

Learn to Ski/Ride Program Information

Learn to Ski/Ride Program

- Program is for grades K-8th. (Kindergarten children must be transported and have an adult on the mountain with them)
- Program meets for 7 weeks in January & February from 2:40-4:30pm.
- The 1st-8th program meets for 7 weeks. Six weeks of lessons and the last day is the “Donut Hole Races”
- The Kindergarten Program meets for 6 weeks. Starting the second Wednesday of the 1st-8th program.
- The program does NOT meet the week of the February Break.
- All children are required to wear a helmet to participate in the program.

Behavior

- Good behavior is always expected during the program.
- Children will be respectful to the people in charge, lead & student instructors, volunteers, bus drivers and ski personnel.
- Any discipline problems or failure to obey the rules could result in a suspension or expulsion from the program or final trip.

Learn to Ski/Ride Discipline Guideline

- The document is linked on the program page of the Ski/Ride Program.
- This document will cover the Discipline Guidelines for behavior prior to getting on buses at schools, riding the buses to and from the mountain, being in lessons, behavior on the mountain, in the lodge and respect for all those involved in the program; to include Lead & Student Instructors, Volunteers, Bus Drivers and Cochran’s Staff.

Weather Conditions & Cancellations

- Children must dress for the weather conditions. Dress in layers to stay warm.
 - If a does not arrive with appropriate gear (ex. no mittens or gloves), they will be instructed to stay in the lodge.
- When it comes to wintry weather and cold temps, parents must decide if conditions are safe for their child to participate.
- The ski area may cancel due to un-skiable conditions, or we may have to cancel due to unsafe travel conditions.
- If school closes on a Wednesday during the program, the program is cancelled that day also.

On the Mountain at Cochran’s

- No one ever skis or snowboards alone. The buddy system must be used, or your child must always be with an adult.
- Everyone is to stay on well-marked and groomed trails **ONLY**. Any reports of off trail will jeopardize your child’s continuation.

Lessons:

- This is an educational/instructional program. All participants are required to be with their assigned group and in lessons.
- Lessons are mandatory- if **NOT** in lessons child can be suspended or removed from the program.
- Lessons begin at 2:40pm and are an hour for levels 4 and above. Free Ski/Ride will begin at 3:40pm for these levels.
- All other levels will have lessons until 4:30p. Children will progress at their own pace through levels.
- All NEW participants will begin at level 1 of lessons and can progress quickly, as they demonstrate the skills of each level.

Equipment Loan

- If you plan on borrowing equipment for the program you must sign up for a fitting day and time.
- This must be done on the Rec. website on the registration page.
- There is a \$30 fee for equipment loan for the season. Payable the night of the fitting.

For those Registered with NO Transportation

Parent Transportation to and from Cochran’s

- Parents transporting their children to the mountain should plan to arrive by 2:30pm for lessons that start at 2:40pm.
- Participants do not have to be checked in or checked out. They should proceed directly to their group for lessons.
- If parents are not able to do this each week, they should consider registering their child With Transportation.
- Kindergarten children must be transported to and from Cochran’s by a parent or guardian each week.

For those Registered with Transportation

Equipment Drop Off- Skis/Poles or Snowboards Only (for those who take the bus)

- Children taking a bus, must have their equipment, Ski/Poles or Snowboard Only, dropped off prior to 12:00pm each Wednesday.
- Rec. Truck/Trailer will be on the west side of WCS, near tennis courts, from Tuesday after 5:00pm until Wednesday at 12:00pm.
- Skis/poles go in trailer and snowboards go in truck bed. Be sure to lash poles to skis.

Getting Ready to take Bus to Cochran’s

- Children must wear all of their ski/ride and outdoor gear to get on to a bus to go to Cochran’s- Helmet, Googles, Ski/Ride Boots, Gloves, Ski Pants/Jacket, etc.
- When children get off the bus at Cochran’s their equipment will be on the mountain and ready for them to get and go to lessons.
- Children must be able to identify their equipment and put it on. (Parents – please label all equipment and gear)
- All other items must stay at their school and not go on to the bus or go to Cochran’s- School Bag, Snow boots, etc.

Bus Transportation for grades 1st-8th

- Transportation to Cochran's is from Williston Central School for grades 3rd-8th and Allen Brook School for grades 1st-2nd.
- Buses leave the schools at 2:15pm.
- Transportation back from Cochran's is only to Williston Central School arriving at 5:15pm.
- **Bus Fee:** If your child will be taking the bus either way, both ways or occasionally they **MUST** be registered as a "with Transportation." If they are not, they will not be on the transportation list and not able to ride.

Bus Procedures

- No school or backpack items are to be taken on to bus. No items are to be left on busses. They do not stay!
- No food or drinks can be consumed on the buses, to or from the mountain.
- School bus rules apply to this program. See rules on The Learn to Ski/Ride Agreement Sheet.
- Students who are having behavior issues on the bus will be restricted or removed from transportation to and from the mountain.

Departure from Cochran's

- At 4:30pm, the light on the Rec. Truck will be lit and all participants will be notified via bullhorn that the program has ended.
- Participants who will be riding the buses back to WCS need to bring their board/skis to the Truck/Trailer and proceed to the deck of the lodge, where they will be checked off to load the buses. Buses leave by 5:00pm.
- Participants who rode the bus to Cochran's but are being picked up by a parent/guardian at Cochran's, see Parent Pickup at Cochran's below, must be signed out by 4:40pm.
- Participants who 'think' they are being picked up at Cochran's, but have not prior to the bus departure at 5:00pm, will be put on the bus and transported back to WCS. Parents will have to pick them up at the school.
- Participants who rode the bus to Cochran's but will be staying at the mountain or who will be picked up by a parent later, must have a note stating this. **The note must be given to a lead instructor at the mountain.**

Parent Pickup at Cochran's

- Parents who plan to pick-up their child who rode the bus to Cochran's, **MUST** be at the mountain and have their child checked out by 4:40pm.
- Clipboards with the check-out sheets will be at the blue Recreation truck until 4:40pm.
- After 4:40pm clip boards will be with the lead instructors at the buses.

Pickup at the School- end of program day

- Pick up for those riding the buses back from Cochran's will be in the front of Williston Central School.
- Pick up at the school is no later than 5:30pm. Buses will plan to arrive by 5:15pm each week.
- **Do Not** park in front of the school or in the bus area. Buses and equipment truck need to be able to enter that area.
- Once at the WCS school, children must remain in the front of the school until picked up by a parent/guardian.

NOTE:

Children who are registered for **With** Transportation are responsible for the following:

- For getting on all ski/ride and winter gear at school with help from parent volunteers
- For finding their equipment at the mountain and putting it on
- For knowing whether they are taking the bus or being picked up at the end of the program day
- For those taking the bus, returning their equipment to the Truck/Trailer at the end of each program day

If this is overwhelming for your child you should consider registering **WITHOUT** transportation or picking up at the end of each day at the mountain.