

**Before you email or call Mr. Chemnitz please read the following FAQ:**

• **How do I sign my son or daughter up for a trip?**

If you missed the first informational meeting on December 8th, the “Ski Trip Form and Permission Slip” was emailed or sent in the mail to you. You can also go to the Ski Club website and print out the forms. Complete it and include \$85 per person per trip in a check payable to NSMS. Place it in an envelope labeled “Mr. Chemnitz: Ski Trip” and give it to the main office. I will contact you only if the trip is sold out.

• **Can a parent attend?**

Yes, register just like a student but place the letter “P” in the grade column.

• **Can a sibling, friend or family member from another school come?**

Only students who attend North Shore Middle School and their parents can attend the ski trips.

• **Does my child need to attend the Tuesday meeting before the trip?**

Yes!!! It is here they sign up for their bus number, pick up a rules and regulations sheet and choose ski partners. It is in room 114 at 3pm the Tuesday before the trip.

• **What happens if my child is sick the day of the meeting?**

Contact a friend so they can sign them up for the bus and have their friend request a second form for your child. There are bus lists posted throughout the school by Wednesday morning with names. Students should check to make sure information is correct.

- **Can I change trips or get refunds?**

We encourage you to remain on the trip. We are charged for the bus regardless of how many students attend. If too many people drop off we may not be able to cover our costs. If you cancel you will not be refunded for the bus portion.

- **What happens if my child is sick the day of the trip?**

Please sign up for another trip. If you cannot, you will be refunded for the cost of the lift ticket.

- **What should they bring on the trip?**

Ski clothes to keep them warm and dry.

Ski equipment owned or rented before you leave on the trip.

**Label all equipment so it is not lost or taken by another student (very important)**

Money for food and snacks.

Dry clothes to wear home.

A cell phone to call home when we get to the Throggs Neck.

A watch to be able to keep track of time.

- **Where can we rent equipment?**

Any ski shop you desire, however **Sundown** on Northern (25A) in Greenvale will give a discount if you tell them you are on a NS ski trip.

- **Where do they eat?**

Eat a nice breakfast before you arrive at school. Bring it with you if you find a 4:30am breakfast difficult to stomach. We stop at the Sloatsburg rest area on the way up which has a Dunkin Donuts. It is a quick 10 minute stop. They may eat at the mountain whenever they choose. We also stop at the Modena rest stop on the way home, which has Uno's Pizza-McDonalds-Baskin Robbins and a general store.

- **What is the schedule for the day?**

Attendance at 5:15am - leave at 5:30am from the upper Middle School Parking area – Rest area at 6:30am - At the mountain by 9am and skiing by 9:20am - Busses are available to us at 2:30pm - Depart at 3pm - Rest area at 4:30pm and home about 7pm..

- **Can my child take a lesson?**

Yes. We collect \$25 cash from any student who would like to take a lesson. They are to report to the beginner lesson area and meet up with the instructors. The lessons generally run about 2 hours. A student may leave the lesson early if they so desire.

- **Should my child wear a helmet?**

Yes. We do not require it, but we highly recommend they wear one.

- **Are trips ever canceled?**

Rarely. If the mountain is opened we almost always run the trip. The only exception is when it is such a bad winter storm, that the busses cannot drive safely.