

River View Middle School Ski Club- 7th & 8th Grade

Whether you're an experienced skier/ snowboarder or have never hit the slopes, RVMS Ski Club is a great way to join your friends in getting outdoors for some winter fun! Each class will take two trips to Nordic Mountain on Mount Morris, Wisconsin.

New this year!

As a result of bus driver shortages, we are only able to have two buses for each trip. That means each grade will take only two trips. The 5th & 6th grade group will travel together for two trips. The 7th & 8th grade group will travel together for two trips. **Registration will be capped at 104 students per group- first come, first serve.**

2023 Ski Club Dates- 7th & 8th Grade Group ONLY

Registration will be on a first come, first serve basis on Nordic Mountain's website. Below are the scheduled ski trips for the 2023 season. We do our best to choose dates around band & choir concerts and scheduled sporting events. As Nordic Mountain does not offer credit vouchers for missed trips, please ensure that your child can make both of the dates listed below as no monies will be refunded for missed trips.

Thursday, January 19th

Thursday, February 16th

Make up date: Thursday, February 23rd

Departure/ Return Times

Ski Club meets right after school at the main entrance on the above designated dates. The buses will depart no later than 3:30 PM to allow us the maximum amount of time at the ski hill. Buses normally return around 10 PM. We will post arrival updates via Facebook.

Registration & Pricing

Package selection, registration, **and payment** will be done on Nordic Mountain's website. All pricing can be found there as well.

- ★ Go to www.nordicmountain.com.
- ★ Click the 'Buy' button.
- ★ Click 'Group Registration'
- ★ Enter Group Code- **Riverview78**.
- ★ Follow the instructions to make selections and complete any applicable waivers for equipment rental.
- ★ Submit payment online.
- ★ Keep the email confirmation for your records.

To complete registration, please send the following in an envelope marked **ATTN: SKI CLUB** to the River View office by **Friday, December 2nd**:

- Completed Permission slip (attached).

Contact Information

**** PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE WITH ANY SKI CLUB QUESTIONS ****

Please contact your volunteer advisor with any questions or concerns:

Brandon Sanderfoot at vmsskiclub@gmail.com or text/ call (920)540-4161 or

Angie Johnson at 920-740-9160

Like our Facebook page for updates at **River View Middle School Ski/ Snowboard Club!**

See you on the slopes!

***** KEEP THIS PAGE FOR YOUR RECORDS *****

Helpful Hints for First Timers & Old Pros

Equipment

Students are more than welcome to bring their own equipment to the hill. The school has no locked area for storage of equipment and is not responsible for lost or stolen articles, but students who bring their equipment can store it upstairs in gym A. Parents may also drop off any equipment right after school. Please ensure that you have tried on all equipment to ensure it still fits and is safe!

It is highly recommended that all students wear a helmet. Helmets are required when renting equipment and are included in the price. If using your own equipment, helmets are available for rental at the hill.

Lessons

Never been skiing or snowboarding before? Nordic Mountain now offers lessons at NO COST to anyone who's interested! Students interested in lessons should see chaperones or Nordic Mountain personnel at the hill for more direction. Lessons are highly recommended for first-timers. Check out Nordic Mountain's website for more info-Learn to ski/snowboard-Terrain Based Learning-watch the videos!

Food & Drink

Students are more than welcome to pack snacks or a bag lunch as we will be at the hill over the dinner hour. Enjoying food & drink on the bus is a privilege we will be allowed to enjoy as long as students clean up after themselves and keep the bus clean! There are concessions available at the hill as well. The pub menu and pricing is available on Nordic Mountain's website.

What to Wear

Dress in layers! This is a winter sport and we will be skiing even in below zero wind chills. It is much better to be too warm than too cold. Layers will allow you to remove clothing as your body generates heat from exertion. Students will have some time to change and add layers after school. Pay attention to the hands and feet especially- they're the first to get cold!

- Start with a base layer made of synthetic moisture wicking material
- Warm socks made of synthetic material
- Water-Resistant Jacket & Snow/ Ski Bibs or Pants
- Waterproof ski gloves or mittens
- Hat or Helmet- again, helmets are required when renting and absolutely recommended for all!

What to Bring

A small bag packed with some snow sport essentials can guarantee a more enjoyable trip. Here are our recommendations:

- Goggles. They are essential for warmth and visibility- especially when it's really cold.
- A backup pair of gloves in case the first pair gets wet.
- A pair of hand warmers to stick in the gloves or pocket for quick warm ups.
- Lip Balm- multiple trips down the slopes can really do a number on the lips!
- Some cash for a drink or snack while you warm up in the lodge.

Electronics

Electronics are allowed on the bus. Please keep in mind that the bus is not locked while we are at the hill and River View Middle School, Kobussen Busses, and Brandon Sanderfoot are **not** responsible for lost or stolen electronics.

Winter Weather & Cancellations

We try if at all possible to keep the dates scheduled as planned due to the many other commitments students and families have. One make up date is pre-built into the calendar. If a cancellation is necessary, it will most likely be made on the day of the event. Cancellations will be posted on our Facebook page.

Remember, this is a winter sport and it will be cold. It is important that students wear clothes designed to keep them warm and dry. They are also allowed to take warm up breaks at any time. You as the parent make the final decision about whether to keep your child home, but please be aware that no vouchers or refund monies will be issued. As a general rule of thumb, Ski Club MAY BE cancelled if wind chill exceeds -25 degrees, or if weather conditions will make travel hazardous. **If school is cancelled, Ski Club will be cancelled as well.**

Still have questions?

Visit Nordic Mountain's website! They have a fantastic website with lots of helpful tips & info.