



# *Town of Ashland, Massachusetts*

## *Recreation Department*

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Dear Parents of Nashoba Valley Skiers/Boarders

I would like your assistance in talking to your child about what they will experience each Wednesday before and during their experience at Nashoba Valley. Please assure your child that we will never leave without them but that we need 100% of their co-operation in order for the bus to leave on time and for them to get the most out of skiing.

- **All students should report to the gym when called at the end of the day.**
- The ski bus will pull into the bus circle AFTER the school buses depart so students will have plenty of time to use the bathroom and get to the gym after dismissal. At least two chaperons will conduct attendance inside before the students exit the building. The kids will have an opportunity to put their warm layers and snow pants on before boarding the bus.
- Once the children are on the bus, they are not allowed off, unless with chaperone permission.
- Please pack lightly, only taking what you need. All bags MUST stay on the bus.
- Eating on the bus is a privilege and is at the discretion of the driver and chaperons; this privilege can be taken away if the bus is left messy. Our bus company, FTI Travel, has requested that all beverages be in a screw top container (no fountain drinks or juice boxes). "Messy Snacks" such as fried dough, ice cream, fried oreos etc. are not allowed. **CANDY is strictly forbidden!**
- Spending money for the snack bar is allowed. We suggest packing it in your child's snow pants or a zippered pocket in their jacket so it does not get left on the bus. Putting it in a Ziploc baggie with their name on it also helps to keep track of who it belongs to when they leave it on the table!!!
- We will be traveling via deluxe motor coach. One way will be reserved as "quiet time" in which students should work on their homework. Students without homework or those that choose not to work on it should come prepared for the quiet ride ie: book, phone, iPod WITH headphones etc., so the rest of the students can work on their homework.
- **Equipment will be stored at the Community Center, 162 West Union Street. Equipment can be dropped off on Wednesdays 8am-1:25 pm. NO Tuesday drop off this year**  
**DO NOT BRING EQUIPMENT TO THE MINDESS SCHOOL!**
- Please do not send skis or snowboards in large equipment bags...the kids will put on their equipment right outside the bus and do not have to carry it anywhere.
- Shortly before arriving at Nashoba Valley we will have the children put on their remaining outer layers so they are all set to go when we arrive. **We strongly recommend wool ski socks and good waterproof gloves** to ensure your child is warm and comfortable.
- Once at Nashoba Valley those children needing to rent equipment will proceed directly to the Rental Shop with a chaperon.
- **EVERY CHILD MUST WEAR A HELMET**

- Children will be given an ARC helmet sock on the bus each week so we can identify who is in our group when they are on the slopes.
- Children must wear an ARC helmet sock and their lift badge at all times. These will both be collected each week after they get onto the bus for the return trip to Ashland. If either of them arrives home, please contact the office and return it the following week.
- Students taking lessons will proceed to the area designated (chaperones will assist). Lessons are one hour long, 4:30-5:30
- Any child not renting or taking lessons may head to the slopes with a buddy or chaperon.
- Everyone must be with a buddy at all times unless using the bunny slope! If someone does not have a buddy, chaperones will help pair them up if they ask.
- **ALL** persons, chaperones and students **MUST** be at the rental shop no later than **6:15PM** for the return trip to Ashland.
- If a child has **ANY** question or concern during the trip, they are asked to find an Ashland adult to assist them. I will be in the rental shop/Lodge area most of the time if your child needs help.
- Ski boots are not allowed on the bus, children are encouraged to put their shoes in our bins for safe keeping. There will be a bin marked Ashland Rec outside the bus and another in the rental shop for all renters to store their shoes.
- If the weather is questionable, please don't hesitate to call the office, but please wait until **NOON**, as a decision will not be made until sometime after 11AM. You WILL NOT receive a phone call if we decide to cancel, an announcement will be made at school and an email will be sent to those who provide us with their email address. Please remember that the weather can vary from town to town and the conditions at Nashoba Valley could be significantly different.
- **Any student with a fracture, suspected fracture, head/neck injury or any injury deemed serious by the medical staff will be transported to the nearest medical facility via ambulance.**
- Pick up after the program is at the **COMMUNITY CENTER, 162 West Union Street**, the buses will pull up in front of the building...I do not recommend parking in the spaces directly in front of the building, you will be blocked in by the buses.
- Please pick up your child at **7:15PM** sharp. You **MUST COME TO THE BUS** to sign out your child when we return to the Community Center.
- Any questions you may have now or later may be directed to my office at 881-0140 x2. I trust that your child will have a positive experience with the Nashoba Valley ski program.
- Questions or concerns on Wednesdays should be directed to **my cell phone (508) 962-1856**. It is often hard to hear in the lodge and on the bus so text messages are preferred.
- Anyone NOT returning on the bus **MUST** have a signed note from their Parent/Guardian which should be given to the chaperone on the bus before arriving at the ski area. Parents picking children up at Nashoba Valley **MUST** sign their child out by 6:00pm.
- If your child will not be in attendance **PLEASE** complete the ski club absentee form by 1:00 so we do not waste time trying to track down missing students at the end of the school day. Thank You!
- **PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!!! Skis, Boards, Poles, Boots, Gloves, Helmets, Goggles, Jackets, Snow Pants and anything else you send with your child!** If your child needs a little extra help with organization, we have found that a laminated checklist in their coat pocket helps them come home with everything they went with!

Thank you,

*Kelly*

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