



October 31, 2022

Dear Middle School Student,

Council Rock's Middle School Ski and Board Clubs are back once again ! This winter we will load up several coach buses for three trips to Bear Creek Mountain for some great twilight skiing and boarding. The best news is you don't have to have any experience on the slopes, you can take this opportunity to get a lesson or two and develop your skill on a pair of skis or a snowboard. You don't even have to own your own equipment; local and on-site rental programs are readily available. Pro tip: local rental allows you to keep equipment for whole season in case you plan some family trips!

Here's how to join:

1. Complete both attached forms with your parent/s or guardian/s (permission form and medical form.)
2. Put completed forms in an envelope with a check for \$90 made out to your school:
"Newtown Middle School" or "Holland Middle School"
NOTE: This fee covers your bus transportation, club needs, and occasional prize patrol action!
3. Complete the GOOGLE DOCS FORM-link is on your school's ski club website (this is in addition to paperwork)
4. **Paperwork/check collection will begin** in each middle school at **7:45am, on Friday, November 11th, 2022.** Each school will have a specially designated collection location and registration cap, so listen to the announcements at your school!
5. If your paperwork meets the registration cap for your school, you will be given an online registration code to use with Bear Creek's website to purchase your lift ticket, lesson (if you wish), and rental (if needed.) Bear Creek packages range from around \$135 (lift only) to \$230 (lift, rental, helmet.) **Season pass holders need not purchase a package online, but a loyalty season package is available for your convenience.**
6. While bus assignments are alphabetical, students are encouraged to turn in their forms with a friend on "turn in day" to ensure they have a buddy to ski with.
7. Familiarize yourself with the Club Policies and Procedures (next page.)

Through a special arrangement with Bear Creek, there are four-trip, six-trip, and unlimited-trip packages available. Basic package includes four trip lift ticket while other packages include either rental or both rental and lessons. If you are a first time skier/boarder, we recommend the group lessons (\$55.) Advanced kids may wish to purchase a private lesson to further their skill. While the club will be traveling three Thursdays, all available packages offered by Bear Creek allow kids to travel with their family other nights. To ensure you are on the slopes as fast as possible, we recommend renting in advance from a local rental agent. While the equipment at Bear Creek is top notch, the lines can be long.

Dates:

Thursday 1/12

Thursday 1/26

Thursday 2/2

Please, hold Thursday 2/9 in your family calendar as rain/snow date

The buses will depart from your respective school at a set dismissal time, then return around 10:30 pm for all three trips.

Basic Ski/Board Club Policies and Procedures:

1. All Council Rock school rules and those set by Bear Creek are in effect for all trips.
2. Club members are expected to be on all three trips, health permitting.
3. Helmets are required. The end.
4. Club members will wear their school's "Board and Club" sticker (provided) on their helmet, or clothing if you rent. It is critical to the safety of each member that Bear Creek staff and attending Council Rock staff can quickly identify students should an emergency arise. (Kids who rent are identified by your rental contract.)
5. Club members are expected to ski or board in groups of two or more, never alone.
6. In the event of a medical emergency, staff will accompany an injured student to a designated medical center. That student's parent/s or guardian/s will be contacted immediately. To this end it is critical the medical form is filled out completely with appropriate phone numbers and alternate numbers clearly listed. CR administrators will travel apart from the buses, in the event he needs to accompany a student for a medical visit. Please have your phone set to accept calls from "distant area codes" on ski nights!
7. Club members should pack a dinner or be prepared to purchase a meal in the lodge. Kids use a tremendous amount of energy on the slopes and should pack a larger meal than they might otherwise have at home. Snacks that can be easily held in pockets are also of great value because you stay on the slopes and snack on the lift. Some savvy students have purchased their dinners cheap from their own school cafeteria on the day of each trip.
8. On ski and board days, members may drop off equipment to their schools' designated drop off area when they arrive to school. It is highly recommended that all equipment, winter clothing and even bagged dinner is clearly marked with the student's name.
9. Students must be picked up at 10:30pm and we ask that all parent drivers refrain from parking near or in the bus unloading areas. Students being picked up late after our return may be asked to withdraw from the club. Naturally, we'll tell students to text their parent/s and or guardian/s when we are 20 minutes away from the school and we use the REMIND app to notify parents of our impending return.
10. Students are responsible for their school work due on Friday after club nights. We have found our students been successful in staying on track in their subjects. Some read on the bus going up or on the way back.
11. Directives given by chaperoning teachers are binding and are delivered with each member's best interests in mind.

Scholarships:

Although we live in Bucks County, financial circumstances can vary for any of us. If your family is in a financial crisis, we do not want your child to be exempted from this or any opportunity in Council Rock. Please contact one of your school's coordinating teachers about a scholarship. Should your financial circumstances change in the future, you may always consider making a contribution back to the "Ski and Board" clubs to help future students. Your contact will be held in confidence.

There will be a special parent meeting on Tuesday, November 15th, at 7:00pm in the NMS auditorium, and another on Wednesday, November 16th, at 7:00pm in the HMS Auditorium. Parents must attend one or the other. This will allow us to review all expectations, check paperwork for completeness, and entertain questions in a group-forum setting.

Remember, space is limited, so act fast! Let it Snow!

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Mr. Timothy Duke tduke@crsd.org, and Ms. Sam Slifer sslifer@crsd.org, HMS coordinators

Council Rock School District

STUDENT NAME: _____ GRADE/TEAM/HOMEROOM: _____

PLANNED ACTIVITY: Newtown / Holland Middle School Ski / Board Club 2023 trips

*DATE/TIME OF ACTIVITY: 1/12, 1/26, 2/2, (2/9) COST: \$90 for transportation/lift ticket on your own

TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS: Coach Bus PROVISION FOR MEALS: On your own

In anticipation of your child's upcoming extended student activity, please supply the following information. In compliance with CRSD Drug and Alcohol, and Medication policies, **no student is permitted to carry any form of medication**. Arrangements for transport of medications **essential** to health (insulin, inhalers, anti-seizure medications, epi-pens) should be made with the School Nurse. If your child will need any medication during the extended activity, arrangements will be made by the school.

PARENT/GUARDIAN OF STUDENTS REQUIRING DAILY MEDICATION MUST CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

_____ My child may take his/her regularly scheduled medication upon returning to school.

_____ I will contact the school nurse and make arrangements for the administration of the medication.

ANY SERIOUS ALLERGIES OR MEDICAL CONCERNS: _____

If you have any questions about medication administration during extended student activities, please contact the School Nurse.

THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBERS MUST BE PROVIDED:

PARENT/GUARDIAN MOTHER: CELL/HOME _____ WORK _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN FATHER: CELL/HOME _____ WORK _____

Emergency contact if Parent/Guardian cannot be reached: Name: _____ Number _____

Physician Name: _____ Telephone Number _____

I give my child permission to attend the above mentioned activity, and in case of illness or emergency, I authorize the officials of CRSD to contact directly the persons named on this form. In the event parents, physician, or other persons named on this form cannot be contacted, the school officials are authorized to take whatever action is deemed necessary for the health of my child.

Please be reminded students are representing our school and Council Rock School District. We expect students to represent themselves, their families, and the school favorably at all times. Students should dress appropriately. All policies and regulations that govern student conduct during a normal school day are in effect during Extended Student Activities. *dates are always subject to change.+

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

I understand that trips may be canceled and money may be lost due to elevated threat levels.

(Please place a check in the box indicating that you have read and understand the above statement)

Permission Form - Middle School Ski & Snowboard Club

I/We grant permission for _____ (student name) to participate in the NMS/HMS Ski & Snowboard Club. I agree that the district and/or its employees cannot be held responsible for any injury that might occur while my student is participating in this program. I also understand that all rules regarding student behavior in school are applicable while attending all NMS/HMS Ski & Snowboard Club functions and I agree with rules regarding use of a helmet on the slopes and regarding masks on the coach buses.

Helmets on slopes!!!! If you are caught without a helmet by any of the chaperones you will be suspended from the next trip. Any second time offender will be ejected from the club!! If you are injured in any way, you must go to the infirmary where they will notify your chaperone. By signing below, we acknowledge all skiers/boarders are required to wear a helmet. We know this provides safety and warmth, has become an industry standard, and that helmets have saved many skiers/boarders from hospitalization.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Date: _____

YOU NEED TO DO THIS...

1. Go to your school's Ski & Board website, it's under 'activities' tab, and click on:
REGISTER ME FOR SKI CLUB
2. Fill out the information on the Google Docs Link.
3. Later, when you hand in your \$90 check, we'll give you a logon name and password for the Bear Creek Website to buy your ski package.

SKI/BOARD CLUB IS ABOUT.....

Having fun * Being independent * Learning how to board or ski

Hanging out with friends