

# Learn to Ski/Ride Program Information

## Learn to Ski/Ride Program

- Program is for grades K-8<sup>th</sup>. (Kindergarten children must be transported and have an adult on the mountain with them)
- The program meets for 7-Wednesdays- Jan. 13-Mar. 3. Six Wednesdays of lessons and the last day is the “Donut Hole Races”
  - No program on Wednesday, Feb 24, school break
- The program is from 2:30-4:30pm, with lessons from 2:30-3:30pm and free ski/ride from 3:30-4:30pm.
- All children are required to wear a helmet to participate in the program. This year face covering, or mask is required.

## Lessons at Cochran’s

- The Learn to Ski/Ride Program is for instructional purposes.
- Children are required to remain with their assigned groups until lessons are over.
- Lessons will be held each week, beginning at 2:30pm, for everyone in the program.
- All NEW participants will begin at level 1 of lessons and can progress quickly, as they demonstrate the skills of each level.

## Equipment Drop Off- for those who take the bus

- Children taking a bus, must have their equipment, Ski/Poles or Snowboard Only, dropped off prior to 1:45pm each Wednesday.
- Rec. Truck/Trailer will be on the west side of WCS, near tennis courts, from Tuesday after 5:00pm until Wednesday at 1:30pm.
- Skis/Poles go in Trailer and Snowboards go in Truck Bed.
- When children get off the bus at Cochran’s their equipment will be on the mountain and ready for them to get and go to lesson.

## Bus Procedures

- No gear or backpacks are to be left on bus.
- No food or drinks can be consumed on the on the buses, to or from the mountain.
- School bus rules apply to this program. See school Bus Policy and Rules below.
- Students who are having behavior issues will not be allowed to ride the bus and may be removed from the program.

## Bus Transportation for grades 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

- Transportation to Cochran’s is from Williston Central School Only this year.
- Buses leaves at 2:00pm. Children must be at the school by 1:45pm to be screened and Temperature checked.
- Transportation back from Cochran’s is only to WCS arriving at 5:15pm.
- **Bus Fee:** If your child will be taking the bus either way, both ways or occasionally they **MUST** be registered as a “with Transportation”. If they are not, they will not be on the transportation list and not able to ride.

## Departure from Cochran’s

- At 4:30pm, the light on the Rec. Truck will be lit and all participants will be notified via bullhorn that the program has ended.
- Participants who will be riding the buses back to WCS need to bring their board/skis to the Truck/Trailer and proceed to the deck of the lodge, where they will be checked off to load the buses. Buses leave by 5:00pm.
- Participants who rode the bus to Cochran’s but are being picked up by a parent/guardian at Cochran’s, see Parent Pickup at Cochran’s below, must be signed out by 4:45pm.
- Participants who ‘think’ they are being picked up at Cochran’s, but have not prior to the bus departure at 5:00pm, will be put on the bus and transported back to WCS. Parents will have to pick them up at the school.
- Participants who rode the bus to Cochran’s but will be staying at the mountain or who will be picked up by a parent later, must have a note stating this. **The note must be giving to a lead instructor at the mountain.**

## Pickup at the School- end of program day

- Pick up for those riding the buses back from Cochran’s will be in the front of Williston Central School.
- Pick up at the school is no later than 5:20pm. Buses will plan to arrive by 5:15pm each week.
- **Do Not** park in front of the school or in the bus area. Buses and equipment truck need to be able to enter that area.
- Once at the WCS school, children must remain in the front of the school until picked up by a parent/guardian.

## Parent Pickup at Cochran’s

- Parents who plan to pick-up their child, who rode the bus to Cochran’s, at the end of the program at Cochran’s, **MUST** be at the mountain and have their child checked out by 4:45pm.
- Clipboards with the Check-out sheets will be at the Blue Recreation Truck until 4:30pm
- They are located there until 4:30pm, then will be with the lead instructors on the deck of the lodge.

## Parent Transportation to and from Cochran’s

- Parents transporting their children to the mountain should plan to arrive by 2:20pm for lessons that start at 2:30pm.
- If parents are not able to do this each week, they should consider their children taking the bus.
- Kindergarten children must be transported to and from Cochran’s by a parent or guardian each week.
- Participants who are transported to and from Cochran’s do not have to be checked in or checked out.

## Weather Conditions & Cancellations

- Children must dress for the weather conditions. The lodge is not available this year so dress in layers to stay warm.
- When it comes to cold weather, parents must decide if conditions are proper for their child to participate.
- The ski area may cancel due to un-skiable conditions or we may have to cancel due to unsafe travel conditions.

## On the Mountain at Cochran’s

- No one ever skis or snowboards alone. The buddy system must be used, or your child must always be with an adult.
- Everyone is to stay on well-marked and groomed trails **ONLY**. Any reports of off trail will jeopardize your child’s continuation.
- Good behavior is always expected at Cochran’s.

## Behavior

- Good behavior is always expected during this program.
- Children will be respectful to the people in charge of the program, all chaperones, bus drivers and ski personnel.
- Any discipline problems or failure to obey the rules could result in a suspension or expulsion from the program or final trip.

## Schedule

- 2:00pm- Buses leave Williston Central School
- 2:20pm- Buses arrive at Cochran's
- 2:30-3:30pm- Ski/Ride Lessons
- 3:30-4:30pm- Free Skiing/Snowboarding.
- 4:30pm- End of program- Called off mountain. Truck lights on, bullhorn announcement that program is done.
- 4:40-5:00pm- Loading buses
- 4:45pm- Parents picking up child at Cochran's must have checked them out.
- 5:00pm- Buses leave Cochran's
- 5:15pm- Buses arrive at WCS

## Ski/Ride Trip in March

- **This will not be offered this year due to COVID-19**

## COVID-19 Requirements

- All participants riding a bus will be screened and temperature checked before getting on bus.
- Bus requirements are currently; grades 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> two children per seat and grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 1 child per seat.
- All participants will wear a mask during the program, on the lifts, on the mountain, in the lodge and on the buses.
- Social distancing will be required when possible along with wearing a mask.
- All parents, guardians, volunteers and such will wear a mask and social distance when at mountain during the Ski/Ride Program.
- If your child is not feeling well or showing signs or symptoms of a Cold, Flu or COVID-19 they are not to attend the program on that day. They must be symptom free for at least 24 hours prior to attending.
- If your child has traveled to an area outside of Vermont that is yellow or red, they must quarantine for the 2 weeks that are mandated by the state before attending the program.

## School Bus Policy

- School bus rules apply to the Learn to Ski/Ride Program.
- It is the school's policy to provide a safe environment on school buses and to maintain student discipline.
- All school buses have surveillance cameras both inside and outside.
- Bus drivers are authorized and expected to maintain appropriate student behavior on the bus.
- Riding the bus is a privilege. Students who engage in inappropriate conduct may lose this privilege.
- In the event a student is denied transportation privileges by the principal or designee as a result of disciplinary action or consequences, the parent/guardian will be notified.
- The following are expectations for behavior on CVSD school buses:
  - All school rules apply on buses.
  - Follow directions from bus drivers
  - Respect the property and rights of others
  - Sit in assigned seats
  - Stay in seat until destination
  - Keep hands and head inside window
  - No eating or drinking on bus.
  - Speak respectfully to and about others

## NOTE:

- **Equipment Loan**
  - There will **NOT** be equipment loaned out this year from the program.
  - All children who need equipment will have to rent from a local business.
- **Ski/Snowboard Rentals-** There are many options for ski/snowboard rentals.  
**Alpine Shop** is a sponsor of the program- Please support them by checking out their prices for rentals and other services. Leasing/rental information is on their website and you will have to schedule a fitting appointment through the website this year- <https://www.alpineshopvt.com/ski-snowboard-leasing/>  
**REI** is a sponsor of the program and offers a coupon for those who have their own equipment for a discount on a check and tune up. REI sells ski and snowboard equipment. Please support them by checking out their prices and other services.
- **School Use**
  - The School will **NOT** be open for use prior to or at the end of the program each week.
  - Children need to come ready to participant and parents need to be at the school at 5:15pm to pick up.
- **Lodge Use**
  - The lodge at Cochran's will **NOT** be in use at this time, this might change. Children need to come ready for the program.