

# Learn to Ski/Ride Program Information

## Learn to Ski/Ride Program

- Program is for grades K-8<sup>th</sup>. (Kindergarten children must be transported and have an adult on the mountain with them)
- The 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> program.
- The program does NOT meet the week of the February Break.
- The program is from 2:40-4:30pm, with lessons starting at 2:40 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.

## 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.

## 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 2:40pm, 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 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 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 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 on the bus or in the program will not be allowed to ride the bus and may be removed from the program.

## Bus Transportation for grades 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

- Transportation to Cochran's is from Williston Central School for grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and Allen Brook School for grades 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 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.

## 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 giving 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, at the end of the program at 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 4:30pm.
- After 4:30pm 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 5:20pm. 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 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.

### **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.

### **Behavior**

- Good behavior is always expected during the program (at School, on Busses, during lessons and on the mountain and in the lodge).
- Children will be respectful to the people in charge, all 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.

### **Discipline Guideline**

The Williston Recreation Program Discipline Guideline has been created to keep all participants accountable for their actions, but at the same time work with children, staff, and parents to educate on the consequences of their behavior. The Department believes that all participants deserve a chance to learn from and correct their unacceptable behaviors.

#### **Step One: Interaction between Instructor and Child.**

- Instructor will begin with giving a child a warning for unacceptable behavior and explain why behavior is unwanted/dangerous.
- If the unacceptable behavior continues, the instructor will initiate an appropriate "Time Out." Unacceptable behavior will be discussed and acceptable behavior or how they need to change is provided.
- If the behavior continues the Instructor will include the Director(s) to come and speak with the child.
- If the behavior is threatening to or harming others or themselves, the child will be separated immediately and brought to the Director(s).

#### **Step Two: Meeting between Parent and Director(s)**

- If the child shows no behavioral improvement or escalates during the program, parents will be notified and asked to meet with the Director(s) at the end of the day, or they could be asked to come immediately to meet and pickup their child, depending on the severity of the situation.
- Meeting with the parents will be an opportunity to learn more about the child and work with the parents to put in place any behavior modifications to allow the child to remain in the program.
- If parents are not responsive to working with the staff for the sake of the child. Parents will be asked to take child home and not return to the program.
- If parents are open to working with the staff to help the child to be successful, a list of behavior modifications will be worked out and explained to the parents and child.

#### **Step Three: Removal from Program**

- If the behavior continues, the child will be dismissed from the program.
- If the Director(s) determines that the behavior exhibited is detrimental to the best interests, health, or safety of others, staff, themselves, or the program, the child will be asked to leave permanently.
- Parents will be contacted and required to pick up child immediately.

### **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 discipline.
- All school buses have surveillance cameras both inside and outside.
- Bus drivers are authorized 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 child is denied transportation privileges 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
  - Stay in seat until destination
  - Keep hands and head inside window
  - No eating or drinking on bus.
  - Speak respectfully to and about others
  - Hands & Feet remain to yourself, no hurting others

**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 school personnel and parent volunteers
- For finding their equipment at the mountain and putting it on
- 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- 4:30p