

BCD WINTER FRIDAYS FOR 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

(Please read the entire memo and then complete the form(s) which apply to your child(ren).)

A number of students opt to go home instead of skiing. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE FORM(S) SO BCD KNOWS WHAT YOUR CHILD(REN)'S WINTER PLANS ARE.**

For 48 years BCD has dismissed school early on winter Friday afternoons during January and February so that students could learn to ski or take part in the alpine ski program. Last year, the overwhelming majority of the student body took part in the Friday ski program at Bousquet or Butternut. Students in PK (age 4) through Grade 9 can take part in a ski/board instruction program either at Bousquet or at Butternut Basin. Both areas will offer snowboarding classes (beginner and intermediate only).

Note: For Beginner 3s (not allowed in the Ski Program) and PK students not participating in the Ski Program, teachers will remain in the classroom until 1:25 pm. Parents may pick the students up from the classroom between 12:45 and 1:25, or place them in the PM program until 3 or 5:30. **Complete the transportation form with your choice.**

Grades 5 and down MUST participate in a program while at an area unless they are skiing with a parent or guardian. Students in grades 6-9 may opt to be non-program skier/boarders.

GENERAL INFORMATION: The Friday ski program begins on January 9, 2015 and continues for eight weeks, ending March 6 (the calendar prevents any make-up sessions this year). **Please note: there is no Ski Friday, February 20.** Bousquet begins at 1:30 and Butternut at 1:40 for grades PK-4 and 2:25 for Grades 5-9, 45 minutes later. When not in formal instruction, skiers have the use of the facilities until 4:30 p.m. (lift stops running at 4 p.m. at Butternut) when parents are asked to pick up their child(ren). Non-passholders at Bousquet wishing to stay for night skiing must pay the going rate.

WHO OPERATES THE PROGRAMS? While BCD enrolls Bousquet skiers and snowboarders and transports skiers (as far as possible -see below), Bousquet and Butternut operate their programs independently of the school, handling actual instruction and other mechanics. Our coaches act as liaisons and also handle discipline problems if and when they arise. The ski areas are responsible for the safety and protection of the skiers and carry the appropriate liability insurance. **Important** - the fees BCD collects from parents cover the fees charged by Bousquet ONLY (Butternut collects its own) and include the cost of the lessons. Transportation cost is not included unless a regular bus rider - *see transportation sign-up and cost form.*

PARENTS OF YOUNG SKIERS MUST ACCOMPANY CHILDREN TO THE SKI AREA - Parents of PreKindergarten and Kindergarten skiers are required to meet them at the ski area with their equipment and to *remain at the area* for the duration of the program. Parents of PK, Kindergarten and other young beginning skiers should be prepared to take their children home after their lesson ends at 2:30 pm as no adult supervision can be provided at that time. It is not the function of the BCD staff person at the area to be responsible for these children.

RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS. Both areas offer one hour of instruction to children grouped by age and/or ability, and an hour plus of free skiing/snowboarding time. Butternut offers a reduced rate through **November 30**. If you plan to take advantage of a BCD Friday program, please complete either the Bousquet sign-up form (and return to BCD) or the Butternut sign-up form (and return to Butternut).

NON-PROGRAM SKIERS AND PARENTS: Bousquet offers an eight-week pass to students or parents **for the times BCD will be at the areas** (January 9 through March 6, 2015 from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm, excluding February 20). Note that this is available only to students in grades 6-9 and parents and only on days the Friday program meets.

FORMS NEEDED FOR COMPLETION AND TIMELY RETURN!

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| 1) | EVERYONE must complete the Winter Friday Transportation Form! <u>BCD must know plans for each student.</u> |
| 2) | BOUSQUET form is returned to BCD. BUTTERNUT form goes to Butternut. |

Berkshire Country Day School

WINTER FRIDAY TRANSPORTATION FORM

Must be completed for EVERY STUDENT (skiing or not)

NOT SKIING - TRANSPORTATION HOME

Student's Name	Grade	Method of Transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> go home with parent/regular carpool	<input type="checkbox"/> PM until 3:00 pm (parent pick-up only)
		<input type="checkbox"/> go home on the Pittsfield bus	
		<input type="checkbox"/> go home on the South County bus	
		<input type="checkbox"/> go home on the Chatham bus	<input type="checkbox"/> PM until 5:30 pm (parent pick-up only)
		<input type="checkbox"/> go home on the New Lebanon bus	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other (please explain)	

TRANSPORTATION TO BOUSQUET SKI AREA

Student's Name	Grade	Regular Pittsfield Bus Rider & will ride bus to Bousquet	Non-regular Pittsfield Bus Rider - will ride bus to Bousquet for \$65 (for season)	Will be PPU at BCD and brought to Bousquet

TRANSPORTATION TO BUTTERNUT SKI AREA

Student's Name	Grade	Regular SC Bus Rider & will ride bus to Butternut	Non-regular SC Bus Rider - will ride bus to Butternut for \$65 (for season)	Will be PPU at BCD and brought to Butternut

TO TRANSPORT SKIS/BOARDS: (1) Bring skis/boards to the *racks near the Shop before Noon* each Friday. **Skis and /or boards are not permitted on regular school buses at any time.** (2) For ease of handling and to protect equipment, skis and poles must be securely held together with appropriate straps or in a bag.

TRANSPORTATION TO THE AREAS: BCD provides bus transportation to both areas (see above forms). *Non-regular bus riders (except racers) will be billed \$65 by the Business Office. This fee applies to NY bus riders as well.*

PICK-UP Parents are responsible for picking up their children **AT THE SKI AREA** at the end of each session.

PLEASE NOTE: All skiers/snowboarders (program or not) must wear appropriate identification - season passes, BCD program ID, or lift tickets - at all times at the area.

SKIERS AND SNOWBOARDERS WHO ARE NOT IN A PROGRAM (GRADES 6-9) must sign-up in advance if they wish to be transported to an area. Their commitment to use the bus to *one area* must be made in advance for the full eight weeks and, if not regular bus riders, they will be billed **\$65 by the Business Office. Unless they are season pass-holders, they must purchase lift tickets each Friday.** Those skiing or snowboarding on their own are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO BCD'S MAIN OFFICE, BEFORE NOVEMBER 17, 2014

BOUSQUET SKI AREA

BCD students (PK - Grade 9) may take part in an 8-session elective alpine ski or snowboarding program conducted in cooperation with the Bousquet Ski School (fully described in the attached Winter Friday memo).

DATES: Jan 9, 16, 23, 30; Feb 6, 13, 27; Mar 6 (the calendar prevents any make-up sessions this year). Please note: No Ski Friday on Feb 20. HOURS: 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm on these Ski Fridays

RENTING SKI EQUIPMENT: You may rent equipment from Bousquet for the eight weeks of the program. Rentals for skis or snowboards (including helmets) is \$95. Once your registration is complete and returned to BCD, please go to the Bousquet Ski School desk to arrange for rental **as soon as possible**, preferably **before the December vacation**. BCD does not have rental forms.

Please complete the Bousquet Registration Form below and return it to BCD along with the completed Transportation Form **before November 17, 2014. Do not send payment! The Business Office will bill you.** Please address envelope to: **BCD Ski Program, P. O. Box 867, Lenox, MA 01240.**

PLEASE CUT HERE AND SAVE THE INFORMATION ABOVE

Name	Grade	Indicate Skier or Snowboarder	Lesson Program Non-passholder \$200	Lesson Program Passholder \$165	Free Ski for Non-passholder Grade 6-9 and parents \$165	Free Ski for Passholder No charge except for transportation if requested	Rentals \$95 includes helmet Ski or Board as indicated <<< above name

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent email address _____

BOUSQUET SKI SCHOOL RELEASE OF LIABILITY

1. I am aware that skiing and snowboarding are hazardous sports that include risks, dangers and injuries to my child. On behalf of my child, I voluntarily accept full responsibility for all risks involved in skiing and snowboarding and in the ski area/mountain environment, including the use of all surface and area lifts. I also understand that the child's participation in the program may require the use of ski lifts and that the child may ride alone, with other guests, or with other children and that the use of lifts by the child involves a potential risk of injury.

2. I recognize that my child must abide by the skier responsibility code, obey the instructor, all posted behavior notices and all other ski area rules and policies. Any equipment my child may use while skiing or boarding will be used at our own risk.

3. On my behalf and on behalf of my child, **I hereby release and agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Bousquet Ski and Snowboarding School and the Bousquet Ski area** from any claims and demands or liabilities for any injuries or expenses sustained by my child which may occur in connection with or arising out of my child's attendance at the Bousquet Ski and Snowboard School.

4. Without limiting the foregoing, I specifically accept responsibility for all medical expenses incurred on behalf of my child by reason of his/her activities at the Bousquet Ski & Snowboard School and the Bousquet Ski Area.

Print all minor's names here: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

**SKI BUTTERNUT STUDENT PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR Berkshire Country Day School
2014/2015 SKI / BOARD SEASON**

Please mail directly to Ski Butternut, NOT BCD

Student Name _____	Day Phone _____
Mailing Address _____	Home Phone _____
Town _____ State _____ Zip _____	Emergency Phone _____
School _____ Grade _____	Birthdate _____ Age _____
Email _____	

PROGRAM - Please CHECK BOX that applies		GRADES	Price thru 11/30/14	Price 12/1 - 12/15/14	PLEASE CIRCLE ONE: 1st time snowbdr must be age 7 skier snowboarder
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lesson program ONLY	All Grades	\$150.00	\$200.00	SKIER TYPE (skiers ONLY) see page 2 for description I II III
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lesson program with RENTAL equipment	All Grades	\$200.00	\$250.00	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Season Pass ONLY - area use only no lessons or equipment.	age 6&under	\$125 thru 11/30/14		IF YOU ARE RENTING EQUIPMENT, FILL IN: Shoe size _____ Height _____ Weight _____
<input type="checkbox"/>		Ch. Pass	age 7-13		
<input type="checkbox"/>		Jr. Pass	age 14+		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ad. Pass				
		Add boxes for total Enclosed	\$ _____	\$ _____	

RELEASE FROM LIABILITY - Please read carefully

I understand and accept the fact that alpine skiing/snowboarding in its various forms is a hazardous sport that has many dangers and risks. I realize that injuries are a common and ordinary occurrence of this sport. I agree, as a condition of being allowed to use the ski area facility and premises, that I freely accept and voluntarily assume all risks of personal injury or death or property damage, and release Butternut Basin, Inc., and its agents, and Directors, Officers and Shareholders from any and all liability for personal injury or property damage which results in any way from negligence and conditions on or about the premises, facilities, the operations of the area including, but not limited to, grooming, snowmaking, lift operations, actions or omissions of employees or agents of the area, or my participation in skiing, snowboarding, or other activities at the area. In addition, if I am choosing to rent equipment for myself or as parent/guardian, I accept for use AS IS the equipment listed on this form or Rental records, and accept full financial responsibility for the care of the equipment while it is in my possession. I understand that the binding system cannot guarantee the user's safety. In downhill skiing, the binding system will not release at all times or under all circumstances where release may prevent injury or death, nor is it possible to predict every situation in which all circumstance where release may prevent injury or death, nor is it possible to predict every situation in which it will release. In snowboarding, skiboarding and snowblade use, the binding system will not release as a result of forces generated during ordinary operation. I understand that the sport of skiing, snowboarding, snowblading, skiboarding and other recreational activities involve inherent and other risks of INJURY and DEATH, I voluntarily agree to expressly assume all risks of injury or death that may result from skiing/snowboarding from skiing/snowboarding/snowblade use or which relate in any way to the use of this equipment. I AGREE TO RELEASE the Butternut Rental Shop, Butternut Basin, Inc., its employees, owners, affiliates, agents, officers, directors, and the manufacturer and distributors of this equipment (collectively "Providers") from all liability from injury, death, property loss and damage which results from the equipment user's participation in the sport of skiing/snowboarding/snowblading and skiboarding use, or is in any way related to use of this equipment. This agreement is governing to the applicable law of the State of Massachusetts. If any provision of this agreement is determined to be unenforceable, all other provisions shall be given full force and effect.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS EQUIPMENT RENTAL & LIABILITY RELEASE AGREEMENT. I, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THE CONDITIONS GOVERNING ENROLLMENT IN THE STUDENT SKI/SNOWBOARDING PROGRAMS AND THE RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AGREEMENT, AN ESSENTIAL PART THEREOF. I AM SIGNING FREELY AND OF MY OWN ACCORD REALIZING IT IS BINDING UPON MYSELF, MY HEIRS AND MINORS, THAT I HAVE FULL AUTHORITY TO DO SO, REALIZING ITS BINDING EFFECT ON THEM AS WELL AS MYSELF.

Parent / Guardian

Signature Required _____

Date: _____

Send to: SKI BUTTERNUT 380 State Road Gt. Barrington, MA 01230 For info: 413-528-2000 x 111 - call ahead for office hours Fax: 413-528-1295 email: office@skibutternut.com
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Payment options: Check, m/o, credit card or cash (do not mail cash) Credit card #: _____ Exp date: _____ 3 digit security code: _____ Amount to be charged \$: _____ Billing zip code: _____ Signature of Cardholder: _____

***Any application received or postmarked DEC 1st or later MUST include the price increase or will be returned**

ONCE AN APPLICATION IS ACCEPTED AND PROCESSED, THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES

**APPLICATIONS FOR THE LESSON PROGRAM
WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER DECEMBER 15, 2014**

**Ski Butternut invites students from Berkshire Country Day School
to participate in the following specially discounted ski and snowboard programs**

The options available to students are listed and explained below:

Eight lesson Program with or without Rental Equipment

Entitles the student to a lift ticket, lesson and rental equipment (if selected) on 8 Friday sessions. Students will be bussed from BCD for lessons on January 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, February 6th, 13th, 27th and March 6th. This is a "learn to ski or board" program where students are broken into lesson groups according to their age and ability. PLEASE BE ADVISED, students may be on their own for the free ski / board time. If selected, the rental option allows the student to be set up with Butternut rental equipment for each Friday session. The equipment is only available for the student on the above listed Friday lesson dates and remains at Butternut.

Berkshire Country Day School provides its' own transportation, any questions should be directed to BCD staff in regard to transportation.

Should a lesson day be missed due to inclement weather or other unforeseeable occurrences, Ski Butternut does its' best to make up the session after the last day of scheduled Friday lessons.

Season Pass

A season pass entitles the student to use Ski Butternut's facilities on any open day for the 2014/2015 season. **It does not include any lesson time.** Passes are photo IDs and need to be picked up at the main office at Ski Butternut.

Conditions of sale of season passes - Each individual season pass is not transferable. It may be used only by the person whose photograph appears thereon. In the event of a transfer or use of the pass by another, or any act which in Management's opinion is misconduct or misuse of the facilities, management may revoke the season pass at any time without refund. The season pass is to be worn in a visible area on the outside of the garment. Upon request, the season pass must be presented to any authorized Butternut representative.

<p><u>CLASSIFICATION FOR SKIER TYPE</u> - Determining your skiing ability is your responsibility. Your skier type, height, age and boot sole length are used by the Rental Shop to determine the release/retention settings of your ski bindings. Be sure to provide accurate information; any error may increase your risk of injury. Consult these descriptions to select your classification.</p>		
<p><u>TYPE I SKIERS</u> *ski conservatively *prefer slower speeds *prefer easy, moderate slopes *favor lower than average release/retention settings *Type I settings apply to "new skiers uncertain of their classification"</p>	<p><u>TYPE II SKIERS</u> *ski moderately *prefer a variety of speeds *ski on varied terrain, including most difficult trails *skiers who do not meet all the descriptions of either Type I or Type III</p>	<p><u>TYPE III SKIERS</u> *ski aggressively *normally ski at high speeds *prefer steeper and more challenging terrain *favor higher than average release/retention settings</p>

PLEASE DETACH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO KEEP:

Contact us at:
528-2000 x 111

SKI BUTTERNUT SCHOOL PROGRAM DATES:

Fridays - January 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, February 6th, 13th, 27th and March 6th.

Additional Information:

*PLEASE BE ADVISED, students may be on their own for the free ski / board time and our lifts close at 4pm. Please schedule pick up time at this time or earlier.