

NLA SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB

Location: Afton Alps

Winter is here and it is time to hit the slopes at Afton Alps! The Ski and Snowboard club is open to all students from 5th grade to 12th grade and all levels of abilities from novice (beginner) to the more advanced. The Club is designed to promote the sport skiing and snowboarding in a safe and friendly environment. It is a great time for students to hang out with their classmates and enjoy the great outdoors. Ski and Snowboard Club is not a teaching club. If your child is new to the sport, please see Lessons section below.

Ski Club Dates for 2020

January 10, 17, 24, 31 and February 7, 21

Make up dates: February 28, March 6 (if needed)

NLA Ski Club Fees: \$200 for 6-trip package. \$50 for Season Pass holders

The Ski Club fees include price of a lift tickets, transportation and administration fee. **Pre-registration for bus transportation is required by Tuesday, 12 pm, for each week of Ski Club.** Please note: No refunds will be given for missed dates. Parents wanting to ski will need to email Mrs. Jones or Mrs. Bateman-Ek by Tuesday, 12 pm in order to get a reduced rate on lift tickets. Reduced ticket price is \$29 (full ticket price is \$59). If you sign up for Preferred Program (free to join), ticket price is \$54.

Optional fees:

*Helmet only rental -\$10.00

These items are not included in ski club fees and must be paid directly to Afton Alps. Helmets are required for "all" Skiers and Snowboarders. *You will not be allowed to ski/snowboard without a helmet.

Logistics: All ski equipment can be brought to school the day of Ski and Snowboard Club and loaded into trailer (parked in front of building) before school. **We will load the bus at the main school entrance at 3:20 pm and return to school at 8:30 pm.** Please make arrangement to pick up your children at that time.

Chaperones: It is important to note that although we have several chaperones, both in the chalet and skiing/snowboarding on the slopes, **we rely on the student to come to us if a need arises. This is a great opportunity for students to be independent and be responsible.** NLA Chaperone(s) can be found in the main chalet, 2nd floor in the Oak Room. Students are required to ski/snowboard with a buddy. Parents are always welcome to come and ski with Ski Club (see ticket information above).

Lessons: Group Ski and Snowboard lessons are available from Afton Alps Ski School for skiers and snowboarders, and last for two (2) hours. **We strongly encourage students who are skiing/snowboarding for the first time, to sign up for lessons!** The cost is \$34 for the two-hour lesson. Parents must register and pay online **at least 48 hours** in advance. Click [here](#) to register for lessons. Enter Group Name (New Life Academy Ski Club) and Date of visit. Lessons are non-refundable. Peak dates and times may fill up quickly and space is not guaranteed until registered.

Ski/Snowboard Club Information

1. A Ski Club Waiver must be completed and signed by parent or guardian in order for students to be allowed to participate. The document will serve as a permission slip, registration form, medical authorization and a liability waiver. Ski Club forms can be signed and accessed online.

****REMINDER:** The emergency contact must be available during 3:30pm – 9:00pm, in case of accident.

2. Payment of Ski Club fees can be paid through EagleNet.

3. All NLA Behavior Policies apply to all Ski Club participants. Students not in compliance with these policies will be held accountable according to these policies. Ski Club participation is a privilege and can be removed, if necessary.

4. All students must be picked up at NLA by 8:30 pm at main school entrance.

Note: Arrangements must be made in advance to pick up your kids at Afton Alps and notification must be given to Mrs. Jones or Mrs. Bateman-Ek prior to noon Friday.

5. If Ski Club is cancelled, you will be notified by e-mail and/or an announcement will be made on Schoology. If school is cancelled, then Ski/Snowboard Club is cancelled.

6. Lost and found for Ski club items will be located in the main school office OR call the main office at Afton Alps.

7. Policy for injured skiers:

- a.) Ski Patrol will take “injured individual” to the First Aid building
- b.) NLA Chaperone will be notified and parent(s) will be contacted
- c.) Parent(s) will need to decide method of transportation of injured child

8. A “brown bag lunch” will be served in the Main Chalet for club members. Food can also be purchased in the main chalet.

NLA Ski and Snowboard Club Advisors

- 1. Marquette Bateman-Ek – marquettebateman-ek@newlifeacademy.org
- 2. Lynn Atkinson – MS/US Principal - lynnatkinson@newlifeacademy.org
- 3. Pam Jones – pamelajones@newlifeacademy.org

Your Responsibility Code for Skiing and/or Snowboarding

Afton Alps is committed to promoting ski safety. While visiting Afton Alps, you may be joined on the slopes by traditional alpine skiers, snowboarders, telemark or cross-country skiers, skiers with disabilities, and snowshoers. Always show courtesy to others. Remain aware that there are elements of risk involved with skiing and snowboarding that common sense and situational awareness can help reduce. Know your ability level and stay within it. Observe "Your Responsibility Code" listed below and share the responsibility with others.

1. Always stay in control. Be able to stop or avoid other people or objects.
2. People ahead of you have the right of way. It is your responsibility to avoid them.
3. You must not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible from above.
4. Whenever starting downhill or merging into a trail, look uphill and yield to others.
5. Always use devices to help prevent runaway equipment.
6. Observe all posted signs and warnings. Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.
7. Prior to using any lift, you must have the knowledge and ability to load, ride and unload safely.

Be advised that Afton Alps Ski Area does not mark all potential obstacles or hazards. When marked, poles, flags, fencing, signage, padding or other forms of marking are used to inform the skier/rider of the location of a potential obstacle or hazard. These markers are no guarantee of your safety. It is part of your responsibility under the Your Responsibility Code to avoid all obstacles and hazards. Learn more about safety on the mountain at www.nsaa.org

Afton Alps promotes the use of helmets on the slopes. We urge skiers and riders to wear a helmet - but to ski or ride as if they are not wearing a helmet. Afton Alps views skiing and snowboarding in a controlled and responsible manner - not helmets only - as the primary safety consideration for all skiers and boarders. A skier's behavior has as much or more to do with the safety of the sport as does any piece of equipment.

In 2002, Lids on Kids <http://www.lidsonkids.org/> debuted as a resource for consumers to learn about helmet use in skiing and snowboarding. This site contains FAQs about helmet use, fit and sizing information, general slope safety information, related articles and games, and testimonials about helmet use from well-known athletes, including US Ski Team members. The site has received nearly 2 million hits since it was created.