

## 2011 TOPS Middle School SnowSports Program Information

**Information Meeting for parents and participants**  
**-Wednesday, November 3 @ 6:30pm in the TOPS Lunchroom-**

**General** The program consists of five Friday evening trips and one Friday all day trip from TOPS to Summit Central @ Snoqualmie Pass and back to TOPS. We organize, collect the money, and pay for the buses only. Each skier deals directly with The Summit regarding lessons, equipment rentals and lift tickets via their website. [www.summitatsnoqualmie.com](http://www.summitatsnoqualmie.com) Any current student in good standing or previous student may participate in the TOPS SnowSports Program. Any current TOPS student must attend school the day of ski bus to participate in ski bus that day. The Mission Ridge Family Ski Trip is planned once again for February 24-27<sup>th</sup>—info will follow and please join us!

**Dates** We'll ski on Friday January 7<sup>th</sup>, Friday January 14<sup>th</sup>, Friday January 21<sup>st</sup>, Friday January 28<sup>th</sup> **ALL DAY** (because of Day Between Semesters Holiday), Friday February 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday February 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Lessons** Two-hour small group lessons (skiing OR snowboarding), with TOPS students only, are available for a discounted group rate of \$110. We strongly encourage students to enroll in this 5 lesson package. Learning makes the sport much more fun, and the lessons also add some structure to the evening. Register online by December 1, 2010 –if later it is on a space available basis with a \$25 late fee. There will be no lessons on the ALL DAY ski day January 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Equipment Rentals** Equipment is available for rent from The Summit for \$119 + tax (\$129.23) through the Rental Season Pass Option and makes life easier if you are a beginner as you don't have to carry gear to school and to and from the bus. If you want to comparison shop, rentals are also available at REI, Seattle Ski & Snowboard Rentals (Aurora near N. 150<sup>th</sup>) and others.

**AN EQUIPMENT RESERVATION MUST BE MADE FOR EACH WEEK BY 1 PM ON THE DAY PRIOR TO LESSONS BY USING YOUR NAME AND CUSTOMER NUMBER AND VISITING [www.summitseasonrentals.com](http://www.summitseasonrentals.com) AND INDICATING DATE, TYPE OF EQUIPMENT AND SKI BASE AREA YOU WILL PICK UP AT.**

This is a critical step in the rental process and all 6 reservations can be made at once. Look under the Roadshow heading for info on location and take home gear.

**Tickets** Season passes and individual tickets are both available through The Summit. Season passes may be a good deal depending on the skier's age and the number of times he or she intends to go. Here is a rough comparison and all prices do not include sales tax.

<b>ADULT ages 19-61</b> (TOPS student discount)	<b>TEEN ages 13-18</b> (TOPS discount)	<b>YOUTH 7-12</b> (TOPS discount)
Big S unlimited plus n/a	n/a	n/a
Big S unlimited \$399	\$349 ( <b>\$289</b> )	\$279 ( <b>\$229</b> )
LTD no Alpentel wkend \$319	\$289 ( <b>\$249</b> )	\$239 ( <b>\$199</b> )
<b>*Night 4-10 pm \$229 (<b>\$209</b>)</b>	\$239 ( <b>\$209</b> )	\$239 ( <b>\$209</b> )
DTL Daily \$39x5+ \$58= \$253	Considered adult	\$33 x 5 + \$39 = \$204

**\*This pass won't work for ALL DAY ski day Friday January 28, 2011.**

**Costs** \$175 for the 6 bus trips. See The Summit website for lessons, lift tickets, and equipment rental costs. There are a number of options and you pay The Summit Learning Center directly. They must have your **lesson registration by December 1, 2010 or they will charge a \$25 late fee.** This is a serious deadline as there is no guarantee that passes will be mailed if your forms are late and being late is a serious hassle for The Summit and our TOPS coordinators, not to mention it costs you \$25. No discounted lift passes sold after 12/15/09.

**Scholarships** We have a policy of making sure that everyone who wants to go can go, regardless of financial considerations, and we have been very successful at having adequate scholarship money available for that purpose, distributed confidentially. The typical award is ½ of the expenses but does depend on the situation and number of applications. Scholarship Forms and all of the other TOPS & Summit forms need to be filled in, signed, and handed to Patty in the TOPS office by Friday, **November 19, 2010.** **Scholarship students do not mail any forms to The Summit but return them all to the office.** Student must be currently enrolled at TOPS to be eligible.

**Forms** The following forms are found here at the end of this All-Info-Forms PDF or can be downloaded off the [TOPS website](#).

- [Bus Registration](#) –**print and bring to info meeting to sign up**
- [Emergency Medical Form](#) – **print and bring to info meeting to sign up**
- [Summit Electronic Registration Instructions](#)

**NOTE:** Equipment rentals, lessons and lift tickets all must be handled through the Snoqualmie Summit website. **TOPS only collects money for the bus.**

-[Scholarship Form](#) – See Molly LaPatra at the information meeting to get the other forms to fill out for a complete scholarship application. **Due Nov. 19, 2010**

**Roadshow** The Roadshow allows students to get photos taken for Big S and/or rental passes, and/or to be fit for rental pass and take home gear, prior to the first day of our program. Students must bring their program confirmation letters to be eligible for discounted pass pricing and take home gear.

Roadshow schedule: **Monday November 29, 2010, from 6:30-8:30pm at Eckstein MS in Seattle or Thursday December 2, 2010 from 6:30-8:30pm at Mill Creek MS in Kent.**

This is essential for your equipment fitting before the first lesson if you rent from The Summit. Take-Home Rentals for \$119 (+ tax) are available for TOPS students while supplies last.

### **Daily Schedule**

**Each Friday** the schedule is as follows:

7:50 a.m.	Bring equipment to school for secure storage off cafeteria
<b>1:50 p.m.</b>	<b>Skiers dismissed from class</b>
2:15 p.m.	Board buses, take roll, leave TOPS for The Summit
3:30 p.m.	Arrive at The Summit Central
5:00-7:00 p.m.	Lessons
7:00-9:00 p.m.	Free ski time. May buy or bring food. Chaperones available at TOPS table in lodge
9:15-9:30 p.m.	Board buses, take roll, leave The Summit for TOPS
10:30 p.m.	Arrive TOPS, clean buses (everyone helps!), dismissed

## Special All-Day Schedule

**Friday January 28<sup>th</sup>**, there is no school so we ski all day and DO NOT have our lessons. We will load the buses at 5pm and return to TOPS by 6:30 p.m.

### Here's the schedule for **January 28<sup>th</sup> only**:

9:00 a.m.	Arrive at TOPS with gear, load buses
9:30 a.m.	Leave for The Summit
10:30 a.m.	Arrive at The Summit Central
10:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Free ski time. May buy or bring food. Chaperones available at TOPS table in lodge
5:00-5:15 p.m.	Board buses, take roll, leave The Summit for TOPS
6:30 p.m.	Arrive TOPS, clean buses (everyone helps!), dismissed

**A parent note is required if a student will not be riding home on the bus or if a student is deviating from the given plan for any reason. Every week the buses can't leave until each student is accounted for.**

**Chaperones** We have parent volunteers on the buses, and at a TOPS table in the lodge. The kids will not be chaperoned on the slopes, however, so they'll have to be responsible for getting to the right place at the right time, feeding themselves, finding a chaperone at the TOPS table if they need one, and their own safety on the slopes. The chaperones will have the emergency medical forms with emergency contact information, but have no medical training. Chaperones get a free bus ride and lift ticket, but are expected to help watch the table and to be available to help all of the TOPS kids. In return for the lift ticket, the coordinators/chaperones must be present at the beginning and end of the lessons to assist students. Please let your class coordinator know if you're interested and indicate available dates on the bus registration form.

### Other Information

- Things not needed on the slopes can stay on the locked bus.
- Kids should **ALWAYS** ski with a buddy.
- Theft is a risk. There's a ski check for skis and boards and if you have nice gear esp snowboard you should do this. Keep hats, mittens, goggles, backpacks with you, at the TOPS table or checked in a locker.
- **PARENTS**-Please do not park in front of the school on Boylston at pickup and drop off. The buses need that space. **PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME TO PICK UP YOUR STUDENT.** Helping to unload the bottom bays of the bus is a huge help.
- **Ski clothing** (night skiing is **COLD**):
  - Parka, sweater or fleece, long underwear (no cotton!)
  - Ski pants or bibs, long underwear (no cotton!)
  - Helmet/hat, goggles, mittens or gloves (mittens are a lot warmer)
  - Helmets are highly recommended and can be rented at The Summit.
  - Don Zemke has some gear to lend so see him if you forget something, etc

## [Contacts/Volunteers](#)

### **Overall Coordination:**

Molly LaPatra [lapatra@comcast.net](mailto:lapatra@comcast.net)

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep:**

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### **Faculty Liaison:**

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### **Scholarship Coordinator:**

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### **Check Depositor:**

TOPS Treasurer

### **Morning Ski Gear Helper in lunchroom:**

Jim McDonald [maggiemcd@msn.com](mailto:maggiemcd@msn.com)

### **Emergency Vehicle Drivers each week:**

Varies and free passes are provided