

Hello Newton Families,

Newton Parks and Recreation will be offering a Friday night ski and snowboard program with transportation at Nashoba Valley Ski Area in Westford, MA for children in grades 5 – 9 this Winter. We will also be providing a link to the Nashoba Valley registration site for families that are interested in other options.

### **Friday Evening Ski and Snowboard Program for Grades 5 - 9**

This 6 week program will run on Fridays starting January 7, 2022 and provides coach bus transportation from the Albemarle Field House (250 Albemarle Rd) in Newton. Please arrive no later than 4:45 pm and be on time when picking up at 9:30 pm. The bus leaves Newton promptly at 5:00 pm and will not wait for late participants.

Price: Lift Ticket only - \$460.00      Lessons - \$560.00

Lift Only vs Lessons - Beginner through advanced ski and snowboard lessons are offered each week. Beginners must sign up for lessons, and they are recommended for anyone else looking to improve their skills. Lessons run from 7:00 – 8:00 pm and there will be time before and after lessons for people to get in some extra runs. Participants that are intermediate or above may sign up for the lift ticket only option. Participants in the lift only option will be paired up with other participants that are doing the lift only option and will ski or snowboard with that buddy for the night.

Covid Guidelines – People who are not feeling well, have been diagnosed with covid, or those being required to quarantine must stay home until they have been cleared by their doctor. Masks will be required by everyone on the bus at all times. This means that participants will not be allowed to eat on the bus. You may bring food to eat at Nashoba Valley, or you can purchase food at Nashoba Valley to eat before or after you ski. Seats will be assigned on the bus to allow us to perform contact tracing if needed. You will be able to request partners or buddies to sit with on the bus during registration.

Refunds - Once registered, refunds will only be issued up until December 1<sup>st</sup> if we are able to fill the space. Refunds will be minus a \$25.00 processing fee. After December 1<sup>st</sup>, we will not issue any refunds.

Registration Dates - Registration for the Newton Parks and Recreation Ski and Snowboard program at Nashoba Valley will start online on **Monday October 25th at 7:00 PM**. Nashoba Valley is requiring anyone participating in our program to be registered by November 1<sup>st</sup>, though this program typically fills quickly so register early. Registration is online at [www.newtonmarec.com](http://www.newtonmarec.com) and we recommend you log into your account before the night of registration to make sure you remember your password and can easily access your account. Please email or call if you are having trouble accessing your account.

In order for us to cover the cost of this program, we do need a minimum of 44 participants registered by November 1<sup>st</sup>. If we don't have 44 participants, we will need to cancel the program and refunds will be issued.

Chaperones - If you are a parent and are interested in chaperoning on Fridays for all 6 weeks of the program please email me before the registration and we can discuss the possibility of you chaperoning with our program. Chaperones do not have to ski or snowboard, but if you do, you would get a free ski pass and rentals for the 6 week session and discounts on your child's

registration. You also get early registration to guarantee your spot. All chaperones must pass a CORI/SORI check with the City.

Rentals - Rentals are available through Nashoba Valley Ski area. Ski or snowboard rentals are \$180.00 for the 6 week program. Helmets are available to buy or rent as well. A pre-fit will be scheduled at the Albemarle Field House in December if you are interested in renting equipment from Nashoba Valley. If you choose to rent equipment from Nashoba Valley and can't make it to our scheduled pre-fit night, you will need to drive to Nashoba before our program starts to be fitted there. Rentals from Nashoba Valley will stay at Nashoba, so if you plan on skiing at other mountains during the winter you may want to consider renting from another vendor if you don't have your own equipment.

Waivers - Newton Parks and Recreation and Nashoba Valley waivers are required for registered participants. Links for the online waivers will be sent to people who are registered and must be completed by December 1st.

### **Alternate Option for Different Days and Younger Children**

Families that would prefer to provide their own transportation, would like to sign up for additional days, or have younger children, can sign up on their own through Nashoba Valley starting November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Newton Parks and Recreation is not in charge of this option, we will simply providing you with the link so you can register on your own.

Please feel free to email or call 617-796-1529 if you have any questions about this program.  
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