CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND
Parks, Recreation & Waterfront

Lost Valley Sunday Ski/Ride Program – 2027

Dear Parents:

Welcome to the 2027 Lost Valley Sunday Ski/Ride Program with South Portland Parks & Recreation. The goal of this program is to expose participants to the great winter sport of skiing in Maine, and for them to have a fun, safe and positive experience. This program is scheduled for the following **6 Sundays: January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7 & 14 (makeup date February 21).**

Depart/Return Times & Location

- All trips will depart & return to the South Portland Community Center, 21 Nelson Rd South Portland in the parking lot on the Evans St. side.
- Depart at 9am (bus should be here by 8:30am)
- Arrive at Lost Valley by 10:00am
- Depart Lost Valley by 3:00pm.
- Arrive back to SPCC by 4:00pm
- Transportation: Via South Portland School Dept School Bus
- Parents should be prompt in picking their child up by 4:00pm.

To get in touch with the program:

- Rec Staff Group Leader Cell – Cullen Robbins 845-337-1150, crobbins@southportland.gov
- Lost Valley – Tad Bettcher - 784-1561
- South Portland Community Center Front Desk – 767-7650
- Deputy Director of Recreation – Anthony Johnson – cell 409-3098

Emergency Contact Information

It is extremely important that we have a phone number where you or a designated emergency contact can be reached at all times each Sunday. Home and work numbers are not helpful if no one is there. The Rec Staff Leader has the roster of all kids registered along with contact information given when you signed up.

Lift Tickets

Participants will receive one lift ticket at the beginning of the program to be used for all 6 weeks. Please make sure your child has this ticket with them each week. A good idea is to clip it to their jacket and have them wear the same ski jacket each week.

Lessons

If enrolled in lessons, they will be from 10:30 – 12:00 pm each Sunday. After lessons, kids will be skiing in a group with a parent chaperone(s)

What to bring:

Lunch: Participants should pack a lunch, water bottle & snacks for the day or money to purchase lunch and/or snacks at the mountain. The mountain offers hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken tenders, fries pizza and more. $15-20 per week is sufficient to purchase lunch.

What to pack: All participants should pack warm snow gear (neck & face protection, knit hat, ski gloves, ski jacket and sweatshirt, thermal underwear, extra socks and extra layers, hand & toe warmers). It is better to be over prepared than under prepared.

Equipment: Participants not renting equipment at the mountain should bring all of their gear (snowboard, skis, poles & helmet). We will transport this equipment in the school bus.

What not to bring:
No valuable items such as ipads, etc. South Portland Parks & Recreation is not responsible for lost or stolen items

Helmets
Helmets are required by all participants and are included if renting equipment. If not renting equipment, please make sure your child has a helmet.

Cancellations

- No refunds or vouchers will be issued for missed or cancelled trips.
- Scheduled makeup date is February 21, 2027
- If a trip needs to be cancelled due to poor weather or road conditions, a decision will be made Saturday evening by 9pm (earlier if possible). An email will be sent to the entire group, posted on our facebook page and website.

Injuries
In case of an injury, parents or their emergency contact person must be available to come to the mountain or hospital if necessary, to be with their child and transport him/her home.

Ski Program Participant Expectations:

- Helmets are required for all participants.
- Skiers & riders MUST ski with a buddy at all times (chaperones will help pair kids up).
- All South Portland participants will have a yellow arm band around their jacket so we can easily identify them.
- Skiers & riders are responsible for being off the mountain and on the bus before the designated departure time (3:00pm).
- To ensure everyone's safety, appropriate and respectful behavior is expected at the mountain and on the bus. **Failure to meet expectations may result in removal from the program. No refunds will be given**. Appropriate behavior includes listening and following directions, skiing safely and in control, staying seated on the bus and keeping noise level to a minimum.

We are looking forward to a great season of skiing and riding. For further question, please feel free to contact me.

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