



NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

December 2011

Dear Parents and 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Students,

We are pleased to again offer a ski club program to our middle school students. Ski club has grown considerably over the past few years which has created a rush to register to fill the spaces available. In order to create the most fair process for registration – including students with working parents, students out sick the day registration materials are made available, and families who need to take time to look over their schedules to decide whether or not to participate, we have created a system which prioritizes the registrations. We still have a turn in date, however it is **no longer first come, first served**. Registration forms and the ski club fee are due in the office by December 15th, 2011. Registration forms are available on the Nativity website. The registration forms turned in by December 15th will be separated into grade levels. The 8th grade students will be given first priority, 7th graders will be given second priority and the 6th graders will fill the remaining spots. Any 8th or 7th grader who turns in a registration after December 15th, will no longer be given priority.

Each grade will be assigned a bus. If the 8th and 7th graders fill more than one bus per grade there will be a lottery for 6th graders who will be able to participate. It is likely that we'll have enough students for three buses and everyone will get to participate. Students who do not get chosen may be put on the wait list, and we will do our best to offer them spots made available by registered members who cannot attend a ski club date.

The following conditions must be met in order for the ski club program to succeed. A minimum of 55 students must register and pay for the program. In order for this to be affordable, we need to completely fill a bus. There will need to be ten parent chaperones signed up for each of the sessions. Chaperones will be able to ski free. If a parent is interested in chaperoning please complete the attached chaperone form. If the above conditions are not met, we will not be able to offer the ski club program.

Behavior Guidelines

All students participating in ski club will follow Nativity's Code of Conduct. Behavior that is deemed inappropriate outside of the Nativity Code of Conduct on the bus or at Afton Alps will jeopardize the student's participation in the program.

Bus Behavior

- No standing on the bus or climbing on the seats
- No throwing anything on the bus
- No shouting or whistling on the bus
- Snacks are allowed on the bus. Students will be responsible for keeping the bus clean. Snacks will be allowed the first week and evaluated on a week-by-week basis. The bus company charges to clean the bus, and this cost has not been factored into the ski club program.

Date & Time

We will ski at Afton Alps on four Fridays in the months of January and February. The dates for skiing are: January 6th, 13th and 27th and February 3rd, 2012. We have also set Friday, February 10th, as a possible make-up date. If severe weather requires us to reschedule any of our ski trips, parents will be notified by email and we will use the make-up date.

The bus will leave Nativity School at 3:15 p.m. and return to school about 9:15 p.m. Occasionally the buses are late, however it is better for a parent to wait in a warm car, rather than a student waiting out in the cold. If your child gets a detention on a ski club day, he/she must serve the detention before boarding the bus. If your child misses the bus and gets a ride to Afton, he/she will be responsible for their own lift ticket.

Cost

The cost for this program is \$125.00 payable at the time of registration. Please make checks payable to *Nativity School*. No refunds will be issued due to your child's attendance at athletic or social events in place of ski club.

The \$125.00 fee includes lift tickets and bus transportation to and from Afton Alps. All students participating in the ski club should be comfortable skiing the hills at Afton Alps. Ski lessons are available and the cost is \$4.00 per lesson. The increased fee from last year is due to the increase in bus costs.

Ski equipment rental at Afton Alps is \$18.00 per session; snowboard equipment is \$18.00 per session. Students are strongly encouraged to use helmets. Helmet rental is an additional \$4.00 per session. Students requiring rental equipment will pay at Afton Alps separately for each ski club date.

We are looking forward to a wonderful ski experience for our middle school students. If you have any questions regarding this program or the registration process, please contact Mary Jo Iverson at 651.696.5411 or email miverson@nativity-mn.org.

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