



Field Trips 15/16

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BRING YOUR CLASS FOR A FUN, EDUCATIONAL SKI EXPERIENCE!



Our Field Trip Program is designed to give all students an introduction to the sport of downhill skiing. Because skiing is an individual sport, there is no "sitting the bench" waiting your turn to play. Each person can continually challenge themselves and excel at his or her own speed. Not only does skiing keep you physically fit, it can build self-esteem and a desire for competence that can carry over into all facets of life. But don't tell the kids they might be learning from this experience. They're only in it for the fun!

DETAILS, DETAILS

The Field Trip Program is offered Monday thru Friday, 10am - 4pm, starting January 4, 2016.

Sorry, not available Martin Luther King or Presidents' Days.

This is a very popular program and to accommodate everyone, some days are scheduled with more than one Field Trip. We suggest that you have a couple of alternative dates or perhaps a flexible time schedule, in case your first choice is unavailable.

Upon arrival at Swiss Valley our staff will guide you through:

- * **ORIENTATION** - This explains equipment usage, skiers' responsibility, safety, lift and ski rental tickets.
- * **SKI RENTALS** - On to the ski rental department to be fitted with ski equipment.. Depending on the size of your class, we may "split" them into 2 or more groups.
- * **LESSONS** - Strongly encourage lessons for beginners! Our ASEA Certified Ski School will be ready to give all your beginning skiers a "Never, Ever" skied before lesson, then it's off to enjoy an afternoon of SKIING!



WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

We offer a wide selection of nutritious foods and snacks that can be purchased a la carte in our cafeteria, or your group may elect to bring sack lunches. You will be assigned a space for storage of your lunches. Best and easiest for all is our **MEAL DEAL** program. We have a selection of 3 different planned meals. Let us know the number of each type Meal Deal you need, and please **inform us at least 2 days prior to arrival**. The cost is only \$6.50 per person. The selection is listed below:

- MEAL DEAL #1** - Hamburger Plate
- MEAL DEAL #2** - Hot Dog Plate
- MEAL DEAL #3** - Chicken Noodle Soup

All Meal Deals include chips, drink, and a dessert.

HERE'S THE DEAL.....

- ◆ You must have at least **25** paid participants to schedule a Field Trip and students must be at 2nd grade level or above.
- ◆ The cost per student is only \$18.00. This fee includes an all-area Lift Ticket, Ski Rental and a "Never, Ever Skied Before" Lesson. **The Field Trip Director, Teachers & School Administration** ski at no charge. In addition, you are allowed one FREE chaperone for every 10 PAID students. For Homeschool Field Trips, the group leader skis FREE. In addition you are allowed one FREE skier for every 10 PAID students.
- ◆ We also have helmet rental available for an additional charge of \$5.
- ◆ We are most happy to welcome parents, other than chaperones, who wish to participate in the Field Trip with their child. They may do so at the Student rate of \$18.00. If you wish to stay and continue skiing after the Field Trip is over, an additional \$10 per person will be charged. Please return to ticket counter for a new ticket.
- ◆ If you have a student with special needs, please contact us before confirming reservation so we can plan ahead to accommodate



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 do stress that you bring leather 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. An information packet will be sent by mail when reservation form is received.
- ◆ 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 on the day you ski. (Please! 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 customer service window after orientation is completed. They must bring their ski rental card to the window for exchange. Snowboard lessons can be arranged at the Snowsports desk for \$10 per student. Snowboard lessons are available after all ski lessons have been given.

Ski smart...
Ski in control.

IMPORTANT

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 you on how to be in control on the slopes. It is up to YOU, to practice what you were taught until you can STOP and make TURNS 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.

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Field Trip Reservation Form

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

Return to: Swiss Valley Ski Area, Field Trip Reservations, 13421 Mann St., Jones, MI 49061

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

ARRIVAL TIME: _____ DEPARTURE TIME: _____

Field Trips are scheduled to depart at 4 p.m. unless other arrangements are made.

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 25 paid Participants)

Free Chaperones and Administration: _____

Total needing Ski Rental: _____ Total needing Helmet Rental: _____

Total Number of Never, Ever Skied Before Lessons _____

MEAL DEAL: @ \$6.50 ea. 1. HAMBURG# _____ 2. HOTDOG# _____ 3. SOUP# _____

We Will Be Bringing Our Lunches _____ OR Purchase A-La-Carte (Cafeteria) _____

PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR RESERVATION FORM AS SOON AS YOU HAVE A DATE SET, AS FIELD TRIPS ARE BOOKED ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE BASIS. UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR RESERVATION FORM, WITH APPROXIMATE NUMBERS, WE WILL BE CONTACTING YOU WITH MORE DETAILED INFORMATION.

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