

# MMSA Ski Club

MMSA is kicking off its 2011-2012 Ski Club on January 13<sup>th</sup>! Ski Club is open to MMSA students in grades 6 to 8. After reviewing the parent survey, Ski Club this year will be held on three Friday evenings in January and February. We will board the bus in the MMSA parking lot at 3:00 and return to MMSA by 10:00 PM (we have also extended our time spent at Afton Alps this year and will be returning at a later time than in past years.) **We have a limited amount of space so register early. Ski Club is open to the first 42 middle school students who turn in their completed registration form and money.** The final deadline to turn in is December 16<sup>th</sup>. Contact Tara with questions.

The dates for Ski Club are:

January 13<sup>th</sup>

January 27<sup>th</sup>

February 10<sup>th</sup>

We ski at Afton Alps in Hastings, Minnesota. Beginner lessons are available for both skiers and snowboarders for an additional \$4 to be paid that evening. Helmets are also available for \$4 extra. In the event of extreme weather, students will be notified by announcement in school if the ski trip is cancelled: Cancellation will occur if it is 5 degrees below zero or colder at noon on the day of Ski Club and/or blizzard conditions. If we cancel, we will reschedule for another date.

Please complete the registration form and permission slip. One must be completed for each student participating in Ski Club. Include a check made out to MMSA. Many of our students ask for funds toward Ski Club as a Christmas gift from family members. The price for MMSA Ski Club is as follows:

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| \$144.00 | Includes ski/snowboard rental, Afton Alps lift ticket, transportation, and supervision for 3 nights of skiing from 3 PM to 10 PM. |
| \$93.00  | Includes Afton Alps lift ticket, transportation, and supervision for 3 nights of skiing from 3 PM to 10 PM.                       |

## **Behavior Expectations for Ski Club:**

**Snacks are allowed on the bus, however you will be responsible to keep the bus clean. The bus company charges a very steep rate if they need to clean the bus, and this cost is not factored into our program.**

**Students will be *respectful* at all times on the bus.**

**There will be one person to a seat and there is no standing up/moving seats while the bus is moving. Once you are in your seat, you will stay seated for the remainder of the trip.**

**Students behavior at Afton Alps must be appropriate and respectful and must also adhere to the Afton Alps requirements that follow:**

Observe the code listed below for a great snow experience.

1. Always stay in control, and be able to stop or avoid other people or objects.
2. People ahead of you have the right of way. It is your responsibility to avoid them.
3. You must not stop where you obstruct a trail, or are not visible from above.
4. Whenever starting downhill or merging into a trail, look uphill and yield to others.
5. Always use devices to help prevent runaway equipment.
6. Observe all posted signs and warnings. Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.
7. Prior to using any lift, you must have the knowledge and ability to load, and unload safely.

Know the code. It's your responsibility.

This is a partial list. Be safety conscious. Officially endorsed by: National Ski Areas Association.

Be Aware. Ski with Care.

All fencing, poles, signage and other marking devices are in place to inform you of potential hazards or obstacles. The markers will not protect you from injury, and it is your responsibility to stay away from marked areas. The use of helmets or wrist guards may reduce the risk of injury. Whether or not to wear a helmet or other safety devices is a personal choice. Make sure to check into all available options.

All skis and snowboards must have metal edges and affixed bindings. Skis must have brakes and snowboards are required to have a leash to prevent runaway skis and snowboards.

# MMSA Ski Club Registration and Permission Form

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Student's Name

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Parent's Names

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Home Phone Number

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Parent's Cell Phone Numbers

Select an option:

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$93.00 Includes Afton Alps lift ticket, transportation, and supervision for 3 nights of skiing from 3 PM to 10 PM.

My child and I have discussed the Behavior Guidelines attached, and I give permission for my child to ski with the MMSA Ski Club.

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Parent's Signature

\*I would be interested in chaperoning on the following dates:

\_\_\_\_\_ January 13<sup>th</sup>      \_\_\_\_\_ January 27<sup>th</sup>      \_\_\_\_\_ February 10<sup>th</sup>

If parent chaperones are needed, the school office will contact you.