



# SKI BRADFORD 2018

## Program Information, Grades 4-8

**Please read through this packet before completing your registration and keep it for your reference.**

The Community House will again be offering the Ski Bradford Program on six Wednesday afternoons beginning on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

All students will leave and return from their respective schools. The bus leaves at the conclusion of the school day and returns at approximately 6 pm for elementary students and 6:30pm for MRMS students:

### **Program Fee's (including transportation):**

- 1. Lift Tickets \$355**
- 2. Lift Tickets and Lessons \$440**
- 3. Lift Tickets and Ski/Snowboard Rental \$465**
- 4. Lift Tickets, Lessons, and Ski/Snowboard Rental \$545**
- 5. Helmet Rental \$35**

### **REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT:**

Online registration is preferred at [www.communityhouse.org/youth-programs/](http://www.communityhouse.org/youth-programs/). However, you may register your child in person by visiting The Community House office Monday-Thursday 9-5pm, and Friday 9-3pm.

**All participants must print, sign, and return waiver forms for The Community House and mountain. These forms cannot be completed electronically. Registration is not considered complete without these waivers.**

**In addition, if your child requires ski/snowboard rentals, you must download the appropriate rental form from our website [www.communityhouse.org/youth-programs/](http://www.communityhouse.org/youth-programs/).**

**Completed forms and payment must be received by November 16<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm.** Pending the availability of space and rental equipment, registrations received between November 17<sup>th</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup> may be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. If space permits, a late fee of \$25 will be charged. Absolutely no enrollment forms will be accepted after November 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **CONDUCT:**

This program is for very responsible, independent children. Please understand that the nature of this program requires participants to behave independently without constant adult supervision. If children are not able to be on time, take full responsibility for their belongings (including rental equipment), cannot listen and respect others, then this program is not an appropriate choice for them. Please understand that although this program is administered by The Community House, it is staffed largely by parent volunteers. **ANY SKIER WHO DOES NOT COOPERATE WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE PROGRAM AND WILL FORFEIT ALL FEES PAID.**

**ABILITY/CLASSIFICATION:**

All beginner skiers/snowboarders are required to take lessons; however, all participants are encouraged to do so.

- Level 1 – No experience, unable to turn or control skis or snowboard
- Level 2 – Student can walk, climb up hill, get up from fall, glide and balance
- Level 3 – Student can go slow, stop and turn in both directions
- Level 4 – Student can link turns, ride lifts independently and make large and small turns

**LESSONS:**

Lesson times will be scheduled by the mountain once registration closes. Beginner lessons will be scheduled first, approximately 1/2 hour after arrival. Beginners are not to use lifts until they have attended the first lesson.

Each student's lesson will be held at the same time each week. The maximum class size is twelve and, when possible, the class is taught by the same instructor. Which class your child is assigned to will be determined by their ability. It is important to select the classification appropriate to your child's ability level – not based upon which class they would like to attend. Ski School supervisory personnel will be at the Ski School meeting place to assist skiers. If they determine that a skier has been placed in a class above or below his/her ability, and would benefit from a different class, they will move the skier to an appropriate class.

A label will be attached to each student's lift ticket indicating name, class number, and class time. Once this information has been given to each skier/snowboarder it becomes their responsibility to be on time for class.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

A staff person from The Community House is present each week to assist volunteers and participants. However, for the Ski Bradford program to work, parent volunteers are essential. Volunteers are needed for all six weeks to serve as chaperones and bus monitors. Volunteers may ski while at Bradford. Younger/older siblings are also welcome to participate.

Volunteers will receive \$100.00 rebate at the conclusion of the program if they volunteer for the full six weeks. There are two passes available per bus, at no cost, for parent volunteers each week. In the event there are fewer tickets than chaperones, we encourage volunteers to share. Lift tickets for younger/older siblings will be provided at a discounted rate prior to November 30<sup>th</sup>. They may also be purchased week to week at the mountain for the daily rate.

**RENTALS:**

In order to be eligible for the discounted rental rate, skiers/snowboarders must rent their equipment for the duration of the program. Rentals include boots and skis or snowboard: items may not be rented separately. A rental form must be completed, signed by a parent or legal guardian, and submitted at the time of registration. If the form is not signed, the ski shop will not dispense the equipment.

If a student requires rentals for a single visit, they may rent depending upon availability of equipment. The prevailing rental rate will apply and a form for that single day must be completed and submitted with complete payment at the time of usage.

The ski shop will not adjust or work on any equipment other than that which has been rented from them.

Parents are strongly urged to confirm accurate height, weight (fully clothed) and shoe size prior to completing the rental form. This information is used to select the proper ski length, boot size and correct binding setting. For students renting helmets please measure their head for proper size. To avoid unnecessary delays in the rental shop, please take the time to make sure the information is correct and complete.

Students are responsible for the skis, poles, boots, helmets and or snowboards assigned to them. With the exception of helmets, equipment must be returned to the ski shop at the conclusion of each trip. Helmets will go home with students each week and must be returned at the conclusion of the final trip.

There will be an **\$8.00** charge for rental equipment not returned which must be paid prior to the next week's program. If the equipment is lost or stolen, the skier is responsible for the replacement at full retail value.

Skiers/snowboarders will be given the same size rental equipment each week. If the skier feels that any of the equipment is not sized properly, they should notify the rental shop immediately.

***Please be sure that you will not be renting equipment from another company prior to submitting Ski Bradford rental forms as refunds for equipment rental are not available.***

**CANCELLATIONS:**

If an afternoon of skiing at Bradford must be cancelled due to weather, the program is extended for an additional week. Parents are notified of a cancellation at the telephone number/email address listed on the registration form. The schools will also make an announcement. There is no Ski Bradford if there is a "no school day," or during February school vacation week.

**REFUNDS:**

Refunds will be made only if the participant is forced to withdraw from the program due to illness or injury. A doctors note must be provided. There are no refunds after the third week of the program. If you registered your child for a lift and lesson package and your child opts not to attend lessons, there will be no refund on the package. As stated above, there are no refunds for equipment rental. Refund checks will be mailed after the completion of the six-week program. There will be a service fee of **\$25.00** for all refunds.

**If you have any questions about the Ski Bradford program please call Sarah at 978-468-4818 Ex. 16.**

## WELCOME TO THE 2018 SKI BRADFORD PROGRAM

We look forward to having you as part of the Ski Bradford program. The program runs for six Wednesdays beginning on Wednesday, January 3rd. Please review the following instructions and share all relevant information with your child.

### NOTIFY YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

Please notify your school, in writing, that your child is participating in the Ski Bradford program. Children must provide a note, signed by the parents, to their schools or they will not be released to the Ski Bradford program.

### EQUIPMENT DROP OFF

Equipment must be dropped off at ALL schools, including Winthrop, any time after 8:30 a.m. Students are not allowed to bring equipment with them on the regular morning school bus. All equipment must be labeled with your child's name and put in the designated area. **Skies and poles must be attached together with a ski carrier.** Remind your children to use the carrier for the way home.

### TRANSPORTATION TO BRADFORD

All students will be picked up right after school by school bus at their school. Monitors will be at each school to help organize and direct. If children have their own equipment, they will be directed to carry it to a vehicle designated for equipment transportation before getting on the ski bus. If equipment is not delivered to the school by the time we leave (around 1pm), we will rent equipment for your child at the going rate and you will be responsible for payment to The Community House before the next scheduled trip.

### PERSONAL BELONGINGS, LIFT TICKETS AND EQUIPMENT

The lodge at Ski Bradford is small and congested. All backpacks, etc. not used for skiing/snowboarding should be left on the bus. Those with their own ski equipment should stow their skis, poles and snowboards on the racks in front of the lodge, store their personal bags in cubbies inside the lodge. All participants are responsible for keeping track of their own equipment (including rentals) and clothing.

**Ski Bradford provides one lift ticket per person for the whole season. We will give your child a lift ticket on the first week and have it attached to their coat. It is then your child's responsibility to have the ticket with them every week.**

### RENTING EQUIPMENT AT BRADFORD?

Renters will drop their ski/snowboard belongings in the lodge and then go to the Rental Shop to get equipment. Beginners are noted on the attendance sheets and will be helped through the process (for the first few weeks) by a volunteer. **Do not bring any equipment, other than your helmets and boots, into the lodge. Skiers and snowboarders are responsible for the cost of boards or skis, boots, poles and helmets assigned to them if they are lost or stolen. When your departure announcement is made, all rental equipment, except helmets, must be returned to the rental shop (helmets are taken home each week).**

### TAKING LESSONS?

Lesson times and information are attached to the lift tickets. Beginners will be brought to lessons at the appropriate times by a chaperone but others must make sure to get to lessons on their own. Encourage your child to ask for help if they are confused or need assistance locating the meeting location for their group lesson. If you have used a chair lift, T-bar, or rope tow before you may go skiing or snowboarding before and after your lesson time. **If this is your first time skiing or snowboarding, do not attempt to use the lifts. You may injure yourself or others. Please ask a volunteer to help you until your lesson begins.**

## **NEED HELP AT THE MOUNTAIN?**

If your child needs any help – there will be tables in the lodge marked “Hamilton/Wenham.” There will always be a chaperone at those tables to help with any questions or problems that arise. There are also ski patrol employees on the mountain to help as well.

## **SAFETY AND CONDUCT**

1. Encourage your child to ski with a "buddy."
2. Children must wear warm clothing including hats, mittens and gloves.
3. All children are strongly encouraged to wear a watch.
4. Cell phone use is permitted only in the event of an emergency. Arrangements for pick up at school should be made prior to getting on the bus. Pick up times are the same week to week, so parents should plan accordingly.
5. No bullying, teasing or disrespectful behavior or language will be tolerated.
6. Given the nature of this activity, good behavior at the schools, on the bus, and at the ski slope is essential for the program to run smoothly. Any child whose behavior is deemed inappropriate in the judgment of the staff, chaperons, or bus driver will be unable to continue participation in the program.
7. Generally, if something is not appropriate behavior for school, it is not appropriate for the Ski Bradford program as well. If participants use these boundaries as a guide and note the rules posted at Ski Bradford, they will be in great shape.
8. There is a first aid building on site at Ski Bradford. If your child is feeling ill or experiences an injury, please encourage them to seek out a chaperone or the first aid facility.

## **RETURNING HOME**

Participants are responsible for meeting at the designated meeting location for their school at the end of the ski session. They must carry and load their equipment into the designated equipment vehicle for their school. They should not get on the bus until they are sure their skis/snowboards are either returned to the Rental Shop or packed in the van/truck/ for the ride home.

### **Returning to HW Timeline:**

5:00pm – Elementary students with rental equipment from Bradford should be in lodge and getting boots off and returning their gear.

5:10pm – Elementary students should be at meeting place ready to load equipment and bus.

5:30pm – Elementary buses depart to HW

6:00pm\* – Buses return to school and students should have a responsible party waiting to pick them up.

6:30pm\*- Miles River bus returns with middle schoolers

*\*Parents - please be flexible, especially during the first few weeks and in bad weather. Pick up time greatly depends on the cooperation of the children and the weather/road conditions.*

## **WEATHER CANCELLATIONS**

If there is no school, the Ski Bradford program is cancelled as well. In the event there is school but there is inclement weather or a lack of snow on the mountain, a decision will not be made to cancel until 11 a.m. on Wednesday. At that time we will email all participants who have given me a valid email address. I will call all those who requested it on their registration form. If you will not be home for the day please check the messages on your email/ answering machine to find out if the program has been cancelled.

We will also call the schools to ask them to make an announcement to the students that Ski Bradford has been cancelled for the day. We are allowed to make up most cancellations so please add one week to your calendars. The contract with Ski Bradford is for six weeks before April 1. In sum - remember the ancient proverbs - don't call us, we'll call you and no news is good news.

**NEED TO MISS A WEEK? CHANGE IN TRANSPORTATION PLANS?**

Please remember to call the Community House at 978-468-4818 if your child is not attending Ski Bradford on any given Wednesday. If your child is getting a ride home from Bradford a note must be given to the bus monitor and the pick-up person must contact the bus monitor at Bradford. We will not leave anyone at Bradford (even with a note) if the child's ride home has not shown up by the time we are ready to leave. Realize that if your child does not take the bus to Bradford with us we will not be expecting them to take the bus home with us unless we are notified in advance.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!**

Parents - Volunteers are needed for all weeks. Generally, a minimum of 2 or 3 parents are needed on each bus to take attendance, give out lift tickets and generally keep order. A minimum of 1 or 2 parents are needed for each bus to drive equipment in their own vehicle (van, station, wagon, SUV, etc.). Younger or older siblings can come and may ski while at Bradford. Chaperones are also welcome to ski. Come on, you need the fresh air and hot chocolate!! **There is a \$100 rebate for all those who will volunteer for the full 6 weeks!!!!**

We look forward to seeing you on **January 3.**

Sincerely,

Melissa Elmer  
Executive Director

Sarah Bergeron  
Ski Bradford Coordinator

