

Hello TOPS Skiers, Boarders and Parents!

The final TOPS Ski Bus is Friday night, February 6th.

Last week we had rain, so let's hope for snow this Friday as a fitting send off to end our season! A huge thank you to **Vanessa Stusser** for making the morning equipment load-in go so smoothly. Vanessa is an 8th grade parent and will be greatly missed next year! Also thanks to the 8th grade students that helped Vanessa each Friday and the 6th graders that helped unload the equipment from the rooms each afternoon.

A giant thanks to **Don Zemke** for chaperoning each week and helping make sure all the kids have appropriate warm clothes, collecting lost and found and taking awesome photos and video of the kids—just wait until graduation!! I also want to thank each of the grade coordinators --**Mark Brannon and Juan Perla** in 6th grade, **Frank Cech and Sheila Gilligan** in 7th grade and **Teresa Nemeth and Ellen Markman** in 8th grade -their willingness to help and tireless efforts make the program possible.

Teresa and Ellen have helped with the program since 2005, so please extend extra thanks when you see them as they will be graduating (so to speak!) this year and will be dearly missed! Lastly, I want to thank **Patty, Colette and Michelle** in the office for all of their support throughout the season from form and check collection to attendance lists! **You all are awesome!!!!**

I'm looking for a new morning equipment person for next year to try to fill Vanessa's role. Vanessa is happy to mentor so don't be shy! Also please spread the word that I will need 2 current 5th grade parents to act as grade coordinators for their class when they reach middle school next fall. I have a job description that I can forward to anyone who is interested—we have lots of fun and you get to ski each Friday for free!

TOPS ALL SCHOOL Mission Ridge Ski Trip

Ron White continues to lead the charge for coordinating the **TOPS ALL SCHOOL Mission Ridge Ski Trip**. A big thanks to Ron for his work on this.

Ron reports --**The discounted rate ends Thursday, February 5 at the Cedar Inn.**

Call **1-800-358-2074** or **509-886-8000** and make your reservation now!

Tell them you are with the TOPS Ski Group.

There are 27 rooms available at this rate for Thursday 2/19, Friday 2/20, and Saturday night 2/21. After February 5, if all of the rooms have not been reserved, they will be released to the general public, and this rate will no longer be available.

The rates then increase by at least \$15/per night. If people come early, they will usually give you the same rate if you talk them into it. However, once all the rooms are gone, that is it. **First come, first served unless you have a reservation.**

Potluck

TOPS traditionally holds a family potluck at Mission Ridge Friday evening in the meeting room off the lobby by the front desk. If you are making the trip to Mission Ridge, please plan to attend and bring food or drinks to share. The pool and free breakfast also are a huge hit with the kids! Dogs are even allowed so it really is a whole family affair!!!

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.

Thank you to our February 6th chaperones and emergency drivers:

Volunteers please meet in the lunch room at 2:15pm 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.

Ski Bus Chaperone List

2/6/09

8th grade Chaperones

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7th Grade Chaperones

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Olga Klezovitch	oklezovitch@yahoo.com	323-1129	280-9542
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Emergency Drivers so far

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

Molly LaPatra
TOPS Snow Sports Coordinator