



FIELD TRIPS 23/24

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A Fun, Educational and Affordable Ski Experience for School Kids!

Swiss Valley Ski & Snowboard Area offers a Field Trip Program designed to give students an introduction to the sport of downhill skiing. Skiing is an individual sport and there is NO "sitting the bench" waiting for a chance to play.

Skiing not only keeps you physically fit, but helps build confidence and self esteem.

Children can excel at their own comfortable pace! Offered to students 2nd grade level and up!

It's So Easy...

The Field Trip Program is offered Monday thru Friday (non holiday) starting at 10am beginning January 8, 2023. Because of the popularity of this program, more than one Field Trip may be scheduled on any given day. Swiss Valley can be flexible with the time depending on school policy, bussing, etc.

Upon Arrival.....

Swiss Valley Staff will guide Sponsors and Students through the day.

Orientation - First stop of the day. Our staff explains the equipment usage, Skier's Responsibility Code, safety, and Lift Tickets and Rental Cards.

Next Stop - Rental Department. Here you will be fitted with the proper ski equipment. Depending on the size of the class, we may split you up into 2 or more groups!

Finally - Lessons. We strongly encourage lessons for all beginners! Our PSIA-ASEA Certified Ski School will be ready to give all Students and Sponsors a beginning "never-ever" skied before lesson.

Then off to a fun filled afternoon of Skiing!

This is a GREAT DEAL!

- All you need is 20 students in your group to schedule a Field Trip.
- Children must be in the 2nd grade level or above.
- **This program is super affordable!** Students and Parents are only \$30 each. This price covers the Lift Ticket, Ski Equipment Rental, Helmet and the "never-ever skied before" Lesson.
- **PLUS...** Up to 5 Field Trip Directors, Teachers, and School Administration may join your students FREE of charge!
- **IF....**you have a student with special needs, we ask that you contact Swiss Valley prior to confirming your reservation. This will allow us time to work out a plan to try and accommodate your students needs.

BE PREPARED

- ◆ Before arrival at Swiss Valley, each skier **MUST KNOW** his **HEIGHT, WEIGHT, AGE** and **SHOE SIZE**. This information is necessary to get proper fit and to set the release tension of the bindings on your skis. **THIS INFORMATION MUST BE ACCURATE.**
- ◆ Nothing extra in the line of clothing is necessary, however, we highly stress that you bring leather faced gloves or mitts. Rope tows are particularly hard on woolen or vinyl-type mittens. **DO NOT WEAR LONG SCARVES**, and long hair should be secured under your hat or in the collar of your coat.
- ◆ Boots and skis will be issued in our ski rental department. Boots should be the same as your street shoe size. Beginners will not be issued poles until they are proficient enough to leave the beginner area.
- ◆ It is very important for our staff to know (as accurately as possible) how many of your group will be taking the beginner ski lessons. Some schools require all students to take lessons, while others only have first time skiers receive instruction.

FOR THE FIELD TRIP DIRECTOR

Sometimes there are certain individual rules each school has for making Field Trips possible. If you have special needs or criteria to adhere to, please call and let us address the situation with you. We will help you in any way to make your day pleasurable as well as educational. We are looking forward to having you and your school join us for a most rewarding day!

Building strength in each child.....A sense of achievement, physical health, self esteem, winter activity, and a chance to learn a new Life Long Sport at their own pace with no pressure. This sport is an individual sport, yet can be enjoyed in a team effort, such as ski racing. ***There is no "sitting the bench" at Swiss Valley.***

PLEASE NOTE: Field Trips are not available on Martin Luther King Day or Presidents' Day.

- ◆ Your Field Trip is not confirmed until the reservation form has been received at Swiss Valley. Your reservation form must be submitted to Kristina at Kristina@skiswissvalley.com.
- ◆ Payment for the Field Trip may be made on the day you ski. Payment is due in the form of one check, cash, or credit card. (Please! Try to avoid bringing individual checks from parents payable to Swiss Valley, if possible)
- ◆ If you must postpone your outing, a 24-hour notice would be appreciated.
- ◆ Just a reminder... the first two pages of this Program may be reprinted for use as a parent information sheet.
- ◆ Field Trip is a separate program, therefore, we ask that Season Passes, Complimentary Passes, Coupons, School Passes, etc., not be used for this outing.
- ◆ **SORRY, SNOWBOARDING IS NOT PART OF THIS PROGRAM**, however, if you have a student that insists on snowboarding, they can get a snowboard rental for an additional \$10 at the rental window after orientation is completed. Snowboard lessons can be arranged day of Field Trip at the Snowsports desk for \$35 per student. Snowboard lessons are available only after all ski lessons have been given.



Ski Smart.....

Ski In Control



There are certain responsibilities each skier is required to uphold. **SKIING IN CONTROL** is first on the list. To help you, our Ski School staff will give each student a "Never-Ever" skied before lesson which will instruct them on how to be in control on the slopes. It is up to each student to practice what they were taught until they can **STOP** and make **URNS** well enough to negotiate any obstacle (including your classmates) that may be on the hill. The Field Trip Director will be given a copy of the **SKIERS' RESPONSIBILITY CODE** for you to review.

CAUTION: Skiing, like any other action sport, is a high risk recreational activity. Accidents do happen. It is our endeavor to reduce these risks; however, it is impossible to completely eliminate them. **YOU**, the skier, must exercise common sense, follow rules, and have a great awareness for your own personal safety and the safety of others. Be advised that no ski binding, regardless of make, setting, or brand, will release 100% of the time.

Skier's Responsibility Code

Skiing can be enjoyed in many ways. At ski areas you may see people using alpine, snowboard, telemark, cross country or other specialized equipment, such as that used by disabled or other skiers. Regardless of how you decide to enjoy the slopes, always show courtesy to others and be aware that there are elements of risk in skiing that common sense and personal awareness can help reduce. Observe the code listed below and share with others the responsibility for a great skiing experience.

1. **Always stay in control. You must be able to stop or avoid people or objects.**
2. **People ahead or downhill of you have the right-of-way. You must avoid them.**
3. **Stop only where you are visible from above and do not restrict traffic.**
4. **Look uphill and avoid others before starting downhill or entering a trail.**
5. **You must prevent runaway equipment.**
6. **Read and obey all signs, warnings, and hazard markings.**
7. **Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.**
8. **You must know how and be able to load, ride and unload lifts safely. If you need assistance, ask the lift attendant.**
9. **Do not use lifts or terrain when impaired by alcohol or drugs.**
10. **If you are involved in a collision or incident, share your contact information with each other and a ski area employee.**

KNOW THE CODE, IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

This is a partial list. Be safety conscious.

Official endorsed by : National Ski Areas Association

Michigan Dept. of Labor Ski Area and Safety Board General Rules

R 408.97 Skier, Spectator, and public conduct in ski areas.

- A) A person unloading from a ski lift shall move immediately out of the unloading area.
- B) A person shall not willfully board or embark upon, or disembark from a ski lift, except at an area designated for this purpose.
- C) A person shall conduct him/her self within the limits of his/her individual ability and shall not act or ski in a manner that may contribute to his/her injury or that of any other person.
- D) A person shall not do any act which interferes with the running or operation of a ski lift such as, but no limited to:
Swinging or bouncing on an aerial lift, attempting to contact supporting towers, machinery, guides, or guards while riding on a ski lift; or skiing out of the designated track on a surface lift or tow.
- E) A person shall not ski in an area that is designated as closed, nor shall a person remove any sign used to designate a closed area.
- F) A person involved in an accident causing injury to him/her self or others shall immediately notify the ski patrol, the ski area operator, or the area manager and shall clearly identify him/her self.
- G) A skier shall maintain control of his/her speed and course at all times and shall stay clear of any snow grooming equipment, any vehicle, any lift tower, any other persons, or any other equipment at a ski area.

Acts 199 of Public Acts of 1962, Section 20

ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATED ANY PROVISION OF THE ACT, OR RULE, IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR!

BE SAFETY CONSCIOUS!



FIELD TRIP RESERVATION FORM 2023-2024

We will set your date by phone, but you MUST return this form to us to confirm your Field Trip Date.

DAY & DATE YOU PLAN TO SKI: _____ GRADE & AGE GROUP: _____

Reschedule dates are not available on Fridays.

ARRIVAL TIME: _____ DEPARTURE TIME: _____

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

SCHOOL PHONE: (_____) _____ SCHOOL FAX: (_____) _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT: _____

FIELD TRIP DIRECTOR: _____ E-MAIL: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: (_____) _____ CELL: _____

FIELD TRIP DIRECTOR FAX: (_____) _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF: Paid Students: _____ Paid Parents _____

(Minimum 20 paid Participants)

Free Administration: _____

Total needing Ski Rental: _____

Total Number of Never, Ever Skied Before Lessons _____

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