



WINTER 2017 SKI & SNOWBOARD LESSONS PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

Welcome to the Blue Hills Skiing & Snowboarding program with Norwell Recreation. The 5-lesson program starts Wednesday, January 4 and is scheduled to end on Wednesday, February 1 or until all 5 lessons have been completed. Lessons will not be held during February Vacation. Please remember to leave Wednesdays open for make-up date(s) should a scheduled program date be cancelled by Norwell Recreation or Blue Hills due to weather. We hope you find the following information helpful and that many of your questions are answered. If you have additional questions, please contact the Recreation Department at (781) 659-8046 or recreation@townofnorwell.net. Office hours are Mon-Thu 9:00am-2:00pm.

Where and when do we meet the bus? The bus leaves from and returns to the Norwell Middle School (328 Main St.) circular drive on the East Side (not the cafeteria). Please use the inside of the circle so the bus can pull up to the sidewalk. It is available for boarding from 3:25-3:40pm. The bus will leave promptly at 3:40pm. Please do not drop off any participants before 3:25pm. The bus returns to the same spot at 7:00pm. If we run a few minutes late, we are probably just “stuck in traffic”, just wait for us and we’ll be home soon! Please be prompt for pick-up! Participants are cold, tired and hungry! Norwell Recreation will not be held responsible for loss or stolen property.

Who are the program supervisors? Program is supervised by George Grey, Recreation Director; Judy Volpe, Program Coordinator and Jeff Volpe, Volunteer Chaperone. Please encourage your children to discuss problems and direct questions to any of us. We are there to help them! Ski and Snowboard Instructors are hired and trained by Blue Hills.

What should my child wear? Helmets are highly recommended and extremely important for both safety and warmth. We encourage you to purchase your own helmet rather than rent. This will help ensure they are used and cleaned properly. In lieu of a helmet, Hats and ski mittens/gloves are required. As with all outdoor winter sports – dress in layers. Although it may be sunny and warm when we leave at 3:40pm; expect a decreased temperature and increased wind on a small mountain after sundown. Outer layers should be wind and water-resistant. No student will be allowed on the hill without ski mittens/gloves, helmet/hat, ski jacket and pants. Cotton socks are NOT recommended! Most participants change into their ski clothes at home or in the parking lot before boarding the bus. Please do NOT allow participants to bring electronic gear as there is no safe storage. Norwell Recreation and Blue Hills will not be held responsible for loss or stolen property. A backpack makes carrying personal items easier. They may be left in the rental barn or lodge during lessons. Ski straps are recommended for the child carrying their own skis.

Why do participants have to wear the gold “Norwell Recreation” vest / pinnie? It is a simple and effective way for Blue Hills Staff and Norwell Recreation Staff to identify Norwell participants. Hundreds of participants from other towns participate in the program on Wednesdays in addition to over 100 High School ski racers. In ski clothes it is difficult to identify the ones we are responsible for. The vests are a BIG HELP and must be worn until we are back on the bus.

How many and how long are the lessons? The program includes 5 group lessons each 75 minutes long. Lessons are from 4:30-5:45pm. Remember to keep Wednesdays open until we complete all 5 lessons. There have been past seasons that lessons have continued into March.

Can my child ski or snowboard in the same class with their friend? Participants are tested by instructors and assigned to classes based on their skill levels. If you are not in a class with your friend, think of it as a chance to make some new friends! Instructors decide when to move a child to a new level. Also keep in mind that levels are relative – therefore a level 3 at Blue Hills may not be the same as a level 3 at your favorite mountain up north.

May my child switch from skiing to snowboarding or vice versa? YES! If the participant decides before the December 16 deadline. NO! If the participants decides after the December 16 deadline.

Will my child be able to “make up” a class missed for illness or other personal reason? NO! The “make-up date(s)” are reserved for when the entire Norwell group makes up a cancelled date during the 5-week season.

If my child cannot attend a lesson, may I send a sibling or friend? NO! Each lesson is a progressive series and is for the registrant only. All students must sign-up for the entire series.

How will I know if you cancel a day due to weather? Presume the lessons are on unless we email you (make sure we have your correct email address!). Snowmaking capabilities are much improved. If Norwell schools are closed, lessons are cancelled. If another town that has lessons scheduled on Wednesday closes their schools, Blue Hills will cancel lessons for the day. So, if either Blue Hills or Norwell Recreation cancels due to weather, we will announce at each Norwell school (if school is in session) and email to the address you registered with. Please remember to check your emails on questionable days. Parents may call the Recreation Office to check on the status after 12pm on any lesson day at (781) 659-8046.

My child needs to rent equipment. Will there be help for him/her? YES! A Norwell Recreation Staff accompanies participants to the appropriate area and, with Blue Hills Staff, assists them in learning how to fasten boots and carry equipment to their lesson area. They are also in the rental area at the end of the lesson to help again. Please provide the accurate rental information when you fill out the paperwork (age, ability, height weight, shoe size)

My child has his/her own equipment. Is there help for them? YES! A Norwell Recreation Staff will accompany participants to the lodge and assist them in getting ready for their lesson. BUT each participant must be able to carry their own equipment from the bus to the lodge (up the hill) and back. We suggest that parents invest in a ski tote, backpack or bag with shoulder strap, or carrier of some sort to make this task easier. It is also a good idea to practice at home before the first lesson day!

Will my child have time for any free skiing – time for a couple of runs on their own? NO! This program requires all participants to remain with their instructor for the entire time on the mountain. Each participant will receive a voucher for a free lift ticket to be used during the season.

Where does my child meet the Norwell Recreation Staff at the end of lessons? Each child should meet the chaperones inside the lodge at the end of their lesson and after they have returned any rental equipment. The entire group will then proceed to their bus. Remember to keep your yellow Norwell Recreation Vest on until you are on the bus and have been instructed by staff that you may remove it. No child should try to find the appropriate bus on their own.

Will my child have time for a snack? We encourage a small, simple snack before the program - at home or on your way to the bus. Bus etiquette = no littering. We also encourage snacks from home for after lessons. Only if there is time and available lodge space will we allow children to go to the snack bar. We must leave the ski lodge by 6:00pm to get home on time. Ski lodge snack bars can be expensive – please plan for it!

What is the refund policy should I want to withdraw? If you withdraw **before** the December 16 deadline, you will get a total fee refund less the \$10 drop fee. No refunds after the deadline date are available.

If you have any additional questions, please call. Please share this information with your child before the first lessons.

Sincerely,

George Grey

Recreation Director

Judy Volpe

Program Coordinator



WINTER 2017 SKI & SNOWBOARD LESSONS BLUE HILLS ONLINE WAIVER INFORMATION

In lieu of completing a paper BLUE HILLS PROGRAM/RENTAL WAIVER as in previous, All Parents/Guardians must visit http://skeedyid.com/kiosk/blue_hills_ski_area/ski and complete

1. **Become a member by clicking JOIN NOW**

- A parent will need to start the process by inputting the Parent/Guardian's Information to create account
- Fill out YOUR information (Parent's Info)
- Accept the Terms and Conditions
- Create account

2. **Click ADD FAMILY MEMBER**

- **This is where you will input your child (the participant's) information**
- Complete ALL of this information
- Choose Town Rec Group
- Select the Town Rec Group you are a part of: "NORWELL"
- If you have purchased a season pass select yes if not select no
- If you have purchased a program rental select yes if not select no

3. **Continue to next page you will find TWO (Event & Rental) waivers that that need to be electronically signed/dated by PARENT/GUARDIAN (Adult 18 & older).**

4. **Complete EMERGENCY CONTACT**

5. **If you have an additional participant, please click ADD FAMILY MEMBER and repeat process**