

Ski season is almost upon us! We are looking forward to a great ski season. Here is the information you need so everyone is on the same page and we can all have a great time. Leaders: Mary Folkema-- 313-522-4003 cell; Denise Hudson—231-206-9152 cell. If you have questions about the program, please contact Mary or Denise. You may text, call, or email us: mfolkema@sbcglobal.net (Mary) or gerbervillemom@comcast.net (Denise). If you need to communicate with us on the day of a trip, please text or call.

Who is invited: FCS families and friends, current and former, as well as any guests they may invite, are welcome to attend. Our “Ski Club” is family oriented and provides an excellent opportunity for parents, children, and friends to learn to ski together. Children must be accompanied by an adult who will be responsible for them and provide transportation for them.

Dates & SKIING START TIMES for ski trips: Fridays: Jan. 4 (3 PM), Jan.11 (3 PM and 5 PM), Jan. 18 (3 PM), and Feb. 15 (3 PM), and March 8 (3 PM and 5 PM.) Also, Saturday, March 16th will be the Winter Carnival with all day skiing. More details on that when it gets closer.

Where do we ski? The trips go to Caberfae Peaks resort on M55 about 10 miles west of Cadillac. Coming from Fremont, you would take M37 North until you intersect M55 and then turn right and go 5 miles until you see Caberfae on the north side of the road.

Getting there: Participants are responsible for getting to Caberfae. Carpooling is encouraged. If a student wishes to attend and needs a ride, it’s a good idea to check the list of participants and make calls to others who are attending to try to find a ride. When signing up, students should indicate with whom they are riding.

Skiing time: The program is an after-school ski program, so ski times begin at 3 PM on days when there is a half day or no school, and 5 PM on days that we have a full day of school. If you will arrive later than the start time, please contact one of the leaders so that she can make plans to meet you when you arrive. The lifts stay open until 9 or 10 p.m. depending on the date. It is the skier’s responsibility to keep track of their time and be back when expected. There are clocks at the bottom of every lift.

Pricing: The price has remained the same wonderfully low cost as previous years. Lift tickets are \$8 each. Ski/boot/pole rental is \$2. Snow board rental is \$8. Helmet rental is free and strongly encouraged. **Lift ticket and rental fees should be paid in the school office before the date of the trip.** If it is not possible to pay before the trip in the office, payment may be made to the leader at Caberfae. All payments are made to the school, not Caberfae, and checks should be made out to FCS.

Lessons: A free group lesson is provided for skiers and snowboarders who are at least 6 years old. This is a beginner lesson and occurs about a half hour after skiing starts: 3:30 or 5:30-ish (as soon as everyone who has signed up for a lesson is at the ski school sign. Check at the lesson desk in the rental building to see where to meet.) It lasts about an hour. It is strongly recommended for those who have never skied before.

Sign up and sign up deadline: Sign-up for ski trips will be available online. The FCS website “enrichment” tab will get you to the FCS ski club sign up page. If you are unable to sign up online, please contact one of the leaders and we will make other arrangements. The “Equipment Rental Form” needs to be filled out for each person who plans to rent equipment. This form only needs to be filled out once per season UNLESS something changes (such as larger boot size needed); the information included will be used for each trip a participant attends. The “Sign Up” form needs to be filled out for each trip. Signing up for a trip means that the leaders purchase a ticket and/or rental for you. If you need to cancel for any reason, you must contact a leader before noon on the day of the trip; otherwise, you will still be responsible for paying the cost of the ticket and/or rental. A permission slip IS NECESSARY for all renters and recommended for all non-renters in case your equipment fails and you need to rent while you are there. This form only needs to be filled out once per season; it is available to download and print. PLEASE be sure to bring a signed copy the first time you ski this season.

The DEADLINE for signing up is 11 pm on the TUESDAY prior to each ski trip; our rental reservations are sent in on Wednesday. Late sign-ups are not encouraged but may be possible; contact a leader to see if you can be added to a trip. The leaders will accommodate you if possible, but it is not guaranteed. If a sign-up needs to be cancelled, you must contact one of the leaders by noon on the day of the ski trip.

Food and community: We bring food along to share (kind of like a big potluck) and overtake a few tables in the lodge. Hot dogs, buns, condiments, and paper products are provided for each ski trip. We ask that everyone else bring something to share with the group. This makes for a fun way of enjoying each other’s company while keeping the cost low as we warm up or rest throughout the evening.

Getting your ticket and your rentals: There are two lodges where we may meet: The main lodge or SKY VIEW LODGE (up at the top of the bunny hill by rental office). Typically we are in the Sky View Lodge, but it may be necessary to meet in the main lodge instead, and the leaders will try to inform you if that happens. One of the leaders (or her designee) will get the tickets and rental slips and be back to the lodge to hand them out as others arrive. There will be only ONE ticket for each skier and one rental slip for each renter. It is essential that you do not lose either of these. Renters then take their slip to the rental building where their rentals will be already adjusted specifically to them and waiting to be picked up. The renter needs to show his or her slip when picking up equipment. That same slip must be shown when returning the equipment so you MUST HAVE YOUR RENTAL SLIP TO RETURN YOUR EQUIPMENT and YOU MUST RETURN YOUR EXACT EQUIPMENT, not equipment that just looks like yours.

Safety: 1. Each skier is responsible to be in control of their skiing at all times. In the event that one of the adults who are with the group or the Caberfae ski patrol deem that an individual is not skiing/boarding in control and safely, they may be asked to return to the lodge and their ticket confiscated. 2. We ask that students stay with at least one other person they know while out on the slopes. 3. There is usually an adult from our

party in the lodge, by our things, at all times. In the event that assistance is needed, go to the lodge and ask the adult for help. If one is not there at that moment, stay there. One should be there soon. Otherwise, call one of the leaders and she will come ASAP. Another option would be to ask the ski patrol for assistance.

Injury: In the event that someone is injured on the slopes, the ski patrol should be contacted and will assist. There is a first aid station where splinting, ice and other basic first aid is provided. Also contact an adult from our party who is in the lodge or call a leader.

See you on the slopes!