



Dear Ski Club Families,

Winter is here! It's cold, the trails are open, and snow making has been in full swing – all of this is a sure sign that we are ready for SPR Ski Club 2022 to start! We are so excited to get up to the mountain and hit the slopes with everyone this week! *Here are some important details for the program:*

**Ski Club Dates:** Wednesdays January 5, 12, 19, 26, and February 2 and 9, 2022

**Contact information:**

In the event you need to reach staff on Wednesday during program hours, please use the Ski Club phone number below and leave a detailed message. *Please also share this number with your child to reach SPR staff during the program.* For any questions or concerns you would like to address ahead of time, please feel free to email Steve directly. We have also included the address and phone number for Shawnee Peak in the event you need to contact the mountain.

**SPR Ski Club**  
207-205-3048  
sbrown@sacomaine.org

**Shawnee Peak**  
119 Mountain Rd.  
Bridgton, Me 04009  
207-647-8444

**Equipment Drop Off:**

*Option 1:*

In past years students have been able to keep their equipment in the guest locker room at Saco Middle School. This will still be available to the students, however they are not allowed to bring the equipment on the bus in the morning. Parents can drop off equipment directly at the school. Please be sure all equipment and bags are labeled with your child's information.

*Option 2:*

Parents will be able to drop off equipment in the lobby of the Saco Community Center (75 Franklin St.) on Wednesday mornings between 8:30am-1:00pm. If you choose to do so, please be sure all equipment and bags are labeled with your child's information.

**Departure from School/Pick Up:**

Students will be dismissed by the office over the school intercom at the regular dismissal time on Wednesday. They will exit the building using the back exit leading towards the portable buildings and meet SPR staff in that parking area. We will depart Saco Middle School no later than 2:30pm.

**Attendance Updates:** If you know if your child will not be attending ski club that day or will be meeting us at the mountain, please email Steve directly at [sbrown@sacomaine.org](mailto:sbrown@sacomaine.org) or call the program phone at 207-205-3048. *Please notify us no later than 11:00AM each Wednesday of any attendance changes.*

**Rental Equipment:**

All participants who purchased the registration package that includes rental equipment or helmets will be brought to the rental shop by SPR staff for equipment fittings on the first day of Ski Club. After the first visit, the shop will log all the proper sizes for each participant and have the equipment ready upon arrival for our remaining sessions.

**Lessons:**

All participants who purchased the registration package that includes lessons will be brought to the ski school by an SPR staff person after they have been given their equipment. At the conclusion of their lesson, SPR staff will check in with them before participants continue their evening.

**RFID Cards for the Lift:**

Cards will be distributed to all participants at the first session upon arrival, and collected at the end of each session by SPR Staff.

**Bags/Personal Belongings**

No personal belongings are allowed to be stored in the lodge while skiing and all items, such as school bags, etc., will remain on the bus which will be locked. All belongings are the responsibility of participants. SPR staff are unable to hold items for participants.

**Food:**

- Food is available for purchase at the mountain at an additional cost; if choosing this option, participants are responsible for their own money.
- Participants may also bring food and drinks. Please pack food in a labeled lunch box or bag. Food will be stored in a cooler outside of the lodge. SPR staff will be available to make sure that food is accessible to participants when they want to eat.
- Eating is still allowed inside of the lodge.

**On-Site Staff:**

SPR will be sending four staff to the mountain. Two staff will be on the mountain checking in with the participants as they ski. Another staff will be with participants taking lessons. The final staff member will be located at the base of the mountain for check-ins.

**End of Session:**

Participants will meet at 7:45PM at the lodge to start preparing to leave. Our anticipated departure is by 8:30PM after attendance and packing up equipment. If possible, staff will try to send a text update when we have departed.

**Parent Pick Up at the Saco Community Center:**

We plan to return to the Saco Community Center (75 Franklin St.) at 9:30PM. Upon return, participants are free to leave with their parents or shared rides. For those that bring equipment, it will be unloaded as soon as we return to take home. SPR will not store equipment between trips.

**Cancellation Policy:**

Please see the following in the event of a cancellation:

- Announcement will be made by SPR by 12:00PM to parents via email and text – please make sure your notification information is up to date in your [www.sacorec.com](http://www.sacorec.com) account.
- The Saco Middle School Office will be notified to make sure all participants know to take the bus home or to make other pick-up arrangements
- If Shawnee Peak closes due to inclement weather, the date will be made up at the end of the season (exact date TBD).
- If Saco Parks and Recreation decides to cancel due to inclement weather impacting travel conditions but the mountain remains open, the date will be made up at the end of the season (exact date TBD).
- If a participant is unable to attend a trip due to illness or quarantine restrictions, they will receive a voucher to return to the mountain on another day this season. In this case, transportation is the responsibility of the family.

**COVID-19 Protocols and Procedures:**

- All participants will ride on a preassigned bus with the same driver each session.
- Masks must always be worn while on the bus and worn properly.
- Masks are required to enter the lodge and rental shop at Shawnee Peak.
- Close Contacts: Ski Club is considered a community activity and will follow the recent updates from the Saco School Department regarding quarantine guidelines and exceptions for those identified as close contacts. Please report any positive cases or close contact situations to Steve Brown at [sbrown@sacomaine.org](mailto:sbrown@sacomaine.org).

Please email Steve at [sbrown@sacomaine.org](mailto:sbrown@sacomaine.org) with any questions. We look forward to a great season on the slopes!

Saco Parks and Recreation