

SKI CLUB NEWS 2018-19

THE FRIDAY NIGHT SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB



WELCOME ELYRIA CITY SCHOOLS

The Friday Night Ski Club will be starting its 32nd year. Our club is comprised of students from ages 8 to 18 in grades four through twelve. The Friday Night Ski Club partners with over a dozen public, parochial, and charter schools throughout all of Lorain County to provide an opportunity to learn how to ski or snowboard and enjoy six nights of fun on the slopes of Boston Mills Ski Resort. The Boston Mills club package costs less than \$40 a night and includes rental equipment for either skis or snowboard, five small group lessons, and lift tickets. For just \$20 a night optional charter bus transportation is available for those who do not want to go to Boston Mills by car. Ski club members will ski or snowboard from 5:30 to 9:30 PM starting on Friday, January 11th, and will ski for six consecutive Friday nights.

Although club members come from many different schools, we will operate as one large club. By cooperating, the schools can maximize the use of the buses and minimize the overall cost to everyone. Mr. Frank Humphrey, a former Elyria elementary school principal and a Deacon at St. Mary's Elyria, will continue to manage the club. Mrs. Nanette Reilly, a high schoolteacher, will manage the club's "Help Table" at Boston Mills. Mrs. Holly Arra, a teacher at St. Jude School, will manage the buses. Our club will continue to be assisted by other teachers and adult volunteers who will ski or snowboard with the club and supervise at Boston Mills, on the bus, and in the parking lots.

The club will offer one out of state trip to Peek'n Peak Ski Resort in New York on February 17th. This trip will be optional and the estimated cost will be less than \$100. We have tried to answer most of your questions in this flyer. If you have any questions, feel to check out our web page, fnskiclub.com or call **Frank Humphrey, the Club Director, at 440-452-2068.**

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Boston Mills, Ski Resort offers a season long club program which includes the use of the lifts, five group lessons, and equipment rental. We encourage parents to view the nine minute video found on our club web page, FNskiClub.com. Just click on the VIDEO link at the top of the home page. On-line registration is used for BOTH Boston Mills and our club. The club will go six times to Boston Mills and be on the slopes from 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM on Friday nights starting January 11th. There will be only one bus stop this year which will leave E.C. at 4:30 PM. During the first five weeks, mandatory lessons, lasting about one hour, will be provided to each club member at

his or her proficiency level. Club members will travel to Boston Mills on a 55 passenger deluxe coach bus or in their own car (bus transportation is optional). After the first five weeks the lessons will stop, but, snow sports will continue for one more week. Then the buses will stop and the club will no longer go as an organized group. After the six weeks of club snow sport, skiers and snowboard riders may continue to use their lift passes and receive their rental equipment on Friday nights from 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM at **NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE!** Each club member will also receive a **FREE VALUE CARD** which allows **FOUR** additional snow sport uses for themselves, a friend or family members. The cost is only \$10 for each use and rentals are included.

WHAT IS THE COST?

THE COST FOR EVERYONE IS \$223

The OPTIONAL Bus Cost for Six Weeks is \$100.

This is a real bargain when you consider that the cost for just one Friday night for the bus, rentals, lifts, lessons, etc. would be over \$90.00. As you can see, our club is able to make this sport much more affordable.

HELMETS MANDATORY

Helmets are **MANDATORY** for all club members (including adult advisors). Helmets can be purchased at your local sporting goods store or online for less than \$50. The weekly rental price is \$10 and is not part of the rental package. For that reason, it is much more economical to buy a helmet which can be used for many years.

VALUE CARDS

Everyone will receive a free VALUE CARD. This discount card can be used up to four times for the low cost of only \$10 for each use for a snow tubing session or an All Day snow/lift ticket at Boston Mills, Brandywine or Alpine Valley. The Value Card is now connected electronically to the weekly lift pass. With a Value Card, instead of paying about \$75 at the ticket window for a lift ticket and rental, the cost will only be \$10.

Some form of ID must be presented at the ticket window by the person whose name appears on the VALUE CARD, or by the parent, but any of the tickets obtained may be used for the club member, a friend or a family member. You can use all four discount ticket on the same day or at different times, and rental equipment is **FREE!**

WHAT ABOUT REFUNDS AND OTHER CHANGES AFTER REGISTRATION

BOSTON MILLS HAS A FIRM NO REFUND POLICY. They will not provide refunds for any reason and they will not permit a change of snow sport from skies to snowboards. However they will permit a change from snowboards to skies before the second time the club hits the slope.

A TICKET CHANGE REQUEST MAY MADE BEFORE NOVEMBER 15TH. After that date, any changes that require the printing of a new ticket may result in an added administrative fee and a jump in the cost from \$10 to \$20 for each Value Card use.

E-MAIL ADDRESS NEEDED

We will use E-mail to communicate weekly with our club members. Last minute changes, any cancelations and updates will come **only** by E-mail. For this reason, we must have a working E-mail address for the parents of all club members. E-mail for students is optional.

HOW DOES THE LESSON PROGRAM WORK?

Skiers must take a weekly lesson to improve their skills and earn a color coded sticker attesting to their proficiency level (Light Green for a Beginner; Dark Green for the Advanced beginner; Blue for Intermediate; Black for the Advanced). Each sticker corresponds with the relative difficulty of each slope at Boston Mills, Brandywine or Alpine Valley, which is similarly color coded. All skiers must have a lesson sticker displayed on their lift ticket and will not be permitted to ski on slopes with a difficulty rating higher than their proficiency level, unless they are in a lesson group accompanied by an instructor. In this manner skiers and riders are matched to the slopes which they are able to safely navigate.

DEADLINE IS OCT. 15th

Registration begins on Thursday, October 4th. The Boston Mills on-line registration form, and the Ski Club's on-line Registration Form, along with both credit card payments are due by midnight Monday October 15th. There will be a \$25 club late fee after that date with additional penalties imposed by Boston Mills starting about November 15th. Boston Mills has instituted a strict policy of adding NO late club members to the roster once their ticket deadline has been reached. Call Mr. Humphrey at 440-452-2068 to get more information if you are registering after October 30th.

CHECK OUT OUR WEB PAGE

The Ski Club now has a web page that contains information that will answer most of your questions. It also contains links to the Boston Mills Registration Page and a similar link to our Ski Club Registration Page. We no longer have paper registration forms or checks you have to complete and mail. All forms are on-line and all costs are paid by credit card.

HOW DO WE SIGN UP?

For those with no further questions, the easiest way is to complete the two part registration process. First fill out the THE BOSTON MILLS **ON-LINE** REGISTRATION FORM and PAY BY CREDIT CARD. Just go on the internet and login to our web page at FNskiClub.com and click on the "BOSTON MILLS REGISTER NOW" link at the top of the page; or go directly to <http://bmbw.com/signup.html>. When the Boston Mills web page loads, click on the blue "Club Log-in" link. The club log-in user name is "**frinightely**" and the password is "**member**".

The second part of the registration process is similar. Go to our Ski Club web page at: fnskiclub.com Click on the "SKI CLUB REGISTER NOW" link at the top the web page. When the page loads, follow the directions. When you are asked for a password, enter "**member**" (**It helps to delete the dots in the password space if they appear**, before typing the password "**member**") Complete the club's on-line form and pay the \$5 registration fee. If the student take the bus the parents must also pay for the the \$100 additional cost of the bus. Everyone must pay by credit card. If you are going by car you still must complete the same Club Registration Form; however, you only need to pay the \$5 registration fee.

If you do not have access to a computer or experience problems with the on-line registrations, call Mr. Humphrey at 440-452-2068 or E-mail him at FNskiclub@aol.com.

WHAT WILL SUPERVISION BE LIKE?

Supervision will be provided in a variety of ways. While going to and from Boston Mills, adults will be on the bus to observe behavior and maintain order. Those going by car will be required to check in at the club's "Help Table" to pick up their weekly lift ticket and get lesson information. Students will be required to follow the directions of adults in a respectful manner and will be required to follow the rules established by our club & Boston Mills, which have been designed to provide for everyone's safety and insure respect for the rights of others. The Ski Patrol will be on the slopes to make sure that these rules are followed. The club advisors will also be on the slopes or in the lodge at a Help Table, to assist with the supervision responsibilities. **Failure to follow rules may result in suspension from the bus or the loss of their lift ticket for a week or for the remainder of the season, with no refund**