

Introduction to STA Ski/Snowboard Club Program

The program begins this year on Wednesday, January 6th and runs for five consecutive weeks. Students take a lesson for one hour and then have one hour of free ski time. **There are lessons for all skill levels and ALL STA students are required to sign up for lessons.** The Club is a great adventure for many STA'ers as it is often the first time doing such an activity without their parents. It is a great opportunity for students to start learning independence and responsibility. Chaperones are there to help, but students are responsible for carrying their own equipment, keeping track of their personal belongings (hats, mittens, money) and making the very important purchases of food at the snack bar. Over the years many graduates have cited Ski/Snowboard Club experiences as some of their most fun memories of STA.

Students can use their own equipment or rent through Pat's Peak. If you use your own equipment be sure it meets industry standards. Snowboard/Ski tune-ups are strongly recommended prior to the start of the season. If you are renting, be sure all information pertaining to ski level, height, weight and shoe sizes are entered accurately into the form. It is important this information is correct to avoid delays on the first day of the program and help reduce the anxiety of the student. If you do not know your child's boot size, you should go to a ski shop and have your child measured.

We strongly recommend you **LABEL** all clothing, equipment and bags with your child's name and school. Warm, waterproof clothing is **REQUIRED** and makes the ski experience more fun. Pat's Peak reserves the right to refuse to teach a student that is improperly dressed. Hats are required if temperature falls below 32 degrees. Evenings are typically very chilly in January at Pat's Peak. We are always watching for early signs of frostbite. Hand warmers are recommended for really cold days. **Helmets are REQUIRED** for both skiers and snowboarders. Wrist guards are recommended for snowboarders.

A typical Club day starts when the students are dismissed at 1:45 from class. They go downstairs and change into their warm ski clothing. We do this very quickly. The students then board the bus (or car) and leave the school at 2 PM sharp. Once at the mountain the students are responsible for unloading their bags and ski/board gear from under the bus. Students who opt to rent equipment at the mountain go through the rental line (grouped with a chaperone) and meet the rest of the Club members upstairs in the smaller base lodge to put on boots. Chaperones are available to assist students in putting their gear on safely. The students are then directed to place all STA belongings in one central place. Students report immediately to their lessons that begin at 3:30 PM. A chaperone and/or one of the ski coordinators will act as a base lodge point of contact. We will set up in the smaller lodge and keep all STA bags together. Any student coming back to the lodge knows to look for the STA spot. Following lessons, most students try to meet up with friends from other lessons and ski the areas of the mountain that their instructors have told them they are "ready for." We have skiers and snowboarders of all abilities. We tell the students to finish up on the mountain between 5:30 and 5:45. This way they have time to get something to eat, have time to turn in rentals and pack their equipment in preparation to leave on the bus at 6:00. There are Café Cards offered by Pat's Peak (\$40 value but you pay \$33). This can be used for the purchase of food without having the students carry cash. You can purchase the Café Card at the reduced rate during registration only. After that time, you will have to pay face value.

We assemble all students at the flagpole at the Pat's Peak base lodge and load the bus at 6:00. Attendance is taken before we leave the parking lot. Typically we get back to school at 7 PM. Any parents who would like to meet us at Pat's Peak are welcome to do so. Often parents purchase the evening ski pass and ski with their children after the bus leaves. Children can stay with you, but **YOU MUST SIGN THE ATTENDANCE SHEET** so we know your child will not be on the bus. **Any changes to bus transportation (including rides to and from the mountain with another adult) must be received in writing/email by 1:45 PM departure from the STA parking lot on ski club day.**

This program works well because of the parent volunteers. If you would like to be a chaperone, please fill out the chaperone sign up form. We would love to see your child on the slopes.

If you have any questions about anything here, please contact Christie Davis at davis.christiem@gmail.com or call the school.

STA SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB TRANSPORTATION FORM

Please return this form to the school no later than **October 30th**

Our transportation will be provided by First Student Bus Company. The bus has room for 48 people. Two to three seats are needed for chaperones and a coordinator. Therefore, there will only be 46 seats on the bus open to students. This will be filled on a first come first served basis. Although only 46 students are allowed on the bus, there is no limit to the amount of students allowed in the program. However after all spaces have been filled on the bus, parents will have to provide transportation for their child some other way. You may drive to the ski area yourself or, if you would like your child to travel with another chaperone/parent then the coordinator must receive written permission stating that you allow your child to be transported by another chaperone/parent/coordinator before your child will be allowed to go the first week.

The cost per student for the bus for the season will be determined soon. We will notify you of the cost in December. We are waiting for the final cost from the bus company but please note that the total cost is dependent upon how many students ride the bus. Last year the fee was \$ 75.00.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION BELOW

If you have any questions, please contact Christie Davis at davis.christiem@gmail.com or you can always call the school.

Cut on the above line and return to the school with \$40 bus deposit (if applicable) no later than October 30th.

STUDENT'S NAME: _____ GRADE: _____

My son/daughter will ride the bus to Pat's Peak this season. Deposit of \$40/child required with form.

YES: _____ NO: _____ ** (See stars below and complete).

My son/daughter will carry skis or a snowboard on the bus.

YES: _____ NO: _____

Ski bus deposit of \$40 required to reserve bus spot.

Deposit Paid YES: _____ NO: _____
Check # _____ or Cash _____

**If no please indicate one of the following:

_____ I will be transporting my own child for the five week session.

_____ My child will be transported by _____.

Children riding with someone other than their own parent will need written permission signed by their parent.

STA SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB CHAPERONE SIGN UP
Please return this form to school no later than October 30th

You need not be a skier or a snowboarder to join us! We are always looking for new people to help us out!

A very nice benefit of being an official chaperone is that, based upon availability, you get to use one of the STA "free ski/rent" chaperone passes during ski club. In order to be considered an official chaperone you must be willing and able to ride the ski bus at least once over the 5 week program. If you are interested in being an official chaperone, please return this form to the school as soon as possible. *The ski program cannot happen without a sufficient number of official chaperones.* Pat's Peak charges \$32 for a parent ticket during ski club or a special \$150 frequent parent ticket good for any five weekdays.

Yes, I will help out the STA SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB as a chaperone.

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: (H)_____ (C)_____

We are asking for cell phone numbers to create a phone list of people who will be on the mountain in case we need to get in touch with you.

Are you a skier/Snowboarder? YES: _____ NO: _____

Can you ride the bus (if needed)? Minimum of two chaperones required.
We would prefer 3 chaperones per week.

January 6	YES: _____	NO: _____
January 13	YES: _____	NO: _____
January 20	YES: _____	NO: _____
January 27	YES: _____	NO: _____
February 3	YES: _____	NO: _____

It is an issue each year trying to accommodate all the parents/chaperones who would like to use our STA "free ski/rent" chaperone passes on ski club night. If you would like to be considered for a free ski pass and you have not said yes to riding the bus at least one week, you must pay \$15.00 (check made payable to STA) to help cover the cost of additional ski passes. STA Chaperone passes are limited and first priority will be given to bus chaperones.

You will be contacted soon regarding chaperoning.

Thank you!

STA Ski/Snowboard Club

DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
PARENT/CHILD LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE
THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED TO STA SCHOOL

ACTIVITY: St. Thomas Aquinas Ski/Snowboard Club 2016

DATE OF ACTIVITY: Beginning 1/6/2016 for a 5 week program.

LOCATION: Pat's Peak, Henniker, NH

Please allow my child/ward to participate in the activity listed above, and as a condition of being allowed to do so, I hereby, to the fullest extent permitted by law, release, indemnify and hold harmless the *Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, a Corporation Sole*, including but not limited to *St. Thomas Aquinas School* and their employees, affiliates, volunteers and agents (hereafter collectively referred to as the "RCBM"), from any and all liability for personal injuries or property damage or death to my child/ward that may arise in any way from participation in the activity, including but not limited to any transportation to/from the activity, except in the case of willful or gross negligence.

I, hereby, warrant and represent that my child is physically fit and capable of taking part in this activity. I make this warranty and representation on the basis of advice given me by a duly licensed physician, and I know of no change in my child's medical condition since receiving such advice that would affect the opinion of said physician. I also accept full responsibility for all medical expenses incurred as a result of my child/ward's participation in this program.

On the lines below I have listed any medical condition, physical disability, allergy to medicine or food which is relevant to rendering medical care to my child if he/she needs emergency medical care:

In case of an emergency during the above activity, I can be reached by calling these numbers (include home, work, and cell phone)

As parent/guardian signing this agreement on my child/ward's behalf, I acknowledge that I have read the above release and that by signing this release on my own and his/her behalf, we agree to be bound by its terms.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Parent/Guardian name (print)

Parent/Guardian (signature)

I agree to abide by the rules and regulations governing the above-described activity and to obey any instructions given to me by the person(s) having supervision and control over the activity.

Child name (print)

Child (signature)

STA/PAT'S PEAK 2016 Learn to Ski and Ride Program Registration

A Pat's Peak brochure is included with this information packet, but like last year, your actual registration is staying "Green." To reduce the amount of written registration paperwork, we are continuing to use the Pat's Peak website for registrations. Please do not remit the paper copy found in the handout. Thank you adhering to the new registration policy. If you have problems registering online or do not have access to a computer, please call the school. We will get back to you and help you through the process. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this change.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FROM NOW UNTIL Monday November 16th. After November 16th a \$25.00 late fee will be added to your registration.

Instructions for On-Line Registration

- Open your internet browser.
- Go to www.patspeak.com.
- Click on "Learn to Ski and Ride Program Register Online Here" tab. You will be directed to the "After School Program" Login Page. You will need to enter a username and password. They are listed below. **Please note that both the Username and Password ARE CASE SENSITIVE.**
USERNAME: STASCHOOL2016
PASSWORD: STASAINTS
- You should find yourself on St. Thomas School Registration Page. You should see a welcome message from your coordinators. You will also find links for the following forms that **MUST** be returned to the school also by Friday, October 31, 2014. These forms were given to any interested children at our informational meeting with them. If the forms are lost or misplaced, you may download them here and submit. Bus and Chaperone forms are optional.
 - Diocese of Manchester Parent/Child Liability Waiver and Release.
 - Bus Registration Form (if applicable)
 - Chaperone Sign up form (if applicable)
- Click on the arrow for Choose Your Program and select what you will be purchasing for your child. Click Next.
- Follow the screen instructions and remit payment.
- The coordinators will receive an e-mail with all of your child's registration information as soon as you finish your payment and signing off all waiver forms on the website.
- The coordinators will be sending out more information in mid- December (final cost for the bus, confirmation of lesson level/rentals/purchase, etc.)