

Hope Elementary School PTO

2019 After-School Ski/Snowboard Program

Dear HES Families:

The HES PTO is excited to sponsor the After-School Ski/Snowboard Program again in 2019. The program is scheduled to run on Fridays after school, January 11 through February 8, 2019. Please read over the information below as well as attached documents and return all forms, permission slips & fees to the school by **Tuesday, January 8th** for our first outing on **Friday, January 11th**.

2018 After School Ski/Snowboard Program Details



NEW!

The After-School Ski/Snowboard is now open to HES students in **Grade 3** as well as Grades 4 through 8. As always, we welcome siblings, parents, friends, family, and HES staff!

If your student is younger than Grade 3 but would like to attend the program, please contact Ellen Mallow at 207-322-8261 (emwmallow@fairpoint.net).

Dates	Cost (per week)
January 11, 18, 25 February 1, 8	Bus \$5 (required) Lift Ticket \$15 (required) or a Season Pass Lesson \$15 (optional) Equipment Rental \$15 (optional)

The bus will leave Hope Elementary at approximately 1:35pm and arrive at the Snow Bowl 2:15-2:30pm. Lessons begin at approximately 2:45pm.

We need a minimum of 15 bus riders in order to pay for the transportation service each week otherwise the program session may be cancelled.

The bus will not return to Hope Elementary School. Parents will need to arrange transportation home from the Snow Bowl.

If your child already has a season pass at the Snow Bowl, please fill out the HES Registration form & the Liability Waiver. The Snow Bowl is willing to count them as part of our group. There is still a \$5 fee to ride the bus.

Sign Up, Paperwork & Payment

The Registration Form, Liability Waiver, as well as forms and payment for the options selected (lift ticket, lesson, equipment rental) are due in the school office by 3:00pm on the Tuesday before the program date. Other family members wishing to join us at the Snow Bowl to ski must also pre-register & send payment.

All paperwork is available on the school's website at www.fivetowns.net/hes

Checks should be made payable to Hope School PTO.

Please contact Ellen Mallow at 207-322-8261 (emwmallow@fairpoint.net) if you have any questions.

Other Important Program Information (READ ME!!!)

- **All participants are required to wear a helmet.**
- Laptops cannot be brought to the Snow Bowl & must remain at school. Please contact Ellen Mallow or Mrs. Fagonde with questions/concerns.
- Sometimes weather conditions makes it necessary to cancel a program session. That decision will be made on the day by Mrs. Fagonde and the bus company. If cancellation is needed, an announcement will be made at school and your child will go home after school on his/her regular bus.
- Skiing/snowboarding are winter sports. Be sure that your skiers/snowboarders are dressed appropriately for all weather conditions.
- All participants need to complete a Hope School PTO permission/registration form and have a Liability Waiver signed to participate with our group. These forms only need to be filled & signed once.
- Skiers meeting our group at the Snow Bowl will need to meet the chaperones in the Lodge or Rental Office after the arrival of the bus to receive lift tickets, and must wait until the group arrives to begin skiing. They should not attempt to get tickets from the ticket office at the Snow Bowl.
- Participation in the Ski Program depends upon continued cooperation and good behavior at the Snow Bowl and on the bus. School rules and behavioral expectations will be followed. Any difficulty in this area will result in non-participation in subsequent program dates.
- Students who have their own ski equipment cannot bring it to and from school on the regular school bus. Parents will need to bring it to the school and store it in the hallway at the school. Alternatively, parents may drop equipment off at the Snow Bowl. Just remember that skis, boards, and poles must be left on the racks behind the lodge. All other equipment can be stored in cubbies inside the lodge.
- A food concession is available at the ski lodge. Participants should bring money or pack a bag with food and drinks.

A Note About Lessons & Equipment Rentals

Lessons	Equipment Rentals
<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Group lessons (skiing or snowboarding) start at approximately 2:45pm and last for 75 minutes.❖ The price of a lesson does not include a lift ticket.❖ In order to take a lesson; the Snow Bowl requires the student to have a lift ticket.❖ Group lessons are only available to children 7 and older. If your child is younger than age 7, the Snow Bowl requires a private, one-on-one lesson at the rate of \$25 per half hour❖ If your child is new to skiing/snowboarding it is recommended that you pick up at the Snow Bowl when lessons end at 4pm.❖ Before leaving the Snow Bowl, please sign out with the Chaperone in the Lodge.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ If ski or snowboard rental equipment is needed, a rental agreement form must be completed and returned with the permission slip & waiver.❖ If the information is not complete, equipment may not be ready when our group arrives. The Snow Bowl cannot give out rental equipment without the proper release signatures.❖ At the end of each session, each individual who is financially responsible for that rental must return all rental equipment to the Rental Shop. Penalties may be assessed by the Snow Bowl if the equipment is not returned in good condition and properly checked in.❖ The Snow Bowl requires that a lift ticket is also purchased to rent equipment.❖ All forms only need to be completed once, and they are filed at the ski shop for the entire season. However, if anyone wishes to snowboard one week and ski another, a rental form for each must be completed.