cost of the bus will be made payable to Sherwood Middle School with "Ski Club" and your child's name in the memo line.*** A bus fee will be calculated and due **once signups are completed**, around Thanksgiving. Bus fees should not be more than $85.

Please note that Century Passes, lessons and rentals are also available for purchase at the time of registration. In order to get the best Century Pass price, you must sign up before December 1, 2017. Students purchasing a Century Pass will be responsible for bringing their pass every week. If you already have a Century Pass your child may still ski with us provided that they have paid the bus fee and the activity fee, filled out an online application at www.wachusett.com/schoolgroups and signed the waiver. The application you will fill out for this is the regular Ski Club online application and you will just check off, "already has Century pass" in the appropriate location

If you are interested in participating in this Ski/Snowboard club, you must register by Friday, November 17, 2017.

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 6:00 pm, arriving at Sherwood between 6:45-7:00 pm. 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 7:30 am 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. A chaperone will be in charge of helping students stow their gear under the steps each Wednesday morning. Students arriving at 7:30 will proceed 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 with their skis/snowboard.

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.

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 send me a message via e-mail at jschaefer@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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