

PLEASE KEEP!
STERLING RECREATION MONDAY SKI/SNOWBOARD PROGRAM
INFORMATION SHEET 2023
PROGRAM ACCESS CODE: STRM

Program begins *Monday, January 9, 2023*. Program dates: **1/9, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/27, (No 1/16, 2/20)**

NEW TO PROGRAM? – For children who have not participated in this program before, please take a trip to the Mountain **prior** to the start of the program to familiarize your child with the layout. Please review this information sheet with your child, as well. **PLEASE UNDERSTAND:** this is a very **independent program** where participants ski/ride with a buddy, but without individual supervision. Participants must be able to get themselves dressed and out on the Mountain with minimal assistance. Participants should NOT be first-time skiers. They are ONLY part of lessons for 1-hr (if they are enrolled); the rest of the time is free-skiing with buddies. We welcome parent chaperones!

PICK-UP, DEPARTURE and RETURN

Chocksett School children will meet in the cafeteria after dismissal at 3:05 to get dressed and prepare to board the bus. *Ski boots cannot be worn on the bus*. Bus departs at 3:15.

Houghton School children will be dismissed early at 3:15 to board the bus. Please notify your child's teacher of early dismissal **prior** to the first day of program.

Bus returns to Chocksett by 8:00pm. If your child is not going home on the bus, you MUST see a chaperone and sign your child out before leaving the mountain before 7:00pm.

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

In order to ensure all students are accounted for, participants **MUST** sign-in when they board the bus. It is **INCREDIBLY** important that participants are also signed-out when they are picked-up at the Mountain. Please help us to continue to run a safe and fun programming by following this procedure.

EQUIPMENT DROP OFF

All equipment and bags should be dropped off during the day. Place the skis/boards, as well as bags, against the back wall of **Chocksett School lobby**. Children from Houghton will dress when they arrive at the mountain.

CANCELLATION

If school is canceled due to inclement weather, the program will be canceled. Extra days will be added at the end of the program. If the Sterling Recreation Department cancels you will be notified via email. You may also check: SterlingRec.com, sterling-ma.gov/recreation, Facebook or on our voicemail at 978-422-3041.

ABSENTEE CREDIT

The coordinator will turn in a program attendance sheet each week to Group Sales. If a student misses a week and has purchased the 6-week badge, they will receive \$20 off coupon to be put towards a regular season lift ticket. To redeem, please visit the Customer Service counter when purchasing. Pass (GPS) holders simply adhere to their pass terms.

PASSES:

- **PASS/BADGE INSURANCE PLAN-** is offered for \$30.00 & must be purchased with pass. This covers lost/stole pass & badges, as well as refunds.
- **STORE PASSES/BADGES IN BOOTS!** Your child **MUST** have his/her pass each week. Pass replacement for GPS Pass is \$50. Lost/Forgotten Badge is \$15
- **SEASON PASS-** Participants purchasing Season Passes will receive an e-mail for their confirmation. They'll be asked to bring their e-mail to Customer Service for their picture *passes before the start of program.*

- **STUDENTS LIFT BADGE-** added bonus for participants! If we cancel the program, but the Mountain remains open, you can take your Student Lift Badge to the Customer Service desk and receive 50% off a regular priced lift ticket.

CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

Students should pack a jacket appropriate for the weather/temperature, snow pants, gloves, neck warmer/scarf and hat. Equipment brought from home must be suitable for Mountain use. **We STRONGLY suggest that participants wear HELMETS!** Students that arrive WITHOUT appropriate clothing may have to sit-out to prevent illness or harm. Be sure to clearly **LABEL** all items. We recommend creating a Sunday evening checklist and running through it each week with your child.

FOOD

The ski lodge does have a cafeteria and a vending machine. Snacks or bag lunch may also be brought from home. **Please make sure your child has snacks/lunch or money.** We highly recommend COW cards -- funds can be added online and it prevents loss of cash.

ATTENDANCE

Please call the Recreation office at 422-3041 or e-mail: recreation@sterling-ma.gov if your child will not be skiing/boarding due to illness etc. **Attendance is taken before leaving the school and before leaving the mountain. Sign your child out with a chaperone if he/she will not be riding the bus home!**

CHAPERONES

A table staffed chaperones will be located in the lodge next to the doors near the cafeteria entrance. Chaperones assist children in getting ready and out to their lessons. Please remind your child that he/she should go to the chaperone if they have any concerns or problems.

BUDDY SYSTEM

It is incredibly important that students **never** ski/snowboard alone. Please explain to your child the importance of remaining with a "buddy" or in a group throughout the entire time they are at the mountain. Encourage your child to seek help immediately if one of their companions has a problem.

LESSONS

Lessons will start at 4:55. Students are responsible for getting to their lessons – if they are late, the lesson may leave without them. Chaperones will do their best to get all students to lessons.

APPLICATIONS: **Please read!** Familiarize yourself with the mutual agreement and terms & conditions and additional information on the packet.

PERSONAL EFFECTS: The Sterling Recreation Department, its staff and volunteers, McCarthy & Sons (or current bus company) and Wachusett Mountain will not be held responsible for participants' property, which includes but is not limited to: skis, snowboards, poles, boots, helmets, passes, goggles, clothing, bags, and personal property. If a participant is concerned about his/hers belongings they should seek out lockers.

RELEASES: Parents must sign both the Wachusett Mountain release and the Recreation Department release before a child may participate in the program.

Recreation Office: 978-422-3041 Email: recreation@sterlig-ma.gov