Manchester Parks & Recreation

Bradford Ski & Board Program- 2027

***Please make a copy of the**

LIABILITY WAIVER AGREEMENT,

sign and return to depriesth@manchester.ma.us

The Bradford Ski & Board Program will be offered again this year to students in grades 3-12 in both Manchester & Essex. Lessons in skiing or snowboarding are an option **but not mandatory** at Bradford Ski Area in Haverhill on six consecutive **Mondays** this winter starting on January 4th. The bus will leave pick up the Middle High Students at 2:35, Manchester Memorial Elementary School at 2:55 and travel to Essex Elementary. Students will return to Essex Elementary by 6:45 and then Manchester Memorial by 7:00 PM. Students can purchase dinner and snacks at the ski lodge before returning home and are encouraged to bring their own food/snacks as well. All students must choose between skiing and snowboarding. The dates are **January 4th, 11th ,25th, and February 1st & 8th with any missing days due to no school added to the end when possible. We do not meet on January 18th.** Cancelations and make up days due to snow and other reasons are out of our control. We will do our best to schedule make up days but the safety of our staff and participants will always be our main concern.

Registration is ongoing and will continue until the program is filled (45 spots only!). The chaperones are Manchester Memorial School's Teachers Assistant, Karen Manos & Abby Levendusky, in addition to several student assistant leaders. For program specific questions please contact Karen Manos at manosk23@gmail.com or Heather Depriest at depriesth@manchester.ma.us

The cost per student for five Mondays of skiing or snowboarding is **$540.00** for transportation and lift ticket for the 5 sessions. For students interested in taking lessons, there is an additional **$150.00** fee and covers the entire 5 weeks. If your child signs up for lessons, it is their responsibility to show up for the lesson and must do it for the whole 5 weeks. Chaperones will try to help the child get to the lesson, but it is ultimately the child's responsibility. Payment must be made to Town of Manchester/Parks and Recreation. **The Liability Waiver must be filled out and sent in to the Recreation Office at Town Hall 10 Central St. by November 13th. The form can be sent via email, fax or mail but MUST be received by November 13th.** Online payments and program information can be done by visiting www.mbtsrec.com.

There is an additional $140 charge for equipment rental ***however it is advisable to rent elsewhere as the rentals at Bradford cannot be taken off site***. Those renting equipment at the mountain must fill out additional paperwork. There is a $200.00 credit card number deposit required for snowboard rentals. Helmet rental for skiers/snowboarders is available for an additional $30.00. There is a separate Bradford Ski or Board Rental

Policy, please email Heather DePriest at depriesth@manchester.ma.us if you are interested in renting a helmet (you keep for the whole 5 weeks) or full equipment: **There will be no refunds.**

Following are several items to review:

- **Packing List:** To ensure your child does not forget to pack anything, many parents write a list for students to do, pack, be aware of while on the hill or in the lodge. Often they laminate the list and put it on the outside of the child's bag so the chaperones and assistants can see! Participants are responsible for their own equipment; chaperones are not responsible for lost or stolen equipment!
- **Equipment and Drop-Off:** Your child's equipment must be dropped off at the school well before departure so as not to delay nor disrupt the flow of traffic at pick-up as that time can be very hectic. It is best to do this morning of travel; Manchester Memorial, Middle and High School students drop off in front of the Memorial School in the racks provided; Essex Elementary students drop off in the teacher conference room. To prevent loss and to facilitate ease of loading and unloading, poles and Skis MUST BE FASTENED TOGETHER. Skis and boards go to the back of the bus all the other gear goes onto the bus with your child/children
- **Bags & Homework:** Homework can be completed on the way to the mountain, on the way home participants may use the lights in the bus.
- **Gear Loading and Unloading:** Chaperones and assistants will load and unload all skis and boards but it is the responsibility of the participant to ensure their gear gets to the bus!
- **School Pick Up by Bus:** The bus will pick up the Middle and High School students at 2:35, then head over to Memorial School for 2:50 and Essex Elementary for a 3:10pm.
- **Memorial School & Essex School, Parent Pick-Up:** Participants must be picked-up at Essex Elementary School by 6:45 p.m. and by 7:00 p.m. at Manchester Memorial. Assistants will attempt to load all skis and boards at Memorial but it is the responsibility of the child to check to ensure their gear has been loaded! Assistants will ONLY load skis, poles and boards, no other bags! Essex gear will be loaded upon arrival.
- **Lessons:** Participants that are signed up for lessons must take them. It is the child's responsibility to show up for the lesson. Chaperones will review lesson times but ultimately it is the participant's responsibility to get to the lesson. If participants are not signed up for lessons, they will not be provided. **No lesson sign-ups will be honored after the deadline.**
- **Passes:** Every participant is provided a pass for the five Mondays. They are distributed and collected before and after each session. Lost passes are $10 to replace.
- **Skier/Boarder Responsibility Code: Participants are expected to act as ladies and gentlemen always. If the chaperones conclude that a participant is not acting accordingly, they may be removed from the program without refund.**

- **Emergencies & Medical Attention:** Ski Bradford has a fully equipped and professionally trained ski patrol that will keep participants safe while on the hill. If your child requires medications to be administered while on the trips, please contact the Parks and Recreation Program Director, Heather DePriest to discuss.
- **What to expect when you get to the ski area:**
    - The lodge is quite a busy place with dozens of school groups using the space. Items are easily lost or misplaced so please urge your child to replace everything in his/her bag when done, add names to belongings.
    - All participants meet in one area inside the lodge and once participants are dressed and ready to go, they can get their passes. They are then allowed to ski and board until their lessons which meet at a specific time at the lesson meeting area. If not taking a lesson, participants are permitted to ski and board on the hill for the duration of the afternoon.
    - Participants must bring all their gear from the bus to the lodge leaving boards, skis and poles outside.
    - Although theft at the lodge is uncommon, it happens. Please consider separating skis or using a lock outside the lodge.
    - It is beneficial but not mandatory to keep a buddy with you at all times.
    - If renting, an assistant will be available to help you retrieve your gear. This can be very time consuming and takes away time from skiing.
    - If you don't know where your ski lesson or snowboarding lesson is, a chaperone or assistant will assist you.
    - **Participants must be inside the lodge by 6 o'clock.** Someone will be on the bus to start loading skis at 5:50 with a departure time NO later than 6:15

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This MUST be filled out by all participants to be returned to Ski Bradford for their records.

LIABILITY WAIVER AGREEMENT

Please read carefully before signing

The purchaser and user of tickets assumes all risk of injury and loss or damage to property. The purchaser also understands that skiing is a hazardous sport and that bare spots, variation in snow, ice and terrain along with bumps, forest growth, debris, rocks and many other hazards or obstacles exist within the ski area. By using tickets and skiing at the area, such dangers are recognized and accepted whether they are marked or not. **MASS.G.L CH. 143 Sec. 71P** provides with limited exceptions, that no action shall be maintained against the operator of this ski area for any injury to skier unless the injured person shall within (90) days of the incident give to the operator notice by registered mail of the name and address of the injured person along with the time, place and cause of the injury. Management may revoke tickets at any time without refund.

Equipment Rental

Assumption of Risks

If equipment is being rented, I understand how this equipment works and have received proper instruction and satisfactory answers wo my questions. If at any time this equipment does not seem to be working properly, I will stop using it immediately and return it for inspection and possible repair or adjustment. If this equipment is to be used by someone other than me, I certify that I am acting for the ultimate user, and that I will provide this form and all other warnings and information to the ultimate user. I understand and agree that skiing, snowboarding, ski boarding and other related activities are **HAZARDOUS** and that injuries are common and ordinary occurrences during these activities. I agree to assume all risks of injury or death which may result from these activities. If Alpine ski equipment is being furnished, I understand that ski-boot-binding system will release the boot from the ski when certain forces on system reach preset values, but it **WILL NOT RELEASE OR RETAIN** at all times when release or retention may prevent injury and that it **CANNOT** prevent all injuries or guarantee the user's safety. I understand and agree that unwanted release or retention of bindings is an inherent risk of using any ski-boot-binding system. I further agree and understand that any ski-boot-binding system does **NOT ELIMINATE THE RISK** of injuries to the user's knees or to any other part of the user's body.

If Snowboarding equipment is being furnished, I understand that these systems normally will **NOT RELEASE** in falls and that they do **NOT PROTECT** against any type of injury.

To the fullest extent allowed by law, I hereby **RELEASE BRADFORD SKI AREA** from **ANY AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY OR LEGAL LIABILITY** for any injuries, damages or death to another user of any rental equipment, whether caused by negligence or any other cause.

I have read, understood and agreed to all terms and conditions of this form. I accept full financial responsibility for all rental equipment and promise to return it clean and undamaged by the agreed time and date. If I fail to do so, I agree to pay for repair, cleaning or replacement at the full retail rate as determined by the shop, as well as for the rental value of any additional days. (For release bindings only: I have confirmed that the binding release/retention setting numbers on the bindings correspond to the "Final Indicator Setting" stated on the Equipment Rental Form. I understand that the correct weight, height, age and skier type essential to proper adjustment of the release/retention settings, and I certify that all user information given on the equipment rental form is correct)

By signing below, you are signing a **CONTRACT** which provides a **COMPREHENSIVE RELEASE OF LIABILITY**, but is not intended to assert any claims or defenses that are prohibited by law.

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Signature of Student (Parent or Guardian if under 18) ***Date***

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PRINT Student's Name ***PRINT Name of School/Group***

RENTALS

1. ALL STUDENTS WHO ARE RENTING EQUIPMENT MUST DO SO FOR THE ENTIRE PROGRAM. We do not rent boots or skis separately. Neither do we adjust or work on any equipment other than our own. If a skier or snowboarder needs to rent for one day only, it is at the prevailing rate for skis/snowboards. A rental form for that day must be completed and payment is due at the time of usage.

2. ***PARENTAL FORM COVERING THE 5 WEEK PROGRAM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN for each Student who is renting equipment.
We strongly suggest that parents check height, weight (fully clothed) for skiers and verify shoe size before completing the rental form. For students renting helmets please measure their head for proper size.

3. STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE for the helmets, skis, poles, boots and / or snowboards assigned to them. Al the end of the day each week the equipment must be returned to the shop. There will be a $8.00 charge for rental equipment not returned, which must be paid prior to the next week's program.
IF EQUIPMENT IS LOST, THE SKIER/SNOWBOARDER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REPLACEMENT AT FULL RETAIL VALUE.

4. Students will be given the same size rental equipment each week. If the student feels that any of the equipment is not sized properly, they should notify the rental shop immediately.

5. There are NO REFUNDS FOR HELMETS OR RENTAL EQUIPMENT.
The reason for this policy is we sometimes refuse ski or snowboard participants because all our rental equipment is reserved. To reserve equipment, and cancel before or during the program is unfair to those that we turn away.

6. Students will be able to rent Helmets for the entire 5-week period. They must return on the final lesson Day of program.

7. SKIS OR BOARDS MUST BE PUT IN RACK WHEN NOT IN USE!!!!!!!!!

REFUNDS

1. If the area is unable to complete the program, a refund will be sent to the school group for the uncompleted portion of the program.

2. There will be NO REFUNDS FOR HELMETS, OR RENTAL EQUIPMENT.

3. The area will make individual refunds only if the participant is forced to withdrawn from the program due to illness or injury. The group coordinator must complete a refund request form (included with your enrollment forms or available at the information desk) for the individual participant. There will be a SERVICE FEE OF $10.00 for all refunds.

A Full (5 week) Refund for lift and lesson must be submitted prior to the first Week of the program. The following items, if applicable, must be returned with the refund request form: Lift ticket/label

4. There are NO REFUNDS after the second week of the program.

5. Refund checks will be mailed to the school/group after the 5-week program is COMPLETED!

6.If you sign up for lift and lesson package and after taking a lesson you decide not to go to lesson there will be NO REFUND ON THE PACKAGE.

HELPFUL HINTS

1. Please advise your child to LEAVE SCHOOL BAGS ON THE BUS.
2. Always pack extra warm socks, ski gloves, or mittens, and warm hat or helmet and goggles.
3. Advise your child to always lock their equipment up whenever they come inside.
4. Please be sure that your child knows who their monitors are.
5. There are lockers available inside our lodge.