

Learn to Ski/Ride Program Information

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- Program is for grades K-8th. (Kindergarten children must be transported and have an adult on the mountain with them)
- The 1st-8th program meets for 7 weeks on Wednesdays. 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.
- The program is from 2:30-4:30pm, with lessons starting at 2:30 and free ski/ride for levels 4 and above starting at 3:30p.
- All children are required to wear a helmet to participate in the program.

Lessons at Cochran’s

- The Learn to Ski/Ride Program is for instructional purposes.
- Children are required to remain with their assigned groups until lessons are over.
- Lessons will be held each week, beginning at 2:30pm, for everyone in the program.
- All NEW participants will begin at level 1 of lessons and can progress quickly, as they demonstrate the skills of each level.

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 1:00pm each Wednesday.
- Rec. Truck/Trailer will be on the west side of WCS, near tennis courts, from Tuesday after 5:00pm until Wednesday at 1:00pm.
- 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 outdoor gear for skiing/snowboarding to get on to a bus to go to Cochran’s- Helmet, Googles, 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.
- 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 Procedures

- No school or backpack items are to be taken on to bus or left on bus.
- No food or drinks can be consumed on the on the buses, to or from the mountain.
- School bus rules apply to this program. See school Bus Policy and Rules below.
- Students who are having behavior issues will not be allowed to ride the bus and may be removed from the program.

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 2:00pm.
- 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.

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 4:45pm.
- 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 giving to a lead instructor at the mountain.**

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 5:20pm. 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.

Parent Pickup at Cochran’s

- Parents who plan to pick-up their child, who rode the bus to Cochran’s, at the end of the program at Cochran’s, **MUST** be at the mountain and have their child checked out by 4:45pm.
- Clipboards with the Check-out sheets will be at the Blue Recreation Truck until 4:30pm.
- After 4:30pm clip boards will be with the lead instructors on the deck of the lodge.

Parent Transportation to and from Cochran’s

- Parents transporting their children to the mountain should plan to arrive by 2:20pm for lessons that start at 2:30pm.
- 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 their children taking the bus.
- Kindergarten children must be transported to and from Cochran’s by a parent or guardian each week.

Weather Conditions & Cancellations

- Children must dress for the weather conditions. Dress in layers to stay warm.
- When it comes to wintry weather, parents must decide if conditions are proper 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.

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.
- Good behavior is always expected at Cochran's.

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.

Behavior

- Good behavior is always expected during this program.
- Children will be respectful to the people in charge of the program, all chaperones, 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.

School Bus Policy

- School bus rules apply to the Learn to Ski/Ride Program.
- It is the school's policy to provide a safe environment on school buses and to maintain student discipline.
- All school buses have surveillance cameras both inside and outside.
- Bus drivers are authorized and expected to maintain appropriate student behavior on the bus.
- Riding the bus is a privilege. Students who engage in inappropriate conduct may lose this privilege.
- In the event a student is denied transportation privileges by the principal or designee as a result of disciplinary action or consequences, the parent/guardian will be notified.
- The following are expectations for behavior on CVSD school buses:
 - All school rules apply on buses.
 - Follow directions from bus drivers
 - Respect the property and rights of others
 - Sit in assigned seats
 - Stay in seat until destination
 - Keep hands and head inside window
 - No eating or drinking on bus.
 - Speak respectfully to and about others