



Ski Bradford 2026

Program Information, Grades 3-8

The Community House is excited to announce some important changes to the Ski Bradford Program beginning in January 2026! We will be moving to Mondays beginning January 5, 2026 and will host a five-week program. We will NOT have a program on the MLK holiday, Monday, January 19th.

Program Fees

Base Package Transportation & Lift Tickets \$495

With Lessons (ski or snowboard) \$595

With Rental (ski or snowboard) \$595

With Rental & Lessons \$695

Add Helmet Rental +\$35

*Helmets are required; if you do not rent you must have your own.

Registration and Payment – Deadline Thursday, November 13th

1. Review program guidelines to determine your child(ren)'s readiness for the program. If you have any questions or need special accommodations, please email us at ski@communityhouse.org. Please review these expectations thoroughly with your child prior to registering and again in the days leading up to the program start date so we can ensure a fun and safe experience for all.
2. Create an account or login to your account on our [Parent Portal](#).
3. Electronically sign and return all [registration and waiver](#) forms for both TCH and Bradford Ski Area. Registration is NOT considered complete without these waivers.
4. If your child requires ski/snowboard rentals, you must fill out the [rental form](#) and submit it with the registration packet. ****Only if renting from Bradford Ski Area.***
5. Complete payment upon registration in the [Parent Portal](#). If you are in need of Financial Aid, please use the online [Financial Assistance Form](#). Once the review process is complete, The Community House will contact you.

All registration forms, waivers, and payments are due by **November 13 at 3 PM**. Registration is **pending until approved by TCH**. Space is limited—**submission does not guarantee approval or availability**. Approved registrations will receive a confirmation email with the full registration packet. Late submissions (after November 13) will incur a **\$25 fee**, if space remains.

Ski Bradford Program – Guidelines and Conduct Requirements

The Ski Bradford Program is designed for children who can safely manage themselves with limited adult supervision. Participants should be prepared to keep track of time, care for their belongings (including rental equipment), and treat others with courtesy and respect. Although The Community House oversees the program, it is largely supported by parent volunteers. To ensure a safe and positive experience for everyone, any child who does not follow these guidelines or who fails to cooperate with staff or volunteers may be dismissed from the program without refund.

Top 10 Guidelines

Please read these rules with your child before the first week of the program and review the attached Ski Hill-specific guidelines.

1. Ski with a Buddy – Students are not allowed to ski or snowboard alone.
2. Dress for Winter – Snow suit, hat, mittens or gloves, and a helmet are required every week. Students will not be allowed to ski or snowboard without these items.
3. Keep Track of Time – Students are responsible for knowing when to return to the buses. Wearing a watch is strongly encouraged.
4. Cell Phone Rules – Phones may only be used to call parents (with permission), during emergencies, or while loading the bus. Once the bus is in motion, phones must be put away and out of sight. Parents will be given a phone number to reach TCH Program Director in the event you need to communicate in a timely manner the day of the program.
5. Respectful Behavior Everywhere – School, bus, and ski hill expectations are the same. If it isn't appropriate at school, it isn't appropriate here.
6. Zero Tolerance for Bullying and Disrespect – Bullying, teasing, or disrespectful language will result in dismissal from the program without refund.
7. Gear Up at School – Students must put on all ski/snowboard gear, including boots, before boarding the bus. There is limited storage space at the ski hill.
8. Limit Belongings – Only bring items needed at the ski hill (personal medicine, snack, spending money). Backpacks and school bags stay on/under the bus unless a child is being picked up early.
9. First Aid & Help – A first aid building is on site. Students should seek help from a Community House staff member (at the Hamilton/Wenham tables in the lodge), a volunteer, or ski patrol if they feel ill or are injured.
10. Volunteers Are Here to Help – Each bus has at least two volunteers who rotate between the lodge and the slopes. Encourage your child to ask for assistance at any time.

Ability & Classification

All **beginner** skiers and snowboarders must take lessons, and we encourage all Level 1 and 2 participants to sign up as well.

- Level 1: No experience; unable to turn or control skis or snowboard.
- Level 2: Can walk, climb uphill, get up from a fall, glide, and balance.

Lessons

After registration closes, Bradford Ski Area staff will schedule lesson times. Classes are capped at 12 students and, when possible, will be taught by the same instructor each week.

- Your child's class placement is based on ability, not preference.
- Ski School supervisors may move students if their ability level requires a different class.
- Beginner lessons are scheduled first, about 30 minutes after arrival.
- Students registered for beginner lessons may not use the lifts before their first lesson.
- Each lesson occurs at the same time each week. Students are responsible for arriving on time.
- Lesson details (name, class number, and time) will be printed on each student's lift ticket.
- The Ski Hill does not provide refunds for unattended lessons.

Only Level 1 and Level 2 lessons are offered this year. Please contact Lindsay at The Community House with any questions (ski@communityhouse.org).

Equipment Rentals from Bradford Ski Area

To receive the discounted rental rate, equipment must be rented for the full five-week program. Rentals include boots and skis or a snowboard; items cannot be rented separately.

- A completed and signed [rental form](#) is required at registration. The ski shop cannot release equipment without it.
- Verify your child's height, fully clothed weight, and shoe size before completing the form to ensure proper fit.
- Measure head size if renting a helmet.
- Students will receive the same size equipment each week. Notify the rental shop immediately if something does not fit properly.
- Daily rentals are allowed only if equipment is available and must be paid in full at the time of rental.
- If a child forgets equipment and cannot pay for a rental that day, The Community House will invoice parents for the full rental cost.
- Students are responsible for returning all rented equipment (except helmets) to the rental shop at the end of each day. Helmets go home weekly and must be returned after the final session.
- There is a \$10 charge for equipment not returned, payable before the next session.
- Lost or stolen equipment is the responsibility of the student.
- Refunds for rental equipment are not available. The ski shop cannot adjust or work on equipment rented elsewhere.

School Notification

Please notify your child's school in writing that they are participating in the Ski Bradford program. Children must provide a note or they will not be released to attend.

Equipment Drop-Off

Equipment must be dropped off at school on program days—students may not bring equipment on the morning school bus. Label all equipment with your child's name and secure skis and poles together with a ski carrier.

- Buker: Mondays 7:00–10:00 AM at back gym doors (use front door after 10:00 AM).
- Cutler: Drop off in the gallery any time after 7:30 AM.
- Winthrop: Drop off in the cafeteria after 7:45 AM; store on/under tables by the windows.
- Miles River: Drop off on the stage in the multipurpose room.

Transportation to Bradford

Transportation is included. Students are picked up after school by bus at their school.

- Volunteers will assist with loading equipment.
- Students carrying their own equipment will be directed to the designated equipment vehicle or bus.
- If equipment is not delivered to school before departure, a rental will be arranged at your expense.

Transportation Back to School

At the end of the session, students meet at their school's designated location (assigned during Week 1). Attendance is taken before boarding. Students must ensure skis/snowboards are returned to the rental shop or packed before getting on the bus. The Community House is not responsible for equipment left behind.

Absences & Pick-Ups

If your child will miss a week or has a change in transportation plans, call 978-468-4818 x1 or email ski@communityhouse.org. If no notice is given, we will assume your child will take the bus to and from the ski hill.

If picking up your child at Ski Bradford, email ski@communityhouse.org. Pick-ups must occur inside the lodge, and the adult must show a driver's license or ID. If a ride does not arrive by departure time, the child will return to school on the bus.

Program Timeline – Elementary Schools (Winthrop, Cutler, Buker)

- 3:00 PM – Dismissal and gear-up.
- 3:15 PM – Equipment loading and attendance; buses depart.
- 4:00 PM – Arrival at Ski Hill.
- 6:15 PM – Students return equipment and gather belongings.
- 6:30 PM – Equipment loading and attendance; buses depart.
- 7:00 PM – Buses arrive at Winthrop School for pick-up.

Program Timeline – Miles River Middle School

- 2:20 PM – Dismissal and gear-up.
- 2:35 PM – Equipment loading and attendance; buses depart.
- 3:05 PM – Arrival at Ski Hill.
- 6:15 PM – Return equipment and gather belongings.
- 6:30 PM – Equipment loading and attendance; buses depart.
- 7:00 PM – Bus arrives at Winthrop School for pick-up.

Weather Cancellations

If Hamilton-Wenham schools are closed, the program is automatically canceled. If school is in session but conditions are poor, you will receive an email by 11:00 AM on Monday confirming whether the program will run. If no email is received, assume it is running.

The program is scheduled for five Mondays starting January 5 (no program January 19). If a session is canceled, it will be made up before April 1 whenever possible. There is no program during February vacation week.

Refunds

- Refunds are available only if a participant withdraws due to illness or injury with a doctor's note.
- No refunds after the third week of the program.
- No refunds for lesson or equipment rentals.
- A \$25 service fee applies to all refunds.
- Refund checks are mailed after the program ends.

Photography & Videotaping

The Community House may photograph or videotape participants for promotional purposes. If you do not wish your child to be included, please inform us in writing.

Personal Belongings & Lift Tickets

The Ski Bradford lodge is small and crowded. Skis, poles, and snowboards must be stored on outdoor racks and are not allowed inside. Ski bags may be stored outside or inside cubbies. Students are responsible for their belongings.

Lift tickets are distributed on the bus to the ski hill and collected on the return trip. Students with lessons receive tickets showing their name, lesson time, and meeting location. Lost lift tickets may incur a fine at the end of the five-week program.

Volunteers Needed

Parent volunteers are essential for this program to run safely. We need at least two volunteers per bus each week. [Register here to volunteer](#)

- Volunteers ski free on their assigned day and receive a \$100 rebate after completing all five weeks.

- Two complimentary lift tickets are available per bus each week. If demand exceeds supply, volunteers are encouraged to share.
- Volunteers may bring siblings or children outside the usual participant age if space allows.

The Community House

Medical Information and Waiver/Release

EMERGENCY MEDICAL RELEASE: In the event of injury or illness at Ski Bradford, I give permission for The Community House, Inc. ("TCH") and/or Ski Bradford staff or volunteers to obtain appropriate medical treatment for my child. I understand that if my child needs to be transported to an emergency facility, such a decision will be made by the emergency team that responds to the call.

If my child becomes ill, and it is a non-emergency situation, TCH staff will notify the Parent/Guardian of record. The Parent/Guardian will be requested to arrange to have the child picked up as soon as possible.

RELEASE FROM LIABILITY: In consideration of the availability of the Ski Bradford Program and for other mutual benefits, I hereby accept any and all responsibility and assume the risk of any injury, illness, or damage that might arise, either directly or indirectly, as a result of my child's participation in this program. I also hereby release, discharge, and hold harmless from any and all liability whatsoever, TCH, including its volunteers, staff, instructors, and board members, in both their private/individual capacities as well as their capacities as representatives of TCH, whether salaried or voluntary. I hereby certify that I am familiar with the contents of this release/waiver, that I have read and understand the same, and that it is my intention, by signing this release/waiver, that it be binding not only upon me, but upon my heirs, administrators, executors, successors, and assigns.

PRINTED name of Parent/Guardian

Printed Name of Student

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Code of Conduct Acknowledgement

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read and understand the information in the information packet and have reviewed the Conduct Code with your child/children.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date