

We welcome you to join Ayer Shirley Regional Middle & High School beginning Thursday, January 4, 2024, for 6 weeks of skiing or snowboarding at Mt. Wachusett, in Princeton, MA. A healthy way to enjoy our New England winters.

There is NO BUSING this year! Parents may either drop off and pick up OR join the ski club! Our start time is 3:15pm and ending time is 7:30pm.

Dates planned this year are as follows: January 4, 11, 18, 25, and February 1 and 8, 2024. In case of inclement weather, and it is necessary to cancel, we will add another trip to the mountain.

Again this year to register the Student Program is offered **Online Only**. Parents can start ordering program services now! The price is only locked for a few more days so register now to avoid price increases

Follow the directions below:

Step ONE: Go to <https://www.wachusett.com/Tickets-Passes/Groups/School-Groups.aspx>

Step TWO: Enter Program Code: **AYSCH** - Parents enter this Code to access the order form.

Step THREE: Use the order form to select which badge you want, rentals, and lessons.

- Student Season Pass Bronze **\$379.00**
- 6WK Lift Badge THU **\$179.00**
- "First come, first serve" policy is observed.
- If the numbers get too high, I will need to cut it off.

Students are responsible for their own actions and safety during the program. School rules prevail. Students should know they will be responsible for getting organized, carrying their own gear, getting suited up, and following chaperone check-in expectations. You must have health insurance in the event of a mishap. A faculty member will check participants at the mountain, but will not always be able to ski/board with them. Faculty members and volunteer chaperones will be skiing/boarding, however, they will not be with your child at all times, and therefore the buddy system is enforced/expected.

Everyone must check-in and check out with me (Mrs. Gibbons) upon arrival, once at 5:45pm and when departing. This includes parents who are participating. Our time ends at 7:30pm.

Chaperons, YES, I would love to have a parent or three to come along to either ski, board, or float around the ski area as a contact person for the students. If a parent can sign up for one Thursday, that is one more day of help for the program. There is a discounted fee for your lift ticket as well as equipment rentals.

What to Expect:

Chaperones Teachers and parents are welcome to ski/board with us, as well as help out at the base each Thursday. They will stay in a familiar spot in the lodge where students can check in with us.

Rentals Students renting equipment will be directed to the ski rental building which is located adjacent to the lodge, and the snowboard rentals which are in the white dome building. All rental equipment must be returned to the rental shop at the end of each session. Allow yourself enough time to return your equipment and make it to the checkout by 7:15 pm.

Helmets All students are encouraged to wear a protective skier/boarder helmet each week.

Lessons Beginners should not go on any lift or slope without having lessons first.

On the first day, you will receive the time of your lesson and it will be at the same time each Thursday. **Do not attempt to ski or board on any trails above your ability.**

Storage Lockers are available for rent and are located throughout the lodge. **Skis, poles, and boards are NOT ALLOWED IN THE LODGE.** Bring your own lock or use the ski/board watch.

Food Plan to bring something to eat and drink (bag supper/snack) or choose to eat from their cafeteria-style food area.

Behavior This is a very important area. Students are expected to be on their best behavior at all times in school and on the mountain. We represent Ayer Shirley Middle/High School. Students are required to ski/board with a partner. Parents and guardians, you need to know that chaperones will be skiing, however, there will not be a chaperone skiing with every student.

During school, you cannot receive 1 in-house or 2 after-school detentions in the program's 6 weeks or you will be dismissed with **no refund**. I am confident I will not have to be confronted with any of these issues. However, you must know upfront what is expected, and the possible consequences. If you are caught breaking any protocols at any time, you will be dismissed from the club. Mt. Wachusett has its own rules and I quote " **any student found drinking, stealing, in the possession of a controlled substance, using vulgarities, skiing/boarding/riding in a reckless manner, or anything that in the management's opinion is considered disruptive, dangerous, or illegal will be dismissed from the program without a refund.**"

Inclement Weather If there is no school, we cancel. If the weather is not good during the course of the day, I may cancel, I would send an email to communicate or call the school office.

Departure from the mountain will be at 7:30 p.m. Parents, please be in the school parking lot no later than 7:30 pm. to take your child home. They are welcome to stay longer if you or another adult is with them at the mountain.

Should you have any questions please contact Sarah Gibbons, email (preferred) at sgibbons@asrsd.org, or 978-772-8600 X1484.

Have a nice weekend.