

Dear Snow Sports parent/guardian and TFMS student:

The 2011/2012 TFMS Snow Sports Club will make its first trip to the mountain on Wednesday January 4th! This season started early so we are looking forward to a great winter season at the Summit!

Now that you have a ride on the Snow Bus, here are some things to take care of and make note of before our first session up at the pass:

1. **Get a season's pass** or have money each week to buy a ticket on the hill.
2. **Organize lessons** if you need them. Call Mohan at the Summit on **425.868.3820**
3. **Get your Gear Organized!**
If you find there is something you still need...Mt. Si Board & Skate and Pro Ski are great stores in the valley where you can buy or rent equipment.
4. **Get your Central Park Pass-** Be ready to go in Central Park by getting your pass ahead of time. At Summit Central take the quick lesson on terrain park safety in order to get your Central Park pass. It now costs \$5.
5. **Gear Drop-Off-** Each Wednesday of Snow Sports club, plan to drive your child to school to drop-off their gear & clothing between **7:00-7:30am**. The gear will be stowed in the fitness room .You will change ready to get on the bus (details below). Students may leave their packs in the fitness room and pick them up on return from the hill. **(they may not return to their lockers)**
6. **Snow bus dates** are January 4th, 11th, 18th 25th and February 1st and 8th

Dealing with the Weather and other information!

How does my child drop off their gear?

Each Wednesday of Snow Sports club, plan to drive your child to school to drop-off their gear & clothing between **7:00-7:30am**. The gear will be stowed the fitness room until 2:30 when they will change ready to get on the bus. **IF YOU ARE LATE IN DROPPING YOUR GEAR OFF YOU NEED TO COME BACK AT 2:30. PLEASE DO NOT ASK THE OFFICE STAFF TO STOW YOUR GEAR. THEY CAN NOT DO THAT FOR YOU.**

Please enter the parking lot and take a left around the outside and back of the building. Drive all the way around the building and stop before the back entrance to the bus loop (by the gates). I will be standing waiting. Quickly unload your child and gear. Make a U turn in the back parking lot and exit the school the way you came in. There will be 60 of you unloading so please be patient and speedy. If you want to help your child then park and walk in the front parking lot. Your student may not take gear into the commons. You may not use the bus lane.

Will we still head up to the Summit if it is raining?

Yes, we will still go even if it is dismal and raining...bring your rain-gear!

Will we still head up to the Summit if it is snowing?

Yes, we love fresh snow!

What if the freeway has been closing a lot just before a ski/board session?

I-90 Snoqualmie Pass gets closed for many reasons. Before each session, we will assess the weather, road conditions, and recent closures and make our decision based on safe traveling conditions. Please

be aware that this section of freeway closes regularly for avalanche-control work, which does not necessarily mean that conditions are unsafe for road travel. In the event of planned avalanche-control work, we will obtain information from the DOT about their timeline and location and then make our decision. Check your e-mail for updates.

What if the freeway closes unexpectedly while the students are up at the Pass?

If the DOT makes a decision later in the day, due to changing conditions, to do avalanche-control work, the resort makes an announcement to all skiers/boarders to head down the mountain and providing an estimated time of freeway closure. In this event, all students are to return to the bus immediately, and all SVSD club advisors and chaperones assist in getting all students back to the bus and departing quickly. If the road closes before we leave the hill the DOT gives priority to school buses when convoying down the hill.

What about the recent avalanches that have come down on the freeway?

Most of the time, the DOT prevents avalanches from coming down onto the freeway by intentionally setting them off, or doing what they call 'avalanche control' work.

Again, we will make the decision about heading up to the Summit based on safety.

If SnowSports Club is cancelled, how do you let us know?

If you think there is a chance we might cancel please pack your car as planned but look out for signs posted at the school entrance informing you of the cancellation. You can simply drop off your student and return home with the snow gear.

If school is cancelled, is SnowSports Club cancelled?

Yes, every time. Most of the time, when school is cancelled in Snoqualmie Valley, it is either because there is a risk for road travel or flooding. In either of those cases, it is just best to stay home and avoid the mountain roads.

Will we make-up missed SnowSports Club sessions?

Yes, most definitely. You paid for 6 bus rides, so we will make sure to schedule make-up sessions.

What if an emergency occurs on the mountain?

If your child is involved in any accident the ski patrol will be called to deal with the situation and assess the incident. The ski patrol has the contact number of the advisors of the club and we get called straight away. We are either on the hill or by the fireplace at summit central. You will then be contacted to determine next steps.

How can club members contact a chaperone?

There is always a chaperone sitting by the outdoor fireplace at the Summit Central plaza. The chaperone has cell phone numbers of all the advisors from each of the three middle schools.

If you have any additional questions please contact Dawn Frearson at

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See you on the hill!