

# BROOKFIELD PARKS & RECREATION SKI CLUB



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

### SKI CLUB GENERAL:

#### **Q: Can I go on the trips?**

**A:** Parents are welcome and needed! We have a parents meeting scheduled for 12/17 at 6pm at Brookfield Town Hall, room 133. Please plan on attending. You do not have to ski to attend.

#### **Q: Where do I pick up my child at the end of the program?**

**A:** Busses will return to their school of origin. WMS students return to WMS front lot. BHS students to BHS and drop off near the gymnasium entrance. Parents should be at the schools by 9:15pm for pickup.

#### **Q: What if my child misses a trip?**

**A:** Students are expected to miss trips. You do not need to let us know ahead of time. Attendance is taken when students board the bus to the mountain so anyone not getting on the bus is considered absent. There are no refunds for a missed trip, however your card is loaded for 4 trips for Fridays this winter. If you miss a trip, the card will work on another Friday (excluding holidays).

#### **Q: What is the bus like?**

**A:** Ski Club has coach buses from Land/Jet which do have a restroom. **BHS** has one bus. Students can sit in the seat that they wish. We ask students to sit in the same seats coming back to avoid disagreement. **WMS** will have two buses. Depending on registration, one bus will be 8<sup>th</sup> grade and one bus 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grades. Students can sit with their friends but should sit in the same seat on the way back from the mountain.

#### **Q: What happens if my child is hurt on a trip?**

**A:** Injuries on the mountain are assessed by ski patrol. Should they determine the need, a student may be transported to the local urgent care. This is typically for broken bones. Parents will be contacted if this occurs and asked to come pick up their child. Any bumps, bruises, cuts or scrapes are handled on the mountain and parents are only contacted in more serious cases.

#### **Q: Is my child supervised on the mountain?**

**A:** Students in the ski club are free to go off on their own on the mountain and ski with friends. Students are given announcements each week at before departing including the buddy system and staying with fellow students who might not have a buddy. Our ski club has a 'base' set up in the lodge to check into and chaperones ski out on the mountain. Ski club members wear yellow arm bands to help identify them so chaperones will keep a lookout for anyone alone and bring them into a group.

#### **Q: What food options are there for my child?**

**A:** Students can bring food to the mountain or purchase their own at the Main Lodge. The mountain accepts cash and credit cards.

**Q: Does my child hold onto their lift tickets between trips?**

**A:** Our chaperones collect the lift tickets on the bus ride back each week (except for the last trip). Students will receive them on the way up next time. If your child brings theirs home accidentally, it is not a problem, just make sure they have it to bring the next trip. If you forget or lose it, there is a \$5 reprinting fee at the mountain.

**LESSONS:**

**Q: Does my child need to take lessons?**

**A:** Only beginners are required to take lessons. Lessons are highly recommended for any participant who has been skiing less than 3 years.

**Q: Can I sign my child up for only one lesson as a refresher?**

**A:** Group lessons through the ski club are only offered in 3 or 4 packs. This is done to maintain staffing efficiency at the mountain. If you would like a single lesson for your child, please contact the mountain so you can set it up directly with them.

**Q: When and where do the group lessons take place?**

**A:** Group lessons for Brookfield will take place from 5pm-6pm each week and students meet in the group lesson area, marked by large flags that say group lessons. Our groups will arrive to the mountain about 4pm so students will have time to settle in the lodge and practice on their own before the lesson.

**EQUIPMENT:**

**Q: What do I do with my child's equipment on Fridays?**

**A: BHS** – Equipment cannot go on school busses and no storage is offered at BHS. Parents must bring equipment at the end of the day or drop it off in the morning in the Parks & Rec Truck. This truck will be parked next to the BHS gymnasium on the outdoor basketball court before the first bell. Equipment can be loaded there, and the truck will be moved to a secure location for the day. The equipment will be placed at the gymnasium entrance at the end of the day for students to retrieve and load onto the bus.

**A: WMS** – Equipment cannot go on school busses. Parents can either drop their child off in the morning in the parent drop off line or bring the equipment at the end of the day. WMS offers a storage closet for equipment during the day. Students can be dropped off in the normal drop off line with their equipment. Our coordinator, Mark Jewett, will be present at drop off with some 8<sup>th</sup> graders to help move the equipment. Your child can retrieve the equipment from the closet at the end of the day. Parents dropping off equipment at the end of the day should wait until school busses depart to bring the equipment to the front of the building.

**Q: How can I help my child keep better track of their stuff?**

**A:** Label every piece of equipment you have with your name and phone number. Masking or painter's tape should help if you need to remove the labels.

**Q: Does my child need to bring their bookbag on the bus?**

**A:** Students at WMS can leave book bags they do not need in the vestibule area at the main entrance of the school. This will be unlocked when the buses return to the school and must be retrieve before the weekend. BHS students are responsible for all their items.

**Q: Should I rent from Mohawk or Ski Haus?**

**A:** Either choice is fine, however, we recommend Ski Haus. These are seasonal rentals, and you will get to keep the equipment until the end of the winter season. Your child will get familiar with the equipment, and you have it if you choose to go on any other ski trips or practice in the back yard. The cost between the two is very similar.