



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 has been very successful through the years and promises to be equally popular this year. Ski Club is not a team; it is 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.

******Please note that this program is a ski club and not a learn-to-ski-program. The majority of our students are experienced skiers and have previously participated in learn-to-ski lessons. We strongly encourage you to make sure your child has learned to ski prior to joining ski club as we are only permitted one adult chaperone to every ten skiers and skiers are expected to be fairly independent while at the mountain.**

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, 2024, and running 6 Wednesdays to February 7th, 2024. All buses will be leaving from Sherwood Middle School at 2:35. We will leave the mountain at 6:30 pm and *should* be back at Sherwood by 7:15 pm.

Signups online through Wachusett begin Tuesday, October 24th, 2023.

******Please note that the Sherwood and Oak Ski Clubs are run separately. If your child is in 5th or 6th grade you MUST sign up using the Sherwood Middle School link and code. If you sign up using the Oak link and code you will not be on my registration list and you will not have a spot in Ski Club.**

Checklist for registration :

1. Online registration and payment at www.wachusett.com/schoolgroups

A. **Group code: SHMSC**

2. ski club waiver/consent to treat form filled out online with accurate contact information. [Ski Club Waiver](#)

3. **BUS FEE** - The bus fee this year will be determined once the sign ups come in, and a final price can be established. Typically the cost runs around \$100 a student. Bus payment needs to be brought into the main office and given to our secretary Kristen Ward once there is a price established. There will be further communication on the cost of your child to ride the bus.

We are looking to fill two buses this year and will be able to accommodate 100 students. You must register online with Wachusett, using the Sherwood Middle School code, in order to be in the program. The various prices and fees are attached below:

Join us for Fresh Air and FUN!



WACHUSETT
MOUNTAIN

STUDENT SKI & SNOWBOARD PROGRAM

2023/2024

WACHUSETT.COM/SCHOOLGROUPS6 & 8 Week Programs

WHO'S ELIGIBLE

Students in 3rd grade & up (Must be 9 years old as of 1/1/24).
Family members only eligible if participating in Recreation Department and YMCA programs.

HOW TO SIGN UP

- Contact your program coordinator for your program details & access code.
- Go to wachusett.com/schoolgroups and enter Access Code.
- For best price order by Dec. 1, 2023 *quantities limited
- Last Day to order Dec. 15, 2023

MORE FOR YOUR MONEY

- **\$5 COW Card Bonus** -- Purchase a \$50 gift card for only \$45. Card is valid for food, MTNside Ski & Ride Shop and more. If lost, there is a \$5 replacement fee -- we will replace remaining value on a new card.

BADGE INSURANCE

- Provides Student Badge Replacement at a **pro-rated refund** if unable to use services due to unforeseen circumstances.
Must be purchased when badge is ordered.
- Pass Assurance - Any Student Badge purchased this season qualifies for a **CREDIT**.

START DATE

The **Six** and **Eight** week sessions start **Wednesday , January 3, 2024**. (No program Jan. 15, 2024 or Feb. 19-23, 2024).

EQUIPMENT

- **Renting**—Rental Packages (include skis/poles/boots or snowboard/boots) are available for your program days OR full season. *Rental equipment for use at Wachusett only.*
- **Bringing your own**—Equipment should be marked with NAME, SCHOOL, AND PHONE NUMBER.

LESSONS

- Lessons for beginners and novice (Levels 1-4), are required. *(Limited Space Available)* (See Class Level description when ordering the lesson online.)
- First Time Students CANNOT start after the first program day. If you're a "First-timer," it may take one or more sessions to learn the skills needed for lift serviced terrain.

GETTING THERE

- The coordinator arranges transportation to the mountain.

Acceptance will be on a **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED** basis according to whomever first signs up online. After the first 100 students, signups will no longer be accepted online. At this point, I will start collecting names via e-mail for a waitlist.

If you are interested in participating in the Sherwood Ski Club, you must register by

Monday, November 20th 2023

See below for further information from the mountain!

Lift Badge		
You must have a Lift Badge to be in this program. *quantities limited		
	FEE THRU 12-1-23	FEE AFTER 12-1-23
6 Week	\$179	\$209
8 Week	\$194	\$224
For Sunday and Monday Programs - Discount \$30 from above pricing		

Equipment Rentals			
	6 WEEK	8 WEEK	SEASON
Ski	\$109	\$119	\$193
Snowboard	\$109	\$119	\$193
Helmet	\$27	\$31	*

* Buy a helmet at MTNside Ski & Ride Shop starting at \$59.99!

Lessons Ski and Snowboard	
Lessons for beginners and novice (Levels 1-4), are required. Note: Only a 6 week instructional program is available.	
6 Week One- Hour Lesson	\$93
Levels: Beginner (1-2) Novice (3-4)	

Card Of Wachusett (COW Card)	
\$50 Card for \$45	\$100 Card for \$90
TERRAIN PARK PASS	\$5 / Season Use
BADGE INSURANCE	\$39

Protect Our Environment

Wachusett operates in cooperation with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. A portion of Wachusett's gross receipts are contributed to a State Land Acquisition Trust Fund dedicated to the purchase and preservation of open space.

For more information & FAQ visit wachusett.com/schoolgroups or call 978-464-2300 x3550

DEPARTURE/ARRIVAL TIMES:

We will be traveling by Silver 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 3:20 start. We will depart Wachusett at 6:30 pm, arriving at Sherwood around. 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 8:05 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. **Ski/snowboard bags are highly recommended to protect 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. 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. 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. 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.

Please Note: THERE ARE NO CASH REFUNDS IF YOU DID NOT PURCHASE THE BADGE/PASS INSURANCE.

Any changes after the applications have been filed with the mountain are required to go through me for processing.

LOST & FORGOTTEN BADGES AND PASSES

Forgetting or Replacing a Student Badge is \$15 if Badge/Pass Insurance has not been purchased at time of purchase. Forgetting a Season Pass will cost the price of a lift ticket and Replacing a Season Pass is \$15 if Badge/Pass Insurance has not been purchased at time of purchase.

BEHAVIOR

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.

Students will also be responsible for making it to the bus on time. This applies for getting to the bus at school, and leaving the mountain. If a student holds up the bus leaving the mountain, they will not be permitted to ski the next week.

CHAPERONES

If you are interested in volunteering as a chaperone during the ski club this season, please send me a message via e-mail at tangell@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 served basis.

It is preferred that chaperones take the bus with us from Sherwood, and ride back on the bus as well.

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 the 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 (860) 994-3887. Otherwise please use my email for other correspondences, tangell@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us