



Town of Ashland, Massachusetts

Recreation Department

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Dear Wachusett Ski/Board Program Participants and Parents,

We are pleased to be able to offer an instructional ski/board program designed especially for grades 6 - 12. The program starts on the first Wednesday after winter break, **Wednesday, January 7th** and runs for six weeks ending on February 11th. Lessons will start at 5:00 PM sharp, students not taking lessons may start skiing/riding as soon as we get to Wachusett Mountain. If your child is absent, **please use our online Ski Club Absentee Form** to let us know that they will not be attending.

Skis/Boards and equipment may be stored at the middle school on Wednesdays and should be brought to school before the bus leaves. There is a designated secure area to store the equipment during the day. Equipment can be dropped off between 7:45-8:15 am (Middle School - Activity Room). You can also drop off at 2:45 directly to the bus in the middle school parking lot. The bus returning from Wachusett will arrive at the middle school **at 9:00PM**. Please pack a dinner or send money so your child may buy something to eat at the snack bar.

Students are encouraged to rent a small locker for their personal items (\$7-12). This is a good idea for your child to keep track of their shoes and personal belongings. Students are encouraged to lock skis, poles and snowboards when they are not in use. There is a "ski watch" available. **ALL** participants with the program **MUST** use appropriate behavior at all times; bus, lodge, slopes and snack bar. **Any problems will result in losing the privilege to continue with the program.**

The ski program may be canceled if there is a school cancellation or at the discretion of the Recreation Department and the bus company. We will notify the school by 12:00 PM of any such cancellation, and we will notify parents via email. Please do not call the office until after 12:00 PM if you are concerned about the program being canceled due to inclement weather. Please note that the Recreation Office closes before the program ends, the best way to contact Kelly on Wednesdays is by cell phone **(508)962-1856**

Once again this year, we will be traveling via deluxe motor coaches. One way will be reserved as "quiet time" in which students should work on their homework. Students not wishing to work on their homework should come prepared for the quiet ride ie: book, portable music or game system **WITH** headphones etc., so the rest of the students can work on their homework.

We look forward to great snow and lots of fun for those attending our 2026 Wachusett Mt. Program.

Kelly Rund
Recreation Director
(508)962-1856 cell

ASHLAND RECREATION DEPARTMENT **Wachusett Mountain Rules**

SCHOOL DISMISSAL

Please be on time for the bus, no hanging out in the hallways after school, the bus will not wait for slowpokes!

High School Students must catch a first wave town school bus over to the middle school or your own transportation arriving to AMS no later than 2:55.

Middle School Students should report to the small gym at dismissal. The Ski Club buses will pull up to the school for loading AFTER the school buses depart.

BUS CONDUCT

- Riding the bus is a privilege, anyone who can not conduct themselves appropriately will lose their right to ride on the bus.
- Students are expected to cooperate with the chaperons at all times
- Students shall remain SEATED at all times
- There is no shouting allowed
- There is no throwing of objects allowed
- The bus is equipped with a bathroom for emergencies, please try to use the restroom at school or Wachusett before loading to reduce the amount of bodies moving around on the bus while it is in motion.
- The ride up to Wachusett will be “Quiet Time” Be prepared to work on your homework. If you do not have homework, bring something quiet such as a book, portable game system with headphones etc.

FOOD/DRINKS 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 etc. are not allowed. **CANDY is strictly forbidden!**

KINDNESS MATTERS!

Being Kind to others is simple and costs nothing. While we don't expect that everyone in the program will be friends with each other, we do expect that all participants will treat each other, our volunteers, our bus drivers and the staff and other guests at Wachusett Mountain with respect. Anyone that chooses to treat others unkindly or disrespectfully will have a meeting with Kelly. If the accusations are proven true, the student will miss the following week of ski club. Repeat offenders will be removed from the program WITHOUT a refund.

WACHUSSETT DEPARTURE

Students must be back to the bus by 7:45 PM.....no exceptions

Anyone that is late returning to the bus will have to sit out for a minimum of 15 minutes on the next trip! Repeat offenders will have to miss a week.

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.

Wachusett Mountain Policies

FEES: \$15 fee for lost badges.

PROPER LODGE ETIQUETTE:

- Skis, Poles and Snowboards are PROHIBITED in the building
- Remove trash from tables
- Return cafeteria trays
- Keep stairs, doorways and aisles clear at all times

GUEST PASSES: Guest passes are available starting week 2 for friends and family (ages 9+) of enrolled participants riding the bus. If you would like to invite a guest they must request a pass with our [online form](#). Guests will be notified when their request is approved. Guest Passes MUST be paid for in advance (\$57 lift and \$35 rental). Payment in the form of a check payable to Wachusett Mountain should be dropped off to the Recreation Office no later than 2:00 PM on Tuesday of the week they will be attending (no exceptions). Passes will be distributed to the student riding the bus upon arrival at Wachusett and it is up to them to connect with their guest and deliver their pass.

ALPINE PARK PASS: Those wanting to use our Alpine Park and Half Pipe will have to pay a one time fee of \$5 for their Park Pass. Please visit their [website](#) to watch the video and print your waiver.

STUDENT GROUP BEHAVIOR:

Wachusett Mountain Ski Area is a family ski area. Any student found drinking alcohol, stealing, in the possession of a controlled substance, using vulgarities, reckless skiing or boarding, or anything else that in management's, coordinator's or chaperone's opinion is considered disruptive, dangerous or illegal, will be dismissed from the program without a refund.

WITHDRAWALS: Requests must be made in writing and sent to the Group Sales Office along with your student badge. (If injured a doctor's note stating date of injury is required) Wachusett will issue a transferable credit on sessions NOT attended. There are **NO CASH REFUNDS**.

Wachusett Mountain Ski Area
Attn: Group Sales
499 Mountain Road
Princeton, MA 01541

You must also notify the Recreation Department if you wish to drop out. Bus refunds will only be issued if your vacancy is filled. (Partial refunds may be given to injured students who provide us with a doctor's note)