

## Information about the Nashoba Valley Afterschool Program

### **How old do you have to be?**

In grades 5<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>

### **Where will we meet at 3:30?**

We will be meeting at the Higgins Middle School at 3:30

### **Am I able to bring my own equipment to school?**

Yes, we will arrange with the Vice-Principal a safe spot to leave your equipment. Last year, we were requested to bring the equipment in the night before to alleviate any hassle for morning drop-off. At this moment, I haven't heard if that is the same situation but will keep you posted.

### **What if I don't have my own equipment?**

You can rent equipment directly from Nashoba Valley for the entire 6-week program for an **additional fee. \$110 for Equipment only. \$150 includes a helmet.** Helmets must be worn while skiing or riding during the program. Please bring your own or rent one. **Please make separate checks out to Nashoba Valley.**

### **If I choose to rent through Nashoba, when will I get my equipment?**

Depending on the number of people who will also need to rent, we may have a specific "Pre-Fit Day" that will be held at the recreation office. This will be determined before December 15. If we do not have a specific day, there will be plenty of time to get fitted on the first day at the mountain.

### **I have never skied or snowboarded before, can I still participate?**

Yes of course! We highly recommend to sign up for the weekly 1 hour lessons for an additional \$25 for the 6 weeks.

### **Will anyone (staff wise) from the Recreation Department be with my child during their lesson?**

No. We do walk them over to their lesson to make sure they know where they are going as well as make sure they get in the correct class. We do this for the entire 6 week program.

### **Do you make sure they don't skip the class?**

If they sign up for the lesson, we typically make sure they take the lesson. However, we do not force it on them. If it happens where they just don't want to take the lesson that day, we will not make them; we do let the parent know when we get back at 9.

### **Will there be anyone from the Recreation Department skiing with my child?**

Not directly. There will be a staff member or chaperone on the mountain as well as a staff member or chaperone stationed in the lodge. There will be a ratio of 1:10 Staff/chaperone to child. We will not be having anyone specifically skiing with your children.

Throughout the 6-week program, we require to have the kids check in at certain times. This allows us to gauge the fun they are having and to check in and see if they have eaten.

### **So, will my child be alone on the mountain?**

Absolutely not. We will do our best to pair your child with someone equal to their ski/snowboard level.

### **What if my child is taking lessons, who will they ski/ride with?**

There most likely will be more than one other child taking a lesson, which means they will be ending the lessons together. Depending on skill level, they will be paired up together and they will make friends in their lessons. They can also meet up with their friends after their lesson.

### **What if my child has friends and they want to ski together?**

They can definitely be paired up together. Depending on the number of kids participating they may have another person they are skiing with. We just want to make sure that someone who isn't as comfortable with skiing or snowboarding isn't paired up with someone who love going down black diamonds. That wouldn't be fair to either person.

### **Are they allowed in the terrain park?**

We allow all the participants to go in the terrain park. Even if you are a beginner, you don't have to actually go in the park itself. There is a lot of action to watch over there!

### **Will Peabody Recreation be providing dinner?**

No. Please send your child with a packed dinner or money for food. There is a cafeteria there and the kids are allowed to go when they want. Peabody Rec is not responsible for their money.

### **Is there a set time for dinner?**

Not exactly. When the kids are due for their first check in, we make it around a time when most eat dinner.

### **What happens if there is an emergency?**

If there is an emergency at home, there will be a direct number of a person you can contact. We will also provide a number for Nashoba Valley.

If there is an emergency that occurs at the mountain, you will be called immediately. We have a separate vehicle that follows the group for situations like this. If something were to happen, the

program coordinator, Maureen, will be staying with your child until yourself or someone you send arrives. Your child will never be left alone with someone they do not know.

**Can I come skiing when my child is on the mountain?**

Sure. If you plan to take your child home with you, please let us know beforehand.

**Is there a discount for me if I drive and pick my child up?**

At this time, no. We have based our price point on every person who signs up will need transportation.

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