



SWC SKI CLUB

2016 SEASON

The SWC ski club is a seven week program which includes lift tickets, lessons, and optional equipment rentals. With heavily discounted rates, the program is an opportunity for students to learn a healthy and exciting sport that can be enjoyed for the rest of their lives. Safety, sportsmanship and proper conduct are stressed, as well as having a good time.

2016 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Students will travel to Holiday Valley Resort in Ellicottville, NY by luxury coach bus, leaving each Thursday at 2:15 pm and returning to Sir Winston Churchill at 11 pm. On Thursday, March 3rd students will enjoy a full day trip to Holiday Valley (HV).

Thursday, January 7 th	2:00-11:00 p.m.	Thursday, January 14 th	2:00-11:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 21 st	2:00-11:00 p.m.	Thursday, February 4 th	2:00-11:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 11 th	2:00-11:00 p.m.	Thursday, February 18 th	2:00-11:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 3 rd 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.			

PLEASE NOTE THAT TRIPS DO NOT OCCUR DURING EXAM WEEK AND ALTHOUGH THE DATES FOR OUR TRIPS ARE SET, THEY ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES.

PROGRAM COST

The seven week program, including lessons costs \$315.64 (you must have your own out of province medical insurance). If you require out-of-province medical insurance, it is offered through the DSBN at a cost of \$18.93 per trip for a total of \$132.51 for insurance + cost of ski program for a total of \$448.15.

Make cheques payable to Sir Winston Churchill Secondary and the memo line should include student name/ski club.

LESSONS

Lessons are included in this program and are intended to progressively develop and perfect the skills of all levels of skiers/snowboarders. They are considered to be an **essential part** of this program throughout the season. Lessons are available at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m at the base of the Mardi Gras chair lift.

All skiers/snowboarders must take a lesson on the first day regardless of ability level.

HELMETS

In adherence with the District School Board of Niagara policy, students "participating in out of school programs, involving skiing or snowboarding, must wear a helmet designed specifically for skiing or snowboarding." Students not in possession of a proper helmet will not be allowed on the bus.

Students found skiing/boarding without a helmet will forfeit the remainder of the season without a refund.

INHERENT RISK

Skiing/Snowboarding/Snowblading is a sport with physical demands and inherent risks which are beyond the control of Holiday Valley, and the District School Board of Niagara. Falls, collisions and other incidents may occur which can result in serious injury or death. Participants **must assume** the inherent risks of the sport. **Following all rules and procedures can reduce the risk of injury.** Failure to follow the rules will result in the student losing their lift ticket and future resort privileges. **Parents and participants must sign appendix #1 NOTE TO PARENT AND STUDENTS** indemnifying the DSBN, chaperones, and Holiday Valley from injuries sustained while on SWC ski club trips.

ALPINE SKIERS' RESPONSIBILITY CODE

The National Ski Association and the state of New York have produced a Responsibility Code (**see appendix #2**) which Holiday Valley, and the District School Board of Niagara require you to know and obey.

Holiday Valley may revoke a ski ticket for violation of the code or other unacceptable conduct.

ALWAYS SKI WITH A BUDDY OR IN A GROUP. It's safer!

EMERGENCIES

In case of injury, National Ski Patrollers are on duty at the Holiday Valley site. Our school advisor, Mr. Witterick, will attempt to contact parents in cases requiring hospitalization, removal by ambulance (possibly air ambulance) or for a situation where the skier may be more comfortable if picked up by parents from Holiday Valley or in a situation where a student may need medical care upon arrival in Canada. We will make sure your skier is taken care of and comforted. Our school advisor carries a cell phone to stay in touch and respond to emergencies or other skier needs.

If a parent needs to contact a skier or chaperone while we are skiing, call Holiday Valley at 503-337-2222 and tell them you either need to leave a message or have a chaperone call you. Be sure to mention your skier's school and chaperone name. They will page us and post it on a message board that is checked regularly.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

The main part of your registration will be done online. Required personal information, parental information, emergency contacts, passport/nexus number, out-of-country medical insurance (company name, policy, phone #) etc. will be submitted online. Please find the Ski Club link on the Sir Winston website, outlined below. Click on **ONLINE REGISTRATION to sign up. This must be completed before we will accept your Trip Consent and Holiday Valley Ultimate Pass forms with your Payment.**

Sir Winston Website: www.sirwinston.ca – Extra Curriculars and click on Ski Club

Filling in the online form does not mean your spot in the club is reserved. Your spot is only reserved when all the forms and payment are submitted.

COMPLETING THE REGISTRATION PROCESS

Seats are sold on a first come first serve basis. If we have enough skiers to **entirely** fill an additional bus, we will have room to register up to 52 more skiers. An announcement will be made if there is still room on the busses, with details about sign up location and time. If you wish to join the club (if there is space) after November 1st, there is a \$10 additional fee imposed by HV.

PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP

Everyone must have a current passport or Nexus card in order to travel to the US. A foreign national or alien entering the U.S. is generally required to present a passport and valid visa issued by a U.S. Consular Official, unless they are a citizen of a country eligible for the Visa Waiver Program, or a citizen of Canada (in other words, Canadians and Americans need a passport. Everyone else needs a passport and a VISA unless you are a citizen of a country eligible for a Visa waiver.) Please check https://help.cbp.gov/app/answers/detail/a_id/572 for more information if this applies to you. If you don't have the required identification when you sign up for the club, don't wait until the last minute in January to apply for a passport. Students without proper identification won't be allowed on the bus! Once again this year we will pre-register our buses with the Canadian and US border patrol to speed up our processing at the border. A portion of the online registration requires students to fill in their passport number.

INSURANCE

Because we are in the US, **out-of province emergency health care insurance is mandatory**, either through your personal insurance provider or at a fee through DSBN. All students must have proof of insurance to be allowed to join Ski Club.

REFUNDS

You can get a full refund, before November 1st for any reason and before December 1st if you can find another student to take your place. Prorated refunds, less a \$25 processing fee, will only be given after December 1st for medical reasons. A letter from a doctor is required for verification as well as a letter requesting refund. Requests in writing for ski pass refunds must be made to Holiday Valley Resort, attn: Kristen, PO Box 370, Ellicottville, NY 14731 or emailed to Kristen--ksciara@holidayvalley.com.

No refunds will be given to any student removed from the club for disciplinary reasons.
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UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

In accordance with the DSBN and the Safe Schools Policy, the use of drugs or tobacco products, and the consumption of alcoholic beverage is forbidden. Students breaking this rule will not be allowed to return on the ski bus. Parents will be contacted and requested to retrieve their son or daughter. No refund will be given to students who are suspended from the program. Drug dogs or other inspections are conducted on occasion at the border crossing. Substance violations could lead to criminal charges in addition to School and DSBN consequences.

DEPARTURE from SWC

Students will be let out of period four class at 2:05 p.m. AFTER ATTENDANCE HAS BEEN TAKEN. They are to retrieve their equipment and proceed to the bus immediately. We cannot wait for late skiers who have forgotten items such as a passport or equipment.

All skiers are expected to ride to Holiday Valley on the bus. Those wishing to make their own way to HV are not considered to be part of the SWC Ski Club that day and a pass will not be provided to the skier in that case.

RETURN INFORMATION

Our return trip leaves Holiday Valley at 9:30 PM. Riders must be at the bus no later than 9:15 PM to check in and load gear. If a rider fails to board the bus for the return trip by 9:15 PM, they will not be allowed to ski the following week. If this occurs because of rider negligence more than once, the rider will be removed from the club without refund.

All skiers who ride with us to Holiday Valley are expected to ride back on the bus. If a parent wishes that their child return by some other means, the parent must contact Mr Witterick prior to the trip. This can be done by phone ahead of time to SWC at 905-684-6349, but must be documented prior to the trip by a note from the parent. If a parent fails to notify the club and picks up their skier, the skier will be on probationary status and will be dropped from the club for any additional "no-shows" upon departure from HV.

PICK UP INFORMATION FOR PARENTS:

We will return to SWC by 11:00 to 11:15 PM under normal circumstances. Parents are expected to be at SWC before 11:00 PM to pick up their child. Chaperones cannot leave until all skiers have been picked up. We cannot control or predict weather or traffic conditions that might delay our arrival in St. Catharines. In the event of a major delay, we will attempt to contact someone who will come to SWC and inform waiting parents. Unless otherwise notified by their child while we are in transit from HV, ***parents are to assume we are on time.*** Parents late for pick up should be aware that their child will be placed on probation and lose the privilege of being a member of ski club if the situations recurs.

EQUIPMENT

Skis and poles/snowboards should be enclosed in an appropriate bag to facilitate loading and unloading as well as to protect ski and board cosmetics. Please label your equipment—helmet, skis, boots, clothing, boards **and** place a luggage tag on boot and ski bags. Parents and skiers should be aware that ski/snowboard equipment will be stored in the lower cafeteria in a locked room with limited access to Ski Club members. Please DO NOT leave Passports, Money or valuables in your ski equipment bags. We will attempt to minimize access to this area.

EQUIPMENT RENTAL

The most economical option is to rent for the entire season. Ski Pro Shop at 278 Geneva St. in St. Catharines rents ski and snowboard equipment. Phone: 905-934-2682. Holiday Valley also rents equipment for the season. See Mr. Witterick for forms if you would like to rent from HV.

LOST/STOLEN EQUIPMENT

Parents must accept responsibility for equipment that is lost or damaged. It is recommended to purchase and use a lock on all unattended ski/board equipment while at HV. Small lockers are available at HV for 50 cents to store personal items while at the resort. Holiday Valley or SWC is not responsible for unattended items stolen from the lodge. It is best that students leave valuable items especially iPods, cell phones and passports on the bus.

NOTE: The main lodge has been rebuilt and HV does not want students leaving their belongings all over the place. It is also not a public change room. Please do not change in the public areas and do not leave your belongings in the main chalet stuffed under a chair, as belongings are subject to theft. HV will remove your items and you will have to retrieve them from guest services **for a fee**. Chaperones will not be available to help you find your belongings.

STUDENT SEASON PASS

Students who have a family seasons pass or purchase this pass through us will receive a refund for the ski pass portion of the club dues. See Mr. Witterick for further details please.

Thank you for reading and following these guidelines.

WHAT TIME DO WE GET OUT OF CLASS?

The buses will be here by 1:45. All participants must go to period 4 for attendance and be dismissed at 2:05 to board the buses.

WHAT TIME DO WE GET HOME?

We usually get home by 11 pm. You should call your parents to confirm our arrival time when we cross the border.

WHAT TIME DO WE LEAVE HV?

We leave before 9:30 p.m. All skiers must be on the bus by 9:15—no exceptions. If you are late returning to the bus, you won't join us the following week.

I'VE CHANGED MY MIND. CAN I GET A REFUND?

You can get a refund before November 1st for any reason and before December 1st if you can find another student to take your place. Refunds will not be given after December 1st for any reason other than medical.

I DON'T OWN EQUIPMENT BUT I'D LIKE TO LEARN TO SKI OR BOARD; CAN I RENT EQUIPMENT TO CHECK IT OUT BEFORE COMMITTING TO BUYING?

We strongly suggest that beginner boarders or skiers rent equipment before buying. Renting for the whole season is the more economical rather than renting by the week. Ski Pro Shop on Geneva St. rents equipment for the entire season as does Holiday Valley.

CAN I SIT WITH MY FRIENDS ON THE BUS?

Of course you can sit with your friends. When you sign up online you will be asked to put down a first and second choice of who you'd like to be on the bus with. Members of the same family will always be on a bus together.

DO I NEED U.S. MONEY?

Only if you choose to eat at the ski resort.

CAN I EAT ON THE BUS?

You can eat on the bus, just clean up afterwards. If your bus chaperone finds garbage left behind at the end of the night, your bus could lose this privilege.

I WANT TO DRIVE TO ELLICOTTVILLE WITH SOME FRIENDS. CAN I HAVE MY PASS PLEASE?

All ski club members must travel to and from Holiday Valley on the bus provided. Ski club members are not to travel to Holiday Valley on ski club days on their own. Our insurance only covers students who travel to and from HV with us. No exceptions will be made.

OOOPS...I LOST MY PASS. CAN I HAVE ANOTHER?

Sure you can. Just go to guest services and they will charge you \$20 US for a new one.

WHAT DO I DO WITH MY EQUIPMENT UNTIL PERIOD 4? IT DOESN'T FIT IN MY LOCKER!

Bring it to school and store it in the lower cafeteria in the locked room. DO NOT leave your passport, money or other valuables with your equipment.

Student/parent checklist for a complete application

In order to secure a position with the club, all of the following forms and items are required. Should an application package be missing any of the items listed below, a delay in processing the application will occur and might result in the loss of a spot in the club because space is limited.

Please ensure that you have included:

- ☐ Cheque for the full amount. Make cheques payable to Sir Winston Churchill Secondary and the memo line should include student name/ski club

\$315.64 total if you have your own insurance (must provide company name, policy # and phone #)

\$448.15 total if you require DSBN insurance (insurance cost \$18.93 x 7 trips = \$132.51)

- ☐ Signed (**by parent and student**) Note to parents and students – Appendix #1

- ☐ Signed (**by student**) NYS Article 18 Safety In Skiing Code – Appendix #2

- ☐ Signed (**by parent and student**) DSBN trip consent form – Appendix #3

- ☐ Signed (**by parent and student**) Holiday Valley registration form.

- ☐ Online pre-registration, this must be done in advance before your payment is accepted.

- ☐ Be sure your Out-of-Province Insurance information is recorded on the application (company name, policy # and phone# to report emergency). If this information is missing from your form, the form will not be accepted and will delay your reservation in the ski club.

Departure Times and Dates

Please keep this page at home for reference or emergencies

<p>Ski Club Dismissal</p> <p>2:05 (after period 4 attendance has been taken)</p> <p>Bus Departs (from SWC) 2:15</p>	<p>Bus Returns</p> <p>9:15 p.m. all skiers must be back on the bus at HV</p> <p>11:00 return to SWC*</p> <p>*parents must be at SWC promptly by 11p.m for pickup. Please don't be late because students cannot be left unsupervised. Please assume the buses are on time unless told otherwise.</p>
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Thursdays	Week 1 – Thursday, January 7 th	 <p>Route 219 P O Box 370 Ellicottville, NY 14731-0370</p> <p>Phone: 716.699.2345 Fax: 716.699.5204</p>
	Week 2 – Thursday, January 14 th	
	Week 3 – Thursday, January 21 st	
	Week 4 – Thursday, February 4 th	
	Week 5 – Thursday, February 11 th	
	Week 6 – Thursday, February 18 th	
	Week 7 – Thursday, March 3 rd ALL DAY – 7:30 am – 6:00 pm	