

# **Informational Packet for Elementary Intramural Skiing and Snowboarding**

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**For a full description and registration,  
Please come to our Informational Meeting  
For Elementary Intramural Ski and Snowboarding  
For Interested Parents and Students in 4th & 5th Grade**

**Meeting Date is Tuesday, November 5, 2019  
6:30 PM**

**Mount Nittany Middle School Cafeteria**

Representatives from Tussey Mountain Ski Area 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 2019 - 2020

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 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for six 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 the week of January 6th. Weather permitting, the school district will provide the possibility of six total sessions per school. The scheduled days for each school are:

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

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

## 2. Information from Tussey Mountain

- The school intramural ski program is sold in 4 or 6 week packages.
- Children 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, to be punched, in order to receive a lift ticket for skiing. School badges are non-transferable and non-refundable. They are good only for the student whose name is on the badge and cannot be traded among siblings or friends.
- Badges are only good for the season they were purchased.
- 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. **A \$2.00 replacement ticket will be charged for each lost item.** Any discovered problems, questions or concerns can be directed to the Tussey Mountain Ticket Office.
- Unused lift tickets and rentals are good for the remainder of the 2019-2020 ski season, during specified times. They can be used during the time and day stated on the purchased badge until February 18th. After February 18th, they can be redeemed on any day at the ticket office for a half-day pass until the end of the year. Beginning February 19th, 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 and not fall behind their peers.
- Unused badges can be used for a three hour corresponding ticket during the opening of the 2020-2021 ski season through and including December 31, 2020 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 busses are canceled. Skiing will be canceled on days when school is dismissed early or when the temperature/wind chill factor is unsafe for our children. 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.

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. There are coin-operated lockers. These nightly rented units can be found in the locker room, but are limited in number. 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 skiing trip. It is also important to always ski with a buddy for safety. When considering cold weather cancellations, we try to make a reasonable judgment. Parents always have the last say in allowing their child to participate.

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 suggest one of the following two places (both offer shelter from the weather): 1. The cafeteria (upper level facing the main slope) 2. The lobby (in the center door of the lower level facing the parking lot) 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 start sending the offender to the end of the line. If a child wishes to be with a friend, the one in front should go back, not the other way around.
10. Always place your boards, skis and poles in the racks before going into the cafeteria.
11. Please place your litter in the proper receptacles.
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 that skiing is fun if it is done safely.**



## **How To Dress Kids 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:** Any warm hat that the child normally wears for playing in the snow will do fine. A large percentage of body heat is lost through an uncovered head. Ski helmets are as warm as a hat, give added protection to your skier and can be rented from the ski area.

**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. Today they come in all different types of fibers and materials (fleece, Under Armour, and polypropylene, to mention a few).

**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 warm layers can be taken off or added to if need be.

**PANTS:** Ski pants/bibs for your child's first attempt at skiing that are water resistant are a must. 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 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. If you get nothing else for your skier it should be this!!!

**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 on the ski slopes.
- ❖ We realize that skiing is a high-risk sport and want to stress the need for compliance with safety rules. 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 orange 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 as we are only providing transportation for them. 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:	Esther Cordell	231-1170
Ferguson Township:	Deborah Ritter	231-4119
Gray’s Woods:	Matt Petersen	235-6100
Spring Creek:	Darlington / McCaffrey	231-5026
Mount Nittany:	Scott Fritz	272-5970
Park Forest:	Brenda Khayat	231-5010
Radio Park:	Stover / 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. Forms to Register

PROGRAM: The State College Elementary Intramural Ski Program takes place Monday and Tuesday afternoons, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for six weeks. There will be lessons for all ability skiers from beginner to expert. Each program consists of lift tickets, lessons, and if needed, rental equipment.

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

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

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

Session Options:	Cost <u>BEFORE</u> NOV. 21 (3 hour package)	Cost <u>AFTER</u> NOV. 21 (3 hour package)
4 LIFT ONLY	\$ 93.00	\$ 116.00
4 LIFT & 4 LESSONS	\$ 161.00	\$ 184.00
4 LIFT & 4 RENTALS	\$ 179.00	\$ 224.00
4 LIFT, 4 LESSONS, 4 RENTALS	\$ 247.00	\$ 292.00
6 LIFT ONLY	\$ 140.00	\$ 175.00
6 LIFT & 4 LESSONS	\$ 208.00	\$ 243.00
6 LIFT & 6 RENTALS	\$ 269.00	\$ 337.00
6 LIFT, 4 LESSONS, 6 RENTALS	\$ 337.00	\$ 405.00

### Additional Cost Options:

<p><b>MEAL PLAN:</b> Meal tickets must be purchased in groups of 4, 6, or 8 and have to be purchased with the ski package. The meal plan consists of four separate choices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1• Two slices of pizza and milk or soda</li> <li>2• A hamburger/cheeseburger, fries and milk or soda</li> <li>3• 1 slice of pizza, fries and milk or soda</li> <li>4• Chicken/cheese quesadilla and milk or soda</li> </ul>	<p>4 MEALS = \$ 32.00 6 MEALS = \$ 48.00 8 MEALS = \$ 64.00</p>
<p><b>PAY BY THE WEEK:</b> You can come with your school without purchasing a package.</p>	<p>LIFT ONLY = \$ 34.00 LIFT &amp; LESSON = \$ 51.00 LIFT &amp; RENTAL = \$ 74.00 LIFT, LESSON &amp; RENTAL = \$ 91.00</p>

**Rental Coupons: \*IMPORTANT\* THOSE LITTLE RENTAL COUPONS MUST BE FILLED OUT AND SIGNED, BY A PARENT, EACH TIME YOUR CHILD GOES TO TUSSEY.**



### Final Reminders:

- ★ The above packages are only available on the nights the schools come.
- ★ If all the pre-purchased 4 or 6 passes are used up---regular prices will apply.
- ★ Repurchasing additional multiple trip passes will not be available this year.
- ★ Elementary Schools will only be making six trips.
- ★ Intramural packages will be available for purchase until the week of January 5, 2020. 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 8 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.
- If you miss the parent meeting take or send your check to:  
Tussey Mountain  
PO Box 885  
Boalsburg, PA 16827

**QUESTIONS:** Please contact Sue Matalavage  
([sue@tusseymountain.com](mailto:sue@tusseymountain.com)) at Tussey Mountain Ski Area (814) 466-6266.

### BLUE FORM:

- \* Return to School for Permission to attend.
- \* **Fill Out Top AND Bottom Please!**

**THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS SEASON A SUCCESS!!**



\*\*\*See attachments for [white Tussey form](#) & [blue SCASD Permission form](#)\*\*\*