Informational Packet for

Elementary Intramural Skiing and Snowboarding

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For a full description and registration,

Please join our Informational Meeting

For Elementary Intramural Ski and Snowboarding

For Interested Parents and Students in 4th & 5th Grade

Meeting Date is Tuesday, November 29th, 2022

6:30 PM

Mt. Nittany Middle School Cafeteria

Representatives from Tussey Mountain and the SCASD Elementary Intramural Program will explain the program and answer any questions that you may have. Passes may be purchased at this meeting. Please review the information in this packet prior to the meeting.

1. Program Overview and Dates

Intramural Ski & Snowboard Program for the winter of 2022-2023

The State College Area School District Elementary Intramural Program will be offering skiing and snowboarding at the Tussey Mountain Ski Area for children in fourth and fifth grade. The Intramural Ski & Snowboard Program takes place Monday and Tuesday afternoons, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for FIVE weeks. There will be lessons for skiers of all abilities from beginner to expert. Each program consists of lift tickets, lessons, and if needed, rental equipment.

The Ski Program will begin in mid-January. Weather permitting, the school district will organize **FIVE** total sessions per school. The scheduled days for each school are:

Mondays: Easterly Parkway, Ferguson, Radio Park, and Spring Creek

Dates: 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, and 2/20 (FYI - 1/16 and 2/27 are both NO school/in service days)

Tuesdays: Corl Street, Gray's Woods, Mount Nittany, and Park Forest

Dates: 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, and 2/14

2. Information from Tussey Mountain

- The school intramural ski program is sold in 4, 5 or 6 week packages.
- Families can create their packages to include any combination of the following: lift tickets, lessons, or equipment rentals.
- Tussey Mountain provides each child with a laminated badge that displays his/her package choice. You must bring the laminated badge each week, displayed in the pass holder, in order to receive a lift ticket for skiing. School badges are non-transferable and non-refundable. They are only for the student whose name is on the badge and cannot be traded among siblings or friends.
- Each child will receive his/her own package that will include everything that they need for the program. Once accepted, inspect your package to make sure you received everything you ordered. It is imperative to not misplace or lose these items. **Lost Badges will not be replaced! A $5.00 replacement fee will be charged for each week they do not have the badge.** Any discovered problems, questions or concerns can be directed to the Tussey Mountain Ticket Office at (814) 466-6266.
- Unused lift tickets and rentals are good for the remainder of the 2022-2023 ski season, during specified times. They can be used during the time and day stated on the purchased badge until March 3rd. Beginning March 3rd, any unused lessons are forfeited, so we recommend that children attend all of the lessons purchased.
- We highly urge beginners to attend the first available lessons, which will help ensure that they get the most out of the program. The first week's lessons are focused ONLY for beginners.
- Unused badges can be used for a three hour corresponding ticket during the opening of the 2023-2024 ski season through and including December 31, 2023- weather permitting.
- Parents and siblings of students in second grade and up are offered school rates as well.
- If you do not want to commit to a package, children may pay by the week on the day that their school comes.

3. Frequently Asked Questions

Cancellations: All Intramurals are canceled when school is canceled or late buses are canceled. Skiing will be canceled on days when school is dismissed early. Decisions will be made by 1:00 p.m. and announced to each school.

Make-Up Sessions: It is sometimes necessary to schedule a make-up day at the end of the season because of weather conditions. Wednesday is sometimes used as a make-up day BUT we prefer to tack on extra days at the end of the scheduled season. We will keep you posted prior to a make-up day.

Meal Plan: Your child may bring a bag lunch or use the cafeteria to purchase a meal. A Meal Plan is available. The details are on the price schedule in this packet. Tussey now uses reloadable meal cards.

Clothing: Warm, comfortable clothing is recommended for our trips to Tussey Mountain Ski Area. For additional suggestions please read “How To Dress Kids For The Slopes” found in this packet.

Storage of Personal Belongings: Tussey Mountain is not responsible for any lost or stolen items. Seasonal lockers may be purchased through the ticket office. Locker renters must supply their own lock. Please alert your children to the possibility of things being stolen if they are left unattended.

Low Temperatures: Children must understand the need to go into the buildings (cafeteria or locker room) periodically when temperatures are low. We remind our children of this on each trip. It is also important to always travel the slopes with a buddy for safety. Parents always have the last say in allowing their child to participate when the temperatures are very cold.

Discipline: The Intramural Program in the State College Area School District requires children to behave in an appropriate manner to insure a positive and safe experience for all children. If your child’s behavior becomes a problem, your building coordinator will notify you. A second offense will result in the child being denied participation in our program. Children removed from the program may use the remainder of their tickets, but you must provide transportation and supervision. If your child has been suspended from school or transportation services your child may not participate in intramurals or be bussed to any intramural event.

Transportation: Busing will be provided from your child’s school to the resort, but parents must provide their child’s transportation home. Only fourth and fifth grade children are allowed to ride the bus. We can’t transport younger siblings to the ski resort. However, we can transport fourth and fifth graders with season passes for skiing.

Pickup: PARENTS AND CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE A DEFINITE TIME AND PLACE TO MEET FOR DISMISSAL AT THE SKI SLOPE. We will post locations around the lodge for schools to store backpacks and meet parents. If you need to page your child, you may do so by going to the ticket office. Children may stay until their lift ticket expires (7:00 p.m.). Chaperone responsibilities will end at 7:15 p.m., although a school district representative will stay on call until 7:30 p.m. in case of an emergency. **Please be prompt.**

4. Safety and Clothing Tips

A Good Guide To Safety and Fun on the Slopes

The following reminders are important to your safety and fun on the ski slopes:

1. Be under control and in such a manner that you can stop or avoid other skiers or objects. High speed in any endeavor can result in injury. Do not travel at excessive speed, especially on the edge of the trail where there is little room for mistakes.
2. When moving downhill or overtaking another person, you must avoid the person below.
3. Do not stop where you obstruct a trail or where you are not visible from above.
4. When entering a trail or starting downhill, yield to other people.
5. Everyone should use devices to prevent runaway equipment.
6. Stay off closed trails or posted areas and observe all posted signs.
7. For your safety and the safety of others, be familiar with the common courtesies and basic guidelines for riding the ski lifts. Obey all posted instructions.
8. Match your ability to the trail you use. Do not try to come straight off the top of the mountain until you have had proper instructions and can control your equipment.
9. Cutting in on the lift lines is highly unfair. Chaperones will send the offender to the end of the line. If a child wishes to be with a friend, the one in front should go back.
10. **Always place your boards, skis and poles in the racks before going into the lodge.**
11. **Please place your litter in the proper receptacles. Clean up after yourself.**
12. Rental equipment should always be returned to the rental shop and your name checked off the list. This is one way we can tell if you are still out on the slopes.
13. Expect the unexpected! Weather and slope conditions may change quickly. Use care through snowmaking areas and stay away from all snow vehicles.
14. Be in good physical condition, loosen up your muscles before attacking a big slope--and dress appropriately.
15. Beginners should take lessons to get off on the right foot. Veteran skiers and snowboarders should consider lessons periodically to maintain and improve their skills.

Save this information to remind yourself to be responsible, respectful, and safe.

How To Dress Children For The Slopes

As with any other new experience, a child's first encounter with these winter sports is the most important one and should be as pleasant an experience as possible. One of the most important ways--and one of the simplest--is to make sure that your child is dressed properly and warmly.

HAT/HELMET: Hats are fine to add warmth, but HELMETS are required. Ski helmets are as warm as a hat, give added protection to your skier and can be rented for FREE from the ski area. Please wear a helmet to stay safe during intramurals.

NECK WEAR: A neck warmer (tubular and pulled down over head before putting on ski jacket) will keep the snow and winter from going down inside your skier's coat. This is great for cold, blustery days and especially good to have when it is snowing.

UNDERWEAR: A set of thermal underwear will add immeasurably to your child's comfort in very cold weather. This should include both a top and bottom. They come in all different types of fibers and materials (fleece, Under Armour, and polypropylene, for example).

SWEATERS/FLEECE: Over the thermal underwear, depending on how cold it is, a child can wear a shirt, turtleneck, fleece, sweatshirt, etc. Layering is the key to staying warm. Many thinner layers are better than one thick heavy sweater, jacket or sweatshirt. As the skier gets warmer, layers can be taken off or added if need be.

PANTS: Ski pants/bibs that are water resistant are a must for your child's first attempt at skiing. One of the most uncomfortable feelings associated with learning to ski is having your pants turn wet and cold from falling in the snow.

JACKET: A winter jacket that is water resistant is very important. As mentioned above, several lightweight layers are better than a heavy jacket. Keeping warm and dry will make all your ski days more enjoyable.

GLOVES: One definite item needed for your child's comfort is a pair of gloves/ mittens that repel water. The type that have pull cinches around the wrist or forearm are good for keeping snow out and do not have to be tucked into the cuffs of jackets to keep the snow out.

SOCKS: Kids should have "dry" wool ski socks to put on before putting on their ski boots. Socks that have been worn all day in school should be changed for ski socks. Wool ski socks are thinner than regular wool socks and are well worth purchasing.

Don't forget to check that you have everything before leaving!

Remember:

- The State College Area School District is providing a service by offering a group rate to your children. However, the School District CANNOT assume any responsibility for the inappropriate behavior of your child or other patrons on the ski slopes.
- We realize that skiing is a high-risk sport and want to stress the need for compliance with safety rules, including wearing helmets on the slopes. Please review “A Good Skier’s Guide To Safety and Fun on the Slopes” with your child to remind them of their responsibilities. The National Ski Patrol personnel are constantly checking the slopes for problems and to assist our children. They are highly trained professionals.
- In the event of an injury, the Ski Patrol will notify you immediately.
- Our chaperones will be wearing bright green armbands. Children should know that ANYTIME they have a problem, need help or information--ASK A CHAPERONE.
- Your child will learn the correct skills of this sport in their lessons. The ski instructors will provide your child with the necessary information to ski in a safe and proper manner. All children in this program can benefit from lessons. The only exception will be for season pass holders who choose to participate. If children believe they are not placed at the appropriate level for instruction, they should alert the instructor and the ski school will properly place them.

5. Contacts

Elementary Intramural Coordinators

School	Coordinator	School Phone
Corl Street:	Jill Ross	231-1185
Easterly Parkway:	Park / Neely	231-1170
Ferguson Township:	Deborah Ritter	231-4119
Gray’s Woods:	Matt Petersen	235-6100
Spring Creek:	Darlington / Fritz	231-5026
Mount Nittany:	Andrea Snyder	272-5970
Park Forest:	Cody / Vonada	231-5010
Radio Park:	McKenna / Vonada	231-4115

Elementary IM Coordinator:	Dustin Brackbill	ddb14@scasd.org
Ski Program On-site Coordinator:	Robin Burman	rrb11@scasd.org

If you need to contact us at the slope--call 466-6266 and ask to have us paged.

6. Lesson Levels

Lessons are broken up by color. The first week of the IM program, Jan 17th (Tue) & Jan 23rd (Mon), lessons are for never-ever skiers and snowboarders and for those still learning on the beginner slope (Red/Orange Levels). These lessons are 1 hour and 30 minutes long.

Starting week 2, all lessons are 1 hour long, regardless of the level. Lessons for all color levels will start the week two, Jan 24th (Tues) & Jan 30th (Mon). Lesson times are typically 4:30pm and 5:45pm, but vary by day. Check with your advisor on lesson times.

Students should remain in a level (at the same color) until they have demonstrated an ability to complete the skills at that level. **Students may need to take several lessons at the same level, before moving to the next level.**

	Color	Terrain	Description of Student's Abilities / Lesson Focus
	Red	Little Bear	It's your first time skiing or riding. You're learning the basics, like how to stop and turn.
	Orange	Little Bear	Not your first time, but you're still getting comfortable with stopping, and you are working on turning more confidently
	Yellow	Little Bear	You are able to link turns, and to navigate beginner terrain in a controlled and safe manner.
	Green	Deer Run	You're getting comfortable with faster speeds, and are linking turns with varied sizes and shapes. Skis are starting to match at the end of turns.
	Blue	Deer Run, Utah via Chicken Ridge	You can confidently ski or ride Deer Run, and are ready to try blue terrain. You can make short fast turns, and your skis are mostly parallel. Snowboarders are starting to explore riding switch.
	Purple	Utah, possibly Tuscarora	You ski or ride the whole mountain comfortably and are working on advanced techniques, such as carving.

Additional Lessons: Individual Lessons are available for $25 each.

7. Forms to Register

PROGRAM: The State College Elementary Intramural Ski Program takes place Monday and Tuesday afternoons, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for FIVE weeks. Each program consists of lift tickets, lessons, and if needed, rental equipment. There will be lessons for all ability participants from beginner (@4:30) to expert (@5:45).

MONDAYS: Easterly Parkway, Ferguson, Radio Park, and Spring Creek
TUESDAYS: Corl Street, Gray's Woods, Mount Nittany, and Park Forest

COST: The cost of the skiing program is as follows:

Session Options:	Cost BEFORE DEC 1 (3 hour package)	Cost AFTER DEC 1 (3 hour package)
4 Week Packages		
Lift Tickets	$105	$125
Lift & Lesson	$185	$205
Lift & Rental	$225	$245
Lift & Lesson & Rental	$305	$325
5 Week Packages		
Lift Tickets	$130	$150
Lift & Lesson	$230	$250
Lift & Rental	$280	$300
Lift & Lesson & Rental	$380	$400
6 Week Packages		
Lift Tickets	$155	$175
Lift & Lesson	$265	$285
Lift & Rental	$325	$345
Lift & Lesson & Rental	$435	$455

*Financial aid may be available; please reach out to your school coordinator.

Additional Cost Options:

Reloadable MEAL CARDS The meal cards are reloadable at any of the checkouts inside the Lodge. They are not refundable or transferable. Our system will have a number associated with each card so, **please keep a record of this number for yourself in case the card is lost or stolen.**	SUGGESTED START TO MEAL CARD WOULD BE ABOUT $50, or $10 / week. More can be added through the season. Meal Cards are NOT the same as Tussey Mountain Gift Cards and can only be used in the LODGE for food and drinks during the winter season.
PAY BY THE WEEK: You may come on your school night and ski at a discounted rate. **Pay by the week must be purchased with a CREDIT CARD or CASH only.**	LIFT ONLY = $35.00 LIFT & LESSON = $60.00 LIFT & RENTAL = $75.00 LIFT, LESSON & RENTAL = $100.00

Final Reminders:

- ★ The above packages are only available on the nights the schools come.
- ★ If all the pre-purchased passes are used up, then regular prices will apply.
- ★ Elementary Schools will only be making FIVE trips.
- ★ Intramural packages will be available for purchase until the week of January 9, 2023. After that, children wishing to come may purchase lift, lesson, and rental packages by the week.
- ★ Please make checks payable to: Tussey Mountain.
- ★ The Elementary Building Coordinators DO NOT handle payments.
- ★ Please make sure the attached Tussey Mountain form on page 9 is completed and returned to Tussey Mountain with your payment PRIOR to the start of skiing.

WHITE FORM:

- Return to Tussey for the Ticket Package.
- Our elementary teachers and building coordinators DO NOT HANDLE PAYMENTS for skiing/snowboarding.
- Pay online at tusseymountain.com or deliver your check to:

Tussey Mountain
PO Box 885
Boalsburg, PA 16827

QUESTIONS: Please contact Amy Sten - Tussey IM Coordinator (tusseymountain.supervisor@gmail.com) at Tussey Mt. (814) 466-6266.

BLUE FORM:

- * Return to School for Permission to attend and ride the bus.
- * **Fill Out Top AND Bottom Please!**

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS SEASON A SUCCESS!!



See attachments for white Tussey form & blue SCASD Permission form