

Hello TOPS Skiers, Boarders and Parents!

The first TOPS Ski Bus is this Friday night, January 9th. Snoqualmie Pass is currently closed. The weather is expected to improve by Friday so assume we are going. If we need to communicate a change in plans, I will get a message posted on the TOPS website and I will send out a message on the Middle School Yahoo Group. Friday morning we will assess the situation but plan to have your student bring their gear to school as we won't make the decision before school starts. We have 103 students participating in the program this year!

I want to remind everyone of the schedule and other details.

SCHEDULE

Friday morning 8:30 a.m. Bring equipment to TOPS Lunch Room for secure storage off cafeteria. Parents please pull forward down the street well beyond the Lunch Room door so the buses are not blocked.

Thank you Vanessa and your team!

Friday afternoon	2:30 p.m.	Skiers dismissed from class
	2:45 p.m.	Board buses, take roll, leave TOPS for The Summit
	4:00 p.m.	Arrive at Summit Central-- get rentals and lesson #
Friday evening	5:00 p.m.	Lessons start and last 2 hours
	7-9:00p.m.	Free ski time--may buy or bring food Chaperones will be available at TOPS table in lodge and on slopes
	9-9:20 p.m.	Board buses
	9:30 p.m.	Take roll, leave The Summit for TOPS
	10:30 p.m.	Arrive TOPS, clean buses (everyone helps!), dismissed.

Parents please don't be late.

DETAILS

- Things not needed on the slopes can stay on the locked buses.
- Kids should ALWAYS ski with a buddy.
- Theft is a risk. There's a ski check for skis and boards. Boards seem to be at greatest risk. Keep hats, mittens, goggles, backpacks with you or checked in a locker.
- Please do not park in front of the school on Boylston at pickup and drop off. The buses need that space. Parents please help unload the buses when we arrive back at TOPS.
- Ski clothing (night skiing is COLD): Parka, sweater or fleece, long underwear (no cotton!) Ski pants or bibs, long underwear (no cotton!)
Helmet or hat, goggles, mittens or gloves (mittens are a lot warmer)

Thank you to our January 9th chaperones and emergency drivers:

Volunteers please meet in the lunch room at 2:15pm for a meeting and to assist the students with loading the buses.

We would like to leave TOPS between 2:45 - 2:55pm.

We will not be back at TOPS until about 10:30pm so please park in an appropriate spot so you will not get a ticket for illegally parking after hours in the neighborhood.

Buses have a DVD player on board so bring an appropriate DVD if you want the kids to be plugged in.

Walkie Talkies are a great idea so please bring one if you have them—tune them to channel 8-13. Ski patrol monitors 9-11.

A gentle reminder--The main reason The Summit gives us free lift tickets is because they need chaperones present at the beginning and end of each lesson to assist students.

Lessons begin at 5pm and end at 7pm and meet next to the Rental Shop by the magic carpet.

The TOPS Ski Program also needs your help at the TOPS table in the lodge.

Please plan to take a turn supervising the tables if there seems to be a need. Several adults should always be present at the tables to help any TOPS student.

We do have several non-skiing chaperones this week that will be in the lodge for the evening and will secure a table as soon as the buses arrive.

In addition to the chaperones, TOPS will have 2 emergency vehicles at Summit Central also helping to supervise.

Emergency Drivers please plan to secure a TOPS table as soon as you arrive if you beat the buses as the chaperones will be busy helping students to the rental shop, to buy lift tickets, etc. Please make sure you are reachable and frequently checking in at the table all evening in case of an emergency.

As you can see from the numbers above, we will have a large number of TOPS students on the mountain!!!

Generally being available to help our student skiers and boarders is why we are up there! :-)

Ski Bus Chaperone List

1/16/09

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Thanks to everyone for helping make this ski program a success!

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