



École Élémentaire
Peace Arch
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Dear Parents / Guardians,

While winter and the snowy season are a ways away still, it is time to think about our Ski / Snowboard club again. As in previous years, Peace Arch Elementary teachers are interested in giving our students in grades 5, 6 and 7 the opportunity to participate in a Ski / Snowboard experience this year at **Mount Seymour** for four weeks in February 2019.

All participants will enjoy lessons at their level. New skiers / snowboarders will have the chance to develop skills that increase their ability and interest. They will be introduced to the joy of this winter sport. In addition to skills, etiquette and responsibility, they will learn the safety principles they need for their future skiing / snowboarding experiences. Intermediate participants will have the chance to hone their skills. Seasoned individuals will be challenged to further develop their expertise.

Mount Seymour personnel will provide lessons for all of our students. Skiers and snowboarders will be evaluated on the first night to determine their proficiency and then placed in a group accordingly. Each student will receive a **2 hour lesson** per evening that matches their level of comfort / ability. Skiing and snowboarding time can also be enjoyed after the lesson, under the guidance of an adult supervisor, so that our students can further practice what has been taught. Please note:

If your child is a beginner skier or snowboarder and s/he misses the first night of skiing, the family needs pay an additional \$20 for a 1:1 catch up lesson.

Similarly, if your child requires 1:1 instruction you can purchase a private lesson for an extra \$20. You must communicate your desire for private lessons at the time you register your child for the ski and snowboard club.

Peace Arch Elementary has booked the following evenings on the mountain:

Thursday, February 7, 2019
Thursday, February 14, 2019
Thursday, February 21, 2019
Thursday, February 28, 2019

Transportation from the school and back will be by bus. **We will leave the school by 2:45pm. and arrive back at school around 9:15pm.** Parents will need to make arrangements to pick up their children from school at this time.

Mount Seymour charges a blanket rate of \$179 per student for 4 nights of skiing or snowboarding. This includes lift ticket, equipment rental and 4x 2-hour group lessons. (Please note the rate is standard regardless of rentals or not and the mountain does not give a reduction for individuals who already have a family or individual season lift pass).

Transportation costs for 4 nights with International Stage Line is \$90/student.

Hence the total price for this year's ski and snowboard club is **\$269 per participant**.

Students at Peace Arch Elementary all work hard to be excellent ambassadors for our school. We welcome all Grade 5-7 students who exhibit responsible, mature and respectful behaviour. We have room for 75 students in our ski and snowboard club. Spots in the club are filled on a first come, first served basis and participation suitability is reviewed at the school level. **The deadline for registration is October 26, 2018.**

Parent volunteers are needed to make this event a success. In previous years, because of overwhelming support for this program, we have not been able to include all volunteers for supervision duties on the bus. Arrangements can be made for alternate transportation, such as carpooling, up to the mountain. This is necessary to accommodate more students in the club; which is the primary aim of our program. *Please check off the bottom of the permission form if you are interested in joining us.*

Mountain Weather - can change very quickly and is difficult to predict. Students must dress appropriately and bring clothes to change into. Should the ski program be jeopardized by weather, all programs will be postponed and rescheduled.

Individual Cancellations - Individuals unable to attend a program **MUST** let the school coordinators know no later than noon of the program day. If a student has to miss one of the club nights, s/he is not entitled to a refund. However, the empty box on their pass card can be used towards free rentals and lift tickets on a day of their choice.

Gr. 5 ski passes - are available for pick up at Mount Seymour once I have been able to submit all the forms to the Mountain (all forms will be distributed in late October). If this happens before December 1st families can pick up their pass and use it over the Christmas holiday. So please hand in your forms quickly and filled out accurately!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mme Hill (604-536-8711),

Yours truly,
Peace Arch Elementary Ski / Snowboarding Club



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Permission Form

Please return this form directly to the office. This year we encourage you to make your payments through the school's on-line payment system.

Please return this completed page to the office as soon as possible. *The ski/snowboarding club usually fills up fast, so be prompt to avoid disappointment.* We will call our next meeting in October and hand out the additional forms that must be filled out prior to our departure. Numerous meetings will be held for our ski/snowboarding club. It is imperative that your child attends these meetings to guarantee his/her spot in the club.

Sincerely,
Chantal Hill

I request my child _____ Division _____ be permitted to go skiing / snowboarding at Mount Seymour on February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2019. I am aware that they will be transported to and from Mount Seymour by a chartered bus line.

I have paid the amount of \$ 269.00 on line.

Student Name: _____

Parent / Guardian signature _____ Contact number: _____

I (name, please print) _____ am interested in being a **Parent Volunteer**

(on bus private car)