

Fort Hill Ski Club

To Parents, Skiers and Snowboarders:

This packet contains information about the Fort Hill High School Ski Club including details of the planned trips for the 2015 ski season. If you still have questions after reading this information please call Joe Brewer, advisor, at 301-777-2570, ext. 322 or email at joseph.brewer@acps.k12.md.us.

This year the club will be taking FOUR trips. There is a club membership fee of **\$5.00** per family. Family members' applications and forms must be turned in together to receive the family membership fee. Students may choose to go on one or all FOUR of the scheduled trips. Payment for trips must be paid in advance. The costs will be calculated per trip and payment must be made by **January 7th** to guarantee a spot on the bus. Advanced payment is suggested to secure a spot on the bus since space is limited to 35 students.

If a trip is cancelled by the club a make-up trip will be scheduled. If a make-up trip is not possible, students will receive a refund for the trip that was not taken. If for some reason a student is unable to make a trip, and advanced notice is given, the funds may be applied to a future trip or refunded at the end of the season. Notice must be given by the day before the trip is scheduled in order to ensure a refund. For extraordinary circumstances all efforts will be made to refund if possible.

All trips are contingent on enough students participating. Each resort requires a minimum number of people to receive a group rate. Additionally, the cost of taking a bus is quite high. We will need a minimum of 25 students on each trip. If this number is lower than 25, the trip could be cancelled. Students will be notified if this occurs.

We will be skiing at The Wisp Ski Resort in McHenry, MD and Seven Springs Ski Resort in Champion, PA. We share these areas with hundreds of other skiers, so the club cannot take responsibility for the safety or security of skiers/snowboarders or their belongings. Please review the rules of the club and follow them at all times. Failure to do so may result in expulsion from the club.

Skiing/snowboarding is a dangerous sport. Some injuries have occurred during ski trips in the past. All ski areas have first aid facilities and a ski patrol to help evacuate injured skiers. Please **make sure we have your contact information in case of an emergency.** In the vast majority of cases, the injuries at ski resorts are the result of errors on the part of the skier, and therefore the cost of medical treatment will be the responsibility of the skier or his or her parents. The best prevention is skiing/snowboarding safety.

Any student who has never skied or snowboarded at a ski resort **is strongly encouraged to** take at least **ONE** lesson, and may take more if desired. The chaperones are not ski instructors. Please take advantage of the club rates which are much lower than you could get on your own. Even experienced skiers have benefited from taking lessons.

A special note for those students who want to snowboard: First of all, be aware that snowboarding at ski resorts is not the same as snowboarding on your neighborhood hills. To ride the lift you must have a snowboard **that attaches to your ankle.** Secondly, snowboarding is more difficult than skiing. It is highly recommend that a student snowboarding should **wear a helmet.** Helmets can be rented from the ski resort at an additional charge.

General Rules

- The ski club is a fun activity but inappropriate conduct will not be tolerated.
- Students must follow instructions given by the teachers and chaperones. Remember that these people are volunteering their time to make this happen. Give them your respect and cooperation.
- The club is not responsible for the student's personal possessions. In the past, members have had skis and other personal items stolen.
- Any Fort Hill student, who has been suspended from school during the current school year for whatever reason, must meet with Mr. Brewer to join the club. This includes school and bus suspensions.

Bus Rules

- Any audio device must be used with earphones.
- Eating and drinking on the bus will be at the discretion of the bus driver. If the driver is kind enough to let us eat on the bus, be sure not to lose the privilege by leaving trash or spilling food or drinks on the seats or floor. Clean up after yourselves and others.
- The use of tobacco, alcohol or other illegal substances is forbidden and will result in expulsion from the ski club.

Slope rules

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, ride, and unload safely.
8. Do not poke people with ski poles or throw snowballs from the lifts.
9. Follow directions of ski patrol or adult chaperones and teachers.
10. Students are encouraged to wear helmets when they are skiing or snowboarding.

Chaperones are not able to monitor the students at all times. Each student is responsible for skiing/snowboarding in a safe manner. If the ski patrol reports that a ski club member has been skiing in an unsafe manner, the skier may lose skiing privileges for the season.

Departure times and location

Students may choose to travel by family car or bus, however there must be enough students taking the bus to maintain the Ski Club. Family members may also purchase tickets at the reduced club rates.

All buses will leave from the back parking lot of Fort Hill High School. Weekday departures leave at **3:00 p.m.** for 7Springs and Blue Knob. Departure time for the Wisp will be **3:35 p.m.** Arrival times will be approximately **10:00 p.m.** from the Wisp and **10:30 p.m.** from 7Springs and Blue Knob.

Skiers must arrange their own transportation to and from Fort Hill. Make sure a ride is available when the bus returns. General Rule: *It is better for a parent to be early and wait than for Mr. Brewer to wait after the trip for a late parent!*

Clothing

In order to enjoy the time on the ski slopes it is important to dress appropriately. Dressing in layers is the best way to stay warm and adapt as the conditions change. Long underwear as a first layer and a water-resistant outer layer are the most important both on body and legs. Snowboarders, especially, spend a lot of time in the snow. Bib overalls work best for beginners. The number of layers between the outer and inner will vary according to temperature and wind and can include shirts, sweaters, fleece etc. Gloves are very important. They should have a long cuff with a snug fit to prevent snow from entering the glove when the skier falls.

Helmets provide warmth and protection and are encouraged for all students, especially beginners. It is recommended that all snowboarders wear a helmet. Helmets may be rented at the ski resort, but in the long run it is less expensive to buy one. Goggles while not necessary are good to have on a windy day.

Food

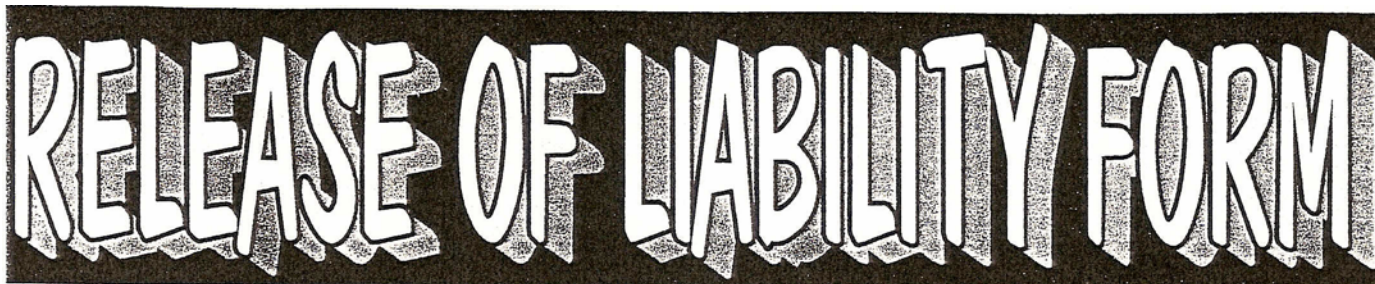
For many students part of the experience of the day is eating. The food at the resorts is expensive. If you are on a tight budget, it is highly recommended that the student pack a lunch and snacks and avoid purchasing food at the ski areas.

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY THE SKIER AND THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE SKIER.
PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH THE PAYMENT IN FULL.

MY SIGNATURE ON THIS PAPER INDICATES THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION IN THE
FORT HILL SKI CLUB INFORMATION PACKET. I AGREE TO FOLLOW THE RULES AS STATED IN FHSC
INFORMATION PACKET.

SKIER'S PRINTED NAME: _____

SKIER'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____

A large, stylized, 3D-effect title "RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM" in white block letters with a black outline, set against a dark, textured background.

MY SIGNATURE ON THIS PAPER INDICATES THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION IN THE
SKI PACKET. I AGREE WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED THEREIN. I WILL TAKE FULL
RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY CHILD'S SKI/SNOWBOARD EQUIPMENT, GETTING MY CHILD TO AND FROM
SCHOOL ON TIME ON THE SKI DATES AND FOR MY CHILD'S BEHAVIOR. I WILL NOT HOLD FORT HILL HIGH
SCHOOL OR THE CHAPERONES RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS, PERSONAL INJURIES OR ITEMS LOST OR
STOLEN.

PARENT'S NAME (PRINTED): _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Skier/Snowboarder Information Form 2015

Please read and fill out this form carefully. There must be one form per skier.

Name: _____

Grade/Homeroom: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

Skiing/Snowboarding Level (circle one): beginner intermediate advanced

Number of times skied/snowboarded (circle one): 0-5 6-10 11+

Do you rent or own your own equipment? _____

Parent Name and phone number(s): _____

Other name and number if the parent can not be reached in case of emergency:

Fill out form on back, calculate the total and write a check payable to Fort Hill High School. Include the check with the completed form.

2015 Fort Hill High School Ski and Snowboard Club - Registration Form

Name: _____

Grade/Homeroom: _____

Date	Location	Lift and Bus	Lift w/Ski Rental and Bus	Lift w/Snowboard Rental and Bus	Lesson	Sub-total
Wednesday 1/14/15	WISP	\$32.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$14.00	
Wednesday 1/28/15	7 Springs	\$34.00	\$50.00	\$54.00	\$14.00	
Wednesday 2/11/15	WISP	\$32.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$14.00	
Wednesday 2/18/15	7 Springs	\$34.00	\$50.00	\$54.00	\$14.00	
				Membership fee:		\$5.00
**Cost for students with a season pass is \$12 per trip to pay for the cost of transportation to and from the ski resort. Make a note for each trip that a pass will be used, and put the amount owed in the sub-total column.						TOTAL:

***Please make checks payable to Fort Hill High School.