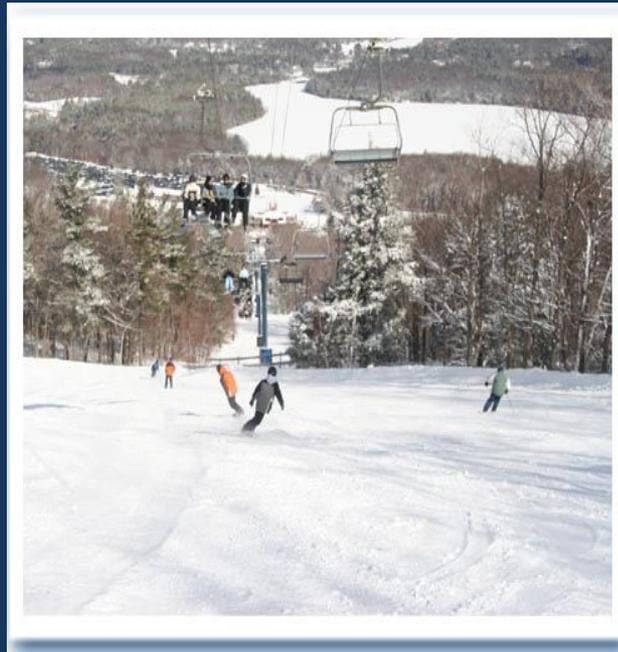


QMS SKI CLUB

Dates
January 4
January 11
January 18
January 25
February 1
February 8



WHEN AND WHERE??

- Wachusett Mountain, Princeton, MA
approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes from
Mansfield.
- Fridays, January 4-February 11
- Leave QMS @ 2:15, arrive Wachusett
around 3:30 PM
- Ski 4-7:30 PM, board bus to leave @ 8:15
PM
- Arrive back at QMS around 9:30 PM



Costs and Fees

The **TOTAL** costs for *all six ski trips*:

- 6-Week Lift Badge (Lift Tickets) = \$140
Total Mandatory Wachusett Charges = **\$140.00**
- Total Mandatory Bus Fee - Paid to QMS
6-Week Bus Fee = **\$120.00**

Extras, only if needed/wanted:

- 6-session Ski Rentals/Snowboard Rentals = \$100
- 6-session Helmet Rental = \$20
- 6-session 1 Hour Lessons = \$60

In order to get these great student discounts, Wachusett Mountain requires us to purchase all packages up front for ALL six nights, whether students go all six times or not. So, if you have an issue or conflict - please realize that the \$260.00 total is etched in stone and can NOT be changed. You must make the decision whether it is worth signing up if conflicts arise. Wachusett charges a \$10 change or cancellation fee.



RENTAL OPTIONS

Wachussetts: 6 week Rentals: \$100

Helmet: \$20

Season Long-----

Village Ski - Franklin

www.villageski.com - 508-520-3832

Country Ski & Sport - Westwood

www.countryski.com - 781-326-3993

Transportation

- Transportation will be by coach bus
- 50 kids per bus + 5 chaperones
- Students are assigned buses based on gender and grade.
- One bus may have to be mixed based on our enrollment
- Food will be allowed on busses, provided that all trash is picked up.
- Students can bring movies to watch on the bus. Each bus can vote on a movie. They must be appropriate and approved by bus chaperones.
- The bus company has the ultimate say in it's policy on food, as well as, expectations of behavior and consequence.



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CHAPERONE DETAILS

Chaperone Responsibilities?

- Serve as a group leader and will be responsible for about 10-15 kids.
- Handing out and collecting the lift badges each week.
- Helping students know when and where the group will meet and where the home base is in the lodge.
- Assist with rentals and making sure they know where to go for lessons.
- Enjoy some time on the slopes. (Keeping an eye out for our students, of course)

Chaperones receive free lift ticket and rentals!

- We also need Lodge chaperones who will remain at our home base area so there is always somebody available to help the kids. There are always adults available at our home base in the lodge.
- All chaperones are asked to help load and unload the bus.

We look for chaperones that can commit to all 6 weeks and that can ride the bus, however, if you are interested, email gmsski@mansfieldschools.com with the word CHAPERONE in the subject line. Let me know what weeks you can help, and your child/grade level.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **What if school is cancelled**

If school is cancelled, then ski club is cancelled. If inclement weather is expected to come in on Friday night, we may also cancel. Email will be sent out Thursday at end of school, to notify you of cancellation. If ski club is cancelled the program will be extended one week to FEBRUARY 15th.

Lessons are not guaranteed if program is rescheduled.

- **What if you get hurt or are sick?**

If you drop out of the program or are injured or sick, you will be reimbursed in "Wachusett" dollars. However, the bus payment cannot be refunded. If an injury keeps a student out of school activities, such as gym, they must be cleared by a doctor, in writing, before returning to ski club. Doctors notes to be submitted to the Health Office. If an injury occurs before the start of the season, we can reimburse bus money. However, all expenses paid to Wachusett Mountain are handled by the mountain.

- **Will it get really crowded on a Friday afternoon/evening?**

YES!! All the more reason to have all gear labeled, and bags stored away while skiing. Encourage students to really take note of where they leave equipment, as well as being organized in the lodge. Ski Watch is also available for skis /snowboards.

- **Can novice skiers and boarders take part? Do you have to take lessons?**

Yes to both, if you are a novice skier or boarder then you are obligated to take lessons. Ski club is a great opportunity to learn a new sport.

- **What if we are absent from school?**

Students absent for a day of school are ineligible to take part in an extra-curricular activity that day. **You must be in school for 3 hours, in order for the school day to count.**

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Do you have to wear helmets?**
Helmets are required. Helmets can be rented for \$20 for the 6 weeks.
- **Can you use the terrain park?**
Yes, though if you use the terrain park then you pay an additional \$5 and students will have to watch a safety video, parents must sign a release in order to make the purchase.
- **What about food / refreshments?**
Wachusett mountain has a full service cafeteria with a variety of options. (Deli, soups, burgers, pizza, sushi, salad, etc.) Students probably need between \$10-20 each trip. Students may also pack their own food.
- **What do we do with Ski Equipment before we depart?**
Equipment drop-off will take place on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm. Drop off will take place in the rear of the QMS side parking lot. Enter in through the rear side door of building. Signage will be posted. Equipment will be stored in Mr. Mehigan's room, room 150, and locked during the school day on Friday. We ask that no equipment be dropped off on Friday morning. Equipment cannot be brought on the school buses in the morning.

EQUIPMENT DROP OFF

Clearly label all bags and belongings.

Use a ski bag or board bag.

Make sure your child knows roughly where their belongs were placed.

DO NOT venture into any other parts of the building during equipment drop-off.



GUEST PASSES

- Wachusett mountain offers a special discount to Mansfield community members through our club.
- Guest can order a lift ticket (\$35, Rentals \$28, Helmets \$6)
- They must be ordered by the Thursday before our trip through a ski club member or chaperone. Money is collected at equipment drop-off

Medical Information

- Leominster and UMASS Medical Center (Worcester) are the hospitals nearby.
- The Wachusett Ski Patrol will assist chaperones in determining the best course of action if an injury should occur. **PARENTS WILL BE CONTACTED** for all injuries that report to ski patrol.
- In the event of an injury, a parent or guardian may need to drive to Princeton to take home or stay with their child.
- A chaperone will always stay with the child until a parent arrives.



Important Rules



Students will adhere to the rules of the QMS student code of conduct, as listed in the student Handbook. Students who violate any of the ski club's policies and procedures or any rules as defined in the code of conduct will be referred to the building Administration and may have any future trips revoked **WITHOUT REFUND**.

The following rules that are specific to the QMS Ski Club will also apply:

1. Any student heard **CURSING/USING VULGARITIES** will have their badge/pass marked. If this occurs a 2nd time, the student will miss one session and their badge will be held. If this occurs a 3rd time, then the student will be dismissed from the QMS Ski Club. **NO REFUNDS GIVEN.**
2. Proper behavior in the lodge includes: No skis or snowboards in the building; picking up after yourself, removing trash from tables and returning cafeteria trays; keeping stairs, doorways and aisles clear at all times. **Horseplay, shoving, running, throwing food, etc. may result in loss of ski club privilege.**
3. You must follow the ski etiquette and rules of Wachusett Mountain. This includes storing equipment correctly, skiing on marked trails only, skiing in control and no horseplay in ski lines.
4. **WEARING A HELMET** when you are on the slopes is mandatory.
5. Members of QMS Ski Club are given a lot of freedom and independence when at the mountain. Chaperones will facilitate the **BUDDY SYSTEM** so no one is skiing alone. We expect this to be reinforced from home and for you and your child to adhere to the buddy system wherever they are at Wachusett Mountain.

HAZING LAWS

1. HAZING LAWS: In compliance with Massachusetts General Law, parents and students shall have been provided and understand the language set forth in "An Act Prohibiting the Practice of Hazing" (M.G.L. c. 269, 17-19)

THIS LINK IS PROVIDED TO YOU DURING
REGISTRATION AS WELL.

Please access the text of the law at:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/12NX-fWulmC5rJVUuu_FNdGuVMuJWPHg-/view?usp=sharing

2019 Student Reminders and Expectations

- **BE RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, AND KIND**

Be polite to one another, respect the adults around, and control your actions.

Students are expected to conduct themselves according to all QMS rules, according to the handbook. This is a school trip

On the bus:

- **No Switching Buses.** Ride the bus you are assigned**
- Misbehaving on the bus, including vulgar language, horseplay, disrespecting a chaperone or driver, will result in a suspension or dismissal from the program.
- Food and drinks are welcome on the bus. **YOU MUST CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF.** Messy buses may result in a loss of this privilege.
- Chaperones will notify students when we are 15-20 minutes from Mansfield, so they can text parents for a ride home.

2019 Student Reminders and Expectations

At Wachusett Mountain:

- When we get to the mountain, you should stay in your seat on the bus until the chaperones tell you it is time to go.
- Always ski/snowboard with someone else - there is safety in numbers. **BUDDY SYSTEM!** If you are struggling to find someone to ski with, please address
- We will set up a QMS base camp in the lodge, close to the far south windows (facing the Polar Express Quad Lift). Leave any extra bags/clothes near this area. There will always be chaperones there, but **you are still responsible for your own belongings**. Lockers are available if you want to use them.
- You may bring your own food and drinks for snacks and dinner, or you can bring extra money for food/snacks. Stay hydrated throughout the night!
- No skis or boards are allowed in the lodge at any time. You may place your skis and boards outside on the racks or put them in the "ski watch" area. Ski watch is a free service, however tips are welcome.
- We end our outings and **DEPART for home at exactly 8:15PM. Make sure you are there, on the bus and ready by that time. Start returning any gear and getting ready early (around 7:45 PM). We will not tolerate lateness. Your skiing/boarding privileges may be taken away, or you may lose your privileges to attend future outings if you are late.**
- We are looking forward to many great trips. Hopefully, you have fun, make some new friends, and represent yourselves and QMS well.!

Safety & Responsibility Code

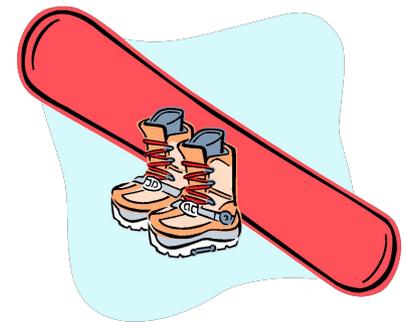
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Know The Code: It's Your Responsibility!

- 1) Always stay in control and be able to stop or avoid other people or objects.
- 2) People ahead of you have the right of way. It is your responsibility to avoid them.
- 3) You must not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible from above.
- 4) Whenever starting downhill or merging into a trail, look uphill and yield to others.
- 5) Always use devices to help prevent runaway equipment.
- 6) Observe all posted signs and warnings. Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.
- 7) Prior to using any lift, you must have the knowledge and ability to load, ride and unload safely.
- **Special Note:** Ralph's Run and Conifer Connection are designated as "Family Trails." This means these are slow skiing trails. The Wachusett Ski Patrol has a zero tolerance policy on these trails. If you are caught skiing or riding too fast or above your ability, your pass will be suspended for one week. Wachusett Ski Patrol & Rangers

CHECKLIST OF SKI AND SNOWBOARD ITEMS TO BRING

- ◇ Skis/Snowboard
- ◇ Ski/Snowboard Boots
- ◇ Poles
- ◇ Ski/Board/Boot/Gear Bag (HIGHLY RECOMMENDED)
- ◇ Helmet (Required)
- ◇ Gloves
- ◇ Goggles
- ◇ Ski Pants
- ◇ Ski Jacket
- ◇ Long Underwear
- ◇ Ski Socks
- ◇ If very cold: Hand warmers & Hat w/facemask
- ◇ Change of Clothes for After (especially socks)
- ◇ **Medications (if needed) ****
- ◇ Food/Drinks
- ◇ Money for Food/Drinks/Games/Ski Watch/etc.
- ◇ Quarters for Lockers (if needed)
- ◇ Remind Parents to Pick You Up at School @ 9:30PM



Burton Snowboards Discount night!!

November 8th @ The Wrentham Outlets

Some items marked down as much as 75%

-Outerwear

-Goggles

-Bags

-Boots

-Boards

RAFFLE!!

[CLICK TO RSVP](#)



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

STEP ONE: COMPLETE THE QMS SKI CLUB ONLINE REGISTRATION AND WAIVERS

GO TO: <https://goo.gl/forms/wLLNIKtOkqDNJ88m1> FOR ONLINE FORM

Please complete this step by November 1st.

STEP TWO: BUS PAYMENTS

Beginning Oct 1st (next Monday) . Bus payments of \$120 per child will be collected in a drop box at Room 150 (Mr Mehigan's classroom). Checks are made payable to Qualters Middle School. Please write your child's name in the check memo.

STEP THREE: WACHUSETT REGISTRATION, LIFT BADGE PURCHASE

Beginning on Oct. 2nd, GO TO: <http://www.wachusett.com/schoolgroups>

Use the login code **QALT** to make purchases affiliated with our program.

All students must order a 6 week badge (or a season pass). Additional services of lessons, rentals, and helmet rentals are also available. Also available is a cow card (a gift card valid at the mountain. \$45 gets you a \$50 cow card)

All registration must be complete by **December 1st.**