2018-2019 RIVER FALLS ELEMENTARY SKI/SNOWBOARD PROGRAM

Dear Parents:

The River Falls Public Schools will again be offering the Elementary Ski Program to all fourth and fifth graders. This program is in cooperation with Afton Alps.

Attached you will find a copy of the guidelines and procedures. We urge you to go over them with your child and keep them for reference until skiing is over. We, as District chaperons, are instructed to enforce this set of student guidelines as well as the emergency procedures. If you have any questions, please contact **Jamie Follstad** at Greenwood(425-1815). I am looking forward to another great year of skiing with the kids!

Program Specifics

1. Students will be skiing primarily in the Meadows ski area. This is an appropriate area for the skill level of most elementary students.

2. The program will run for six Tuesday evenings: **January 8, January 15, January 22, January 29, February 5, and February 12**. (Make-up dates: Feb. 19, Feb. 26).   Children leave by bus directly from school at the regular dismissal time.

3. Every 15-20 children will be chaperoned by one adult.

4. We will return by 8:45 P.M. Parents are expected to pick up their children by 8:45 P.M. **Pick-up location is the parking lot between Greenwood and MMS.**

5. Cost: **$210.00** plus rental. This will cover six lift tickets, six lessons for new or beginning skiiers/boarders, and bus transportation. One check for the total amount of **$210.00**, payable to **River Falls Public Schools**, must be brought in with the signed permission slip no later than **Friday, Dec. 14, 2018**.

> If you already have your own season pass, the additional cost will only be **$100.00** for the transportation. **Season Passes must accompany child every time.**

6. Rentals: **$23.00** additional per student per time, for either skis or snowboards (helmets included). **Helmets are now a required piece of equipment by Afton, $7.00 for only the helmet** per student per time. The $23.00 is to be paid by the students to the ski area each evening. (This amount **is not** included in the package price). Checks made out to Afton Alps are appropriate. Purchasing a helmet may be more economical compared to renting one each time.

7. Supper: Bring a "bag lunch" or money to buy food at the chalet.

8. **Refunds**: If a student cannot ski **due to illness or absense from school,** only lift ticket money can be refunded. Transportation costs cannot be refunded for any reason.

9. Students **must know their address, phone number, shoe size, and approx. height & weight when renting equipment from Afton Alps.** I recommend having this information written down on a card in their jacket pocket and having it accessible every time they rent.

Emergency Procedures

1. Each student is required to furnish **two** emergency numbers upon enrolling in the ski program.

2. In case of emergency the following steps will be taken:
    a. Ski patrol is responsible for removing victim from ski slopes and administering first aid.
    b. Chaperons will attempt to notify parents by phone. If no answer, alternate emergency numbers will be called.
    c. If parents or alternate can be reached, they will be informed of child's condition and of the recommendations of the Ski Patrol, and must then assume responsibility for any further actions.
    d. If parents or alternates cannot be reached, chaperons will follow the recommendations of the Ski Patrol. Should further treatment be recommended, an ambulance will be called and student taken to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Student Guidelines

1. A **45-60 minute lesson** will occur each night for new or beginning students. These lessons are a part of the total package offered by Afton Alps and will match the student's abilities. We require that all new/beginning skiers/boarders participate in these lessons.

2. All ski program participants will be required to wear shoes or boots on the bus. Ski boots may not be put on in the bus.

3. All students must have mittens or gloves and a helmet.

4. All scarves and hats which hang below the collar of the coat must be tucked in.

5. All skis and poles must be fastened together for easier identification and handling.

6. Students **will be responsible** for their own equipment, including loading and unloading. *****Please Label EVERYTHING*****

7. At the hill students are to be familiar with the location of the bus and the bus number. We will teach them where to be. Be prompt! Report to the bus on time to depart the ski area. Load at least 5 minutes before departure time. **We leave Afton at 8:00 pm.**

8. All usual bus rules will be enforced.

We believe that we have established a worthwhile, enjoyable and safe skiing program for our elementary students. Any student who does not follow the above guidelines or the rules of the ski area may be excluded from the program for the remainder of the season. No refund will be made in this case.

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Student's Name _____

Grade _____ Teacher's Name_____

Parent's Name(s)_____

Email_____

Home Phone_(____)_____ Cell Phone_(____)_____

Two (2) emergency contact names and phone numbers (**please include area code**):

_____ Ph: (____)_____

_____ Ph: (____)_____

Will your child be renting from Afton Alps?   Yes_____   No_____

Will your child: SNOWBOARD_____ **OR** SKI_____

YOUR CHILD HAS (Check one):

NO (or very little) SKIING/BOARDING EXPERIENCE_____

1 SEASON OF EXPERIENCE_____

2 OR MORE SEASONS OF EXPERIENCE_____

If they are renting, make sure they know their **shoe size** and **approximate weight and height**. This information will assist in equipping your child safely and properly.

I have reviewed and accepted the student guidelines and emergency procedures as set by the School District of River Falls.

_____ Student's signature

_____has my permission to participate in the skiing
Student's name   program. I hereby authorize the chaperons to seek
                                                   whatever medical care is necessary, if an
                                                   emergency occurs.

_____ Parent's signature

A check for the total amount of **$210.00**, payable to River Falls Public Schools, together with this permission slip, must be returned to Greenwood by **Friday, December 14, 2018**.   Thank you for your support of this program.