

Tantasqua Regional Junior High School  
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### **Ski Club General Information (2008-2009)**

This will be Tantasqua Junior High Ski Club's 31st year! **The club's primary purpose is to teach students to ski at an affordable price, which results in a safe, life-long sport.** Every student has room to improve and lessons are strongly recommended. Lessons allow all levels of skiers to raise their awareness of terrain, physical and mental abilities, hazard recognition, and overall safety. Helmets are strongly recommended during ski club sessions. Helmets may be rented through Wachusett Mountain or purchased on your own.

Students are offered **six (6) skiing sessions**, in January and February. The dates are: Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31 and Feb. 7, and 14th. These sessions will be on Saturdays from 1:30 – 9:00 PM. The buses depart Tantasqua Junior High at 1:45 PM sharp and return to the school at 8:45 PM. Please be prompt in picking up your son/daughter. If your child is not picked up from the school by 9:00, he or she will not be attending the trip the following week.

### **CLUB RULES/POLICIES PLEASE KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

The ski club can easily be disrupted due to transportation logistics, number of students, weather conditions, late hours, possible skiing accidents and individual(s) not following the rules/policies as listed in Wachusett's brochure and below:

- 1.** The school/club cannot be responsible to guard school buses or items in the lodge. Therefore, students must be responsible for their own food, clothing, valuables and ski equipment. This includes rental equipment. **A lock for skis or board is highly recommended.** Wachusett provides a free Ski Watch.
- 2.** All school rules apply to the club, as it is a school-sponsored program. Behavior that deviates from school policy and normal common sense behavior on the bus or at the ski area will result in termination from the club **without a refund.**
- 3.** Joining the ski club is a privilege, not a right. Since the club is limited, a space purchased on a first paid basis means someone was denied membership. As a member of the ski club, you are expected to demonstrate exemplary behavior during school hours as well as ski club hours. If your behavior during school hours results in an in-school or out-of-school suspension, you will also be suspended from skiing on the Saturday following the suspension. Upon notification by the administration or Mr. Peloquin of

your suspension, you are not allowed to ride the bus or attend Wachusett that Saturday night. The club and administration expect parents to abide by the “spirit of the discipline” and are referred to the sports section of the school handbook. If your behavior results from an infraction on the last session of ski club, you could be suspended the first session the following year or not allowed to join the club. This action is at the discretion of Mr. Peloquin and includes admission to the Senior High Ski Club.

**4.** Wachusett’s and Tantasqua’s behavior policy is: any student found drinking, stealing, in possession of a controlled substance, using vulgarities, skiing in a reckless manner, or anything else that, in the area’s or club’s opinion, is considered disruptive, dangerous or illegal will be dismissed from the program **without a refund** and will possibly be banned from the ski area for the remainder of the season.

**5.** In case of inclement weather, cancellation notices will be made through a phone call from the school the morning of the trip.

**6.** In case of injury at the ski area, **parents must be available** or should give their son/daughter a phone number where they may be reached. Parents will be called and advised of the situation. If the Ski Patrol recommends the hospital, a chaperone **may** or **may not** accompany the student to the hospital depending on the severity of the injury. Chaperones would appreciate a ride back to the mountain or the school.

**7.** If a student should miss a session, the student can check with Mr. Peloquin the following week or report to Wachusett’s Customer Service desk to receive a credit for the missed night.

**8.** Due to policy #7 and the accountability of the students, attendance is taken before any bus is moved. In order to make this as accurate and fast as possible, students will ride assigned buses. Switching of buses will not be tolerated and, if done, the student will be suspended from riding the bus the following week. **All** students will ride to and from the area on the buses. Any student that arrives or departs the area by other transportation **must** have **written permission** from the parents and Mr. Peloquin’s approval **before** Saturday.

**9.** Departure from the ski area will be at **8 PM sharp!** All students should return rental equipment and /or gather up their equipment and go to the buses at 7:30 PM. Announcements will be made at 7:30 PM in the lodge and around the lodge area – **not on the mountain!** Any student(s) that delay the departure of the buses will be suspended the following week.

**10.** There are a limited amount of free storage compartments in the rental building and ice cream shop area, which do not lock. Lockers are available for 50 cents each time the locker is opened. However, lockers can become jammed and keys lost, so problems can be avoided by not bringing too much clothing, food, radios and other assorted items that force you to lock them up!

**11.** Each student will be issued a badge. These badges will be collected each week. If a student loses or has his/her badge stolen, a replacement badge will cost \$25.00 plus the ski area will charge a nightly skiing fee for that session.

- 12.** Bus rides will be quiet so bus drivers can get us all to the ski area and home again safely. Therefore, radios, stereos or boom boxes, which do not have headphones, are not allowed. If the bus has a radio and the driver wishes to play it, the driver or chaperone will determine the volume.
- 13.** Chaperones supervise arrival and departure logistics of buses and students as well as aid students with all related needs and problems. Any disrespect to chaperones will result in suspension from the club as determined by Mr. Peloquin.
- 14.** Wachusett's policy for skiing out of control or skiing on the slopes above your ability is the loss of your badge. Your badge may be taken for the above offenses by the Ski Patrol, Ski Rangers, Ski Instructors, chaperones, or Mr. Peloquin. If your badge is taken you will be required to go through a one and a half hour safety program sponsored by the ski area.
- 15.** Ski and board theft is high at Wachusett and can be stopped by using the Ski Watch and locks. Please do not invite or make it easy for thieves by not using common sense.
- 16.** The club is not a babysitting club. Students who have been injured or have found skiing not to their liking and sit in the lodge only to socialize, unfortunately talk others into the same course of action. If students persist in this course of action, they will be suspended.

**Helmets are strongly recommended!!!**