

**PLEASE KEEP!**  
**STERLING RECREATION MONDAY SKI/SNOWBOARD PROGRAM**  
**INFORMATION SHEET 2014**

Program begins *Monday, January 6, 2014*. Program dates: **1/6, 1/13, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/24**

**NEW TO PROGRAM?** – For children who have not participated in this program before, please take a trip up to the mountain prior to the start of the program. Familiarize your child with the layout. Please review this information sheet with your child, as well.

**PICK-UP, DEPARTURE and RETURN**

**Chocksett School** children will meet in the cafeteria after dismissal at 3:05 to get dressed and prepare to board the bus. *Ski boots cannot be worn on the bus*. Bus departs at 3:15.

**Houghton School** children will be dismissed early at 3:20 to board the bus. Please notify your child's teacher of early dismissal **prior** to the first day of program.

**Bus returns to Chocksett by 8:00pm. If your child is not going home on the bus, you *MUST* see a chaperone and sign your child out before leaving the mountain.**

**ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES**

In order to ensure all students are accounted for, participants **MUST** sign-in when they board the bus or arrive at the group location (at the lodge). It is **INCREDIBLY** important that participants are also signed-out when they are picked-up (at either the mountain or the school). Please help us to continue to run a safe and fun programming by following this procedure.

**EQUIPMENT DROP OFF**

All equipment and bags should be dropped off during the day. Place the skis/boards, as well as bags, against the back wall of **Chocksett School lobby**. Children from Houghton will dress when they arrive at the mountain.

**CANCELLATION**

**If school is canceled due to inclement weather, the program will be canceled.** Extra days will be added at the end. If the Sterling Recreation department cancels we will do it before noon and notify the school. Also, check message at (978) 422-3041 or web site: [www.sterling-ma.gov](http://www.sterling-ma.gov) under *Recreation News*.

**ABSENTEE CREDIT**

The coordinator will turn in a program attendance sheet each week to Group sales. If a student misses a week and have purchased the 6/week badge, they will receive an \$18.00 coupon from the coordinator. When students want to redeem their absentee coupon of \$18.00, they'll go to the Customer Service or Group Sales Counter. The credit can then be applied toward the purchase of a lift ticket, rental or lesson. The credit is transferable. Pass (GPS) holders simply adhere to their pass terms.

**PASSES:**

- **PASS/BADGE INSURANCE PLAN**- is offered for \$25.00 & must be purchased with pass. This covers lost/stole pass & badges, as well as refunds.
- **STORE PASSES/BADGES IN BOOTS!** Your child **MUST** have his/her pass each week. Pass replacement for GPS Pass is \$50. Lost/Forgotten Badge is \$20
- **CENTURY PASS**- Participants purchasing Century Passes will receive an e-mail for their confirmation. They'll be asked to bring their e-mail to Customer Service for their picture *passes before the start of program.*

- **STUDENTS LIFT BADGE-** added bonus for participants! They'll receive 50% off lift and rental purchases on days your school is scheduled but closed (see#2 "What are my Options", in Student Application) Badge & Century Pass holders can purchase all lift tickets at 50% off from Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, to the end of the season.

### **CLOTHING & HELMETS**

Be sure to bring ski mittens, hat, neck warmer, ski pants and ski/snowboard boots. Check your bag before leaving home! Be sure to clearly **LABEL** all items before students bring them to the mountain. **We STRONGLY suggest that participants wear HELMETS!**

### **FOOD**

The ski lodge does have a cafeteria and a vending machine. Snacks or bag lunch may also be brought from home. Please make sure your child has snacks/lunch or money.

### **ATTENDANCE**

**Please** call the Recreation office at 422-3041 or e-mail: [recreation@sterling-ma.gov](mailto:recreation@sterling-ma.gov) if your child will not be skiing/boarding due to illness etc. Attendance is taken before leaving the school and before leaving the mountain. **Sign your child out with a chaperone if he/she will not be riding the bus home!**

### **CHAPERONES**

A table staffed with two chaperones will be located in the lodge next to the doors near the cafeteria entrance. Chaperones assist children in getting ready and ski with beginners to the program. Please remind your child that he/she should go to the chaperone if they have any concerns or problems.

### **BUDDY SYSTEM**

It is incredibly important that students never ski/snowboard alone. Please explain to your child the importance of remaining with a "buddy" or in a group throughout the entire time they are at the mountain. Encourage your child to seek help immediately if one of their companions has a problem.

### **LESSONS**

Lessons will start at 4:55. We will meet at the ski school at 4:50. Beginner skiers will ski with chaperones prior to lessons for the first week (more if needed). Immediately following lessons, all will meet at the lodge, so we can continue to help beginner skiers.

**APPLICATIONS:** **Please read!** Familiarize yourself with the mutual agreement and terms & conditions and additional information on the packet.

**PERSONAL EFFECTS:** The Sterling Recreation Department, its staff and volunteers, Atlantic Express and Wachusett Mountain will not be held responsible for participants' property, which includes but is not limited to: skis, snowboards, poles, boots, helmets, passes, goggles, clothing, bags, and personal property. If a participant is concerned about his/hers belongings they should seek out lockers.

**RELEASES:** Parents must sign both the Wachusett Mountain release and the Recreation Department release before a child may participate in the program.

*Please notify the Recreation Office if you would like to be a lodge or skiing chaperone. Refer to your application brochure or call at anytime with questions. Please read Terms & Conditions on application.*

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