

MIDDLE SCHOOL SKI AND SNOWBOARD TRIP

February 3, 2015

Dear Students and Parents:

On Friday February 27, 2015 (with a Rain Date of March 6th), all students at the Wheatland-Chili Middle School are invited to participate in an all-day field trip to Swain Winter Resort. Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 will have the opportunity to learn to ski or snowboard with their peers and their teachers.

The trip to Swain is an annual event at the Middle School, with over 120 students participating last year. This year, our goal is to have 100% student attendance. Financial assistance is available for those who cannot afford to attend.

Students will arrive at school at the normal time on February 27th. Students will be dismissed (by class) after announcements and first set attendance to the auditorium to receive their tickets and rental information. A district van will be provided for transporting equipment belonging to students with their own skis or snowboards.

Students will arrive at Swain around 9:00 AM. Students will be guided through the rental process and placed into lessons (based on ability) once they have received their equipment. After a one-hour lesson (provided by professional instructors), students will be free to ski or snowboard for the remainder of the day with their peers. The lodge will be accessible to students at all points throughout the day for lunch or for relaxation, with teacher supervision provided for the entire day in the lodge.

Students are expected to return to the lodge no later than 4:40 PM. We will then take a group photograph and board the busses to return to Wheatland. Please plan to pick up your child at 6:00 PM from the Middle School (please do not park in the "Busses Only" loop at the school).


The cost for the trip this year is \$40/student, the same as the past few years. This includes lift tickets, rentals, lessons, and transportation. Please make checks payable to "Wheatland-Chili Extraclass Account." Students may submit their payment and permission slips to the teachers indicated on the forms. If you would like your child to attend the trip but are unable to pay the fee, please call the Middle School Office as options for your child to attend will be available.


Although they may not be snow in your back yard on February 27th, there will be plenty of snow at Swain. Swain is traditionally open until April with a stockpile of manmade snow, and despite the slow start to winter, this year is shaping up to be the same.

Over the past several years, this trip has helped students to build confidence, skills, and new friendships. The entire day has been extremely positive for all students and staff involved!

If you have any questions about the trip, please contact Mr. Melville at by e-mail at scott_melville@wheatland.k12.ny.us or contact the office at 889-6235. If you need financial assistance, please contact the office so that they can assist in making arrangements for your student.

Thank you and think snow!

Sincerely,

Mr. Brad Zilliox
MS Principal


Mr. Scott Melville
MS Ski Club Advisor

* PAYMENT AND PERMISSION SLIPS DUE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 24th at 2:30 PM*

What to wear to school the day of the trip:	What to bring with you (in a bag):
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Warm socks• Sneakers or boots• A sweater or sweatshirt over another layer or two of shirts• Warm pants• Long Underwear or Under Armor (if you have it)• Winter Jacket• A watch	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extra pair of socks• Gloves and a Hat• Snowpants (if you have them – of not wear pajama pants over your jeans)• Money or a Lunch – Food can be expensive, so bring around \$10 for lunch, a lunch from home, or indicate on the slip if you need a school lunch provided for you• Goggles, neck warmer, scarf, extra sweatshirt (if you have these things)

Can't decide whether to ski or snowboard?

Although snowboarding is increasingly popular, most students so find skiing more fun the first day. The first day of snowboarding can be very challenging for beginners. Please consider both options before choosing which to participate in...talk to friends and adults to decide which you would prefer to try!

Please fill out for all students



Medical Authorization & Emergency Contact (for minors under age 18)

Club Name _____ Advisor _____

This authorizes a licensed physician, surgeon, or other recognized hospital staff member to carry out emergency medical care deemed necessary for my child/ward in an emergency when normal permission is unavailable.

Parent Signature _____ Relationship _____
Print Name _____ Date _____

Student Name _____ DOB _____
Address _____ City _____
St _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____ Cell _____
Insurance Carrier _____ Policy# _____
Allergies/Medical Conditions _____
Medications _____
Immunizations up to date? Yes No Date of last tetanus shot _____ Blood Type _____
Additional emergency contact: Name/Number _____

Terms & Conditions

WARNING TO SKIERS: Downhill skiing, like many other sports, contains inherent risks including, but not limited to the risk of personal injury, including catastrophic injury, or death, or property damage, which may be caused by variations in terrain or weather conditions; or, surface or subsurface snow, ice, bare spots or areas of thin cover, moguls, ruts, bumps, or other persons using the facilities; or rocks, forest growth, debris, branches, trees, roots, stumps; or other natural objects or manmade objects that are incidental to the provision or maintenance of a ski facility in New York State. New York law imposes a duty on you to become apprised of and understand the risks inherent in the sport of skiing, which are set forth above, so that you make an informed decision of whether to participate in skiing notwithstanding the risks. New York also imposes additional duties upon you, to which you must adhere, for the purpose of avoiding injury caused by any of the risks inherent in skiing. If you are not willing to assume all of these risks and abide by these duties, you must not participate in skiing at this area. *Swain has the right under Article 18 of the New York State Obligations Law to remove from the ski area and/or deny skiing privileges to anyone whose conduct, excesses or attitudes, as determined by Management or Patrol create a nuisance for themselves or others. In such cases, no refunds shall be issued.*

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY CODE:

- Always stay in control, and be able to stop or avoid other people or objects.
- People ahead of you have the right of way. It's your responsibility to avoid them.
- You must not stop where you obstruct a trail, or are not visible from above.
- Whenever starting downhill or merging into a trail, look uphill and yield to others.
- Always use devices to prevent runaway equipment.
- Observe all posted signs and warnings. Keep off closed trail and out of closed area.
- LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP. EASY STYLE IT. RESPECT GETS RESPECT. BE AWARE...SKI WITH CARE.

REFUND POLICY: Student coupon booklets are not refundable if lost or stolen. In the case of injury that occurs on or before January 31, 2015, the injured student's leftover lift ticket coupons may be forwarded to the 2015-16 ski season. A signed letter from the acting physician stating the student's inability to participate in snowsports must be presented to Swain in order for the coupon transfer to occur. For injuries that occur on or after February 1, 2015, that cause the student the inability to use the lift ticket coupons, no coupon transfers will be issued.

The signature below certifies that all pass holders listed have read and understand the, Terms & Conditions, Warning to Skiers, Your Responsibility Code, and Refund Policy and agree to abide by them. Parents are responsible for minors

Authorized Signature _____ Date _____



Only fill out if renting!
Student Rental Form 2014-15

Helmet Policy: Anyone under the age of 18 who is renting a snowboard is REQUIRED to wear a helmet.

Equipment (please circle): **SKIS** **SNOWBOARD** **HELMET ONLY**

School or Club Name: _____

Member Name: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Age: _____ Height: _____ FT. _____ IN. Weight: _____ Shoe Size: _____

Ability: Circle One- **Type I** **Type II** **Type III**

Type I: Ski or Snowboard Cautiously, prefer slower speeds, prefer cautious skiing or snowboarding on smooth slopes of gentle to moderate pitch, favor lower than average release/retention settings, prefer an increased risk of inadvertent binding release in order to gain releasability in a fall, entry-level skiers uncertain of their classification.

Type II: Ski or Snowboard Moderately, prefer a variety of speeds, prefer to ski on varied terrain, not classified as either Type I or Type III, favor average release/retention settings appropriate for recreational skiing.

Type III: Ski or Board Aggressively, normally ski at faster speeds, prefer fast and aggressive skiing on slopes of moderate to steep pitch, prefer higher than average release/retention settings, prefer decreased releasability in a fall in order to gain a decreased risk of inadvertent binding release.

RENTAL & LIABILITY RELEASE AGREEMENT: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

I accept for use as is the equipment listed on this form, and accept full responsibility for the care of the equipment while it is in my possession. I will be responsible for the replacement at full retail value of any equipment rented under this form, but not returned to Denton Hill Family and Ski Resort, Inc, Swain Recreation LLC. I agree to return all rental equipment by the agreed date in clean condition to avoid any additional charges. I have received instruction on the use of my equipment and fully understand its use and function. I have made no misrepresentations to (DHFA SRINC, SRLLC) concerning my height, weight, age or skier type, I verify that the visual indicator settings recorded on this form agree with the numbers appearing in the visual indicator windows of the equipment listed on this form. I agree to hold harmless and indemnify (DHFA SRINC, SRLLC) and its owners, agents and employees, as well as the equipment manufacturers and distributors for any loss or damage, including any that result from claims for personal injury, death or property damage related to the use of this equipment. I understand that there are inherent and other risks involved in the sport of snow skiing, for which this equipment is to be used, that injuries are a common and ordinary occurrence of the sport, and I freely and voluntarily assume those risks. I understand that a ski-binding-boot system will not release at all times or under all circumstances where release may prevent injury or death, nor is it possible to predict every situation in which it will release, and it is, therefore, no guarantee of my safety, I hereby release from any legal liability (DHFA SRINC, SRLLC) and its owners, agents and employees, as well as the manufacturers and distributors of this equipment from any and all liability for damage and injury or death to myself or to any person or property resulting from the selection, installation, maintenance, adjustment or use of this equipment and for any claim based upon negligence, breach of warranty, contract or other legal theory, accepting myself the full responsibility for any and all such damage, injury or death which may result. This agreement is governed by the applicable law of this state or province. If any part of this agreement is determined to be unenforceable, all other parts shall be given full force and effect, I, the undersigned, have read and understand this Rental & Liability Release Agreement.

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Helmet Disclaimer and Release Form: MUST Be Signed By Parent or Guardian

Swain Resort strongly recommends that everyone wear a helmet when participating in any snow sport. When participating in skiing, snowboarding, ski blading, etc. you must realize that there are certain risks involved, but wearing a helmet may help in preventing serious injury. Swain REQUIRES helmet use for any student, under the age of 18, who rents a snowboard. As the parent or guardian, I have read and understand this statement regarding helmet use.

Student Name _____ Club Name _____

My child IS required to wear a helmet.

My child is NOT required to wear a helmet.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

SWAIN USE ONLY: Ski # _____ Boot # _____ Board# _____ DIN# _____

Grade: 6
 7
 8

\$40 ^{Cash or} Check payable to "W-C
Extraclass Account"

My student will:
 Rent Skis
 Rent Snowboard
 Bring Own
Equipment

WHEATLAND-CHILI CENTRAL SCHOOL

Transportation Department, 940 North Road, Scottsville, NY 14546
Telephone: 585-889-6243 Fax: 585-889-6284

TRIP/EVENT PERMISSION SLIP

INSTRUCTIONS:

This form must be completed and returned to the teacher or group advisor/dear prior to the departure of the trip in which your child has an opportunity to participate.

My student will:

SECTION ONE: Trip and Student Information:

Your child has the opportunity to participate in (indicate event including location):

Middle School Ski Trip to Swain

Bring a lunch
 Buy at Swain
 Need a lunch
from school
(free/reduced)

Date of Trip: 02/27/15 Times: 08:00 AM To 06:00 PM

(Rain date 03/06/15)

Approximately 120 students will be participating and they will be chaperoned by 12 school staff members plus 0 non-school personnel. Transportation will be provided by: WCS Transportation

SECTION TWO: Student Emergency Information:

In case of emergency during this trip, contact parent/guardian, Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Alternate Number: _____

If unable to reach parent/guardian, contact friend/relative. Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Alternate Number: _____

Family Physician: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Special Medical Condition of your child: _____

Please return to
Main Office,
Mr. Roman or
Mr. Call by
02/24/15

SECTION THREE: Parent/Guardian Statement of Consent

I give _____ (Student's Name) my consent to participate in this trip/event. In doing so I agree to the following:

1. In case of a medical emergency, I grant the chaperones the right to authorize medical care, if none of the persons named above can be reached.
2. I agree to pay the expense of returning my child home before termination of the trip/event if he/she does not adhere to the established standards of conduct.
3. The school district is not responsible for damage or loss of property personally owned by my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature
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Date