

Hello Newton Families,

Newton Parks and Recreation will be offering a Friday night ski and snowboard program with transportation at Nashoba Valley Ski Area in Westford, MA for children in grades 5 – 9 this Winter. For more information about Nashoba Valley check out their website at <https://skinashoba.com/>

Friday Evening Ski and Snowboard Program for Grades 5 - 9

This 6 week program will run on Fridays starting January 6, 2023 and provides coach bus transportation from the Albemarle Field House (250 Albemarle Rd) in Newton. Please arrive no later than 4:45 pm and be on time when picking up at 9:30 pm. The bus leaves Newton promptly at 5:00 pm and will not wait for late participants.

Price: Lift Ticket only - \$525.00 Lessons - \$625.00

Registration Dates - Registration for the Newton Parks and Recreation Ski and Snowboard program at Nashoba Valley will start online on **Thursday October 20th at 7:00 PM**. Registration is online at www.newtonmarec.com and we recommend you log into your account before the night of registration to make sure you remember your password and can easily access your account. Please email or call if you are having trouble accessing your account.

Lift Only vs Lessons - Beginner and intermediate ski lessons and beginner snowboard lessons are offered each week. Beginners **MUST** sign up for lessons, and they are recommended for anyone else looking to improve their skills. Lessons run from 7:00 – 8:00 pm and there will be time before and after lessons for people to get in some extra practice. Participants that are intermediate or above may sign up for the lift ticket only option. Participants in the lift only option will be paired up with other participants that are doing the lift only option and will ski or snowboard with that buddy for the night.

Rentals - Rentals are available through Nashoba Valley Ski area. Ski or snowboard rentals are \$200.00 for the 6 week program. Helmets are available to buy or rent as well. A pre-fit will be scheduled at the Albemarle Field House in December if you are interested in renting equipment from Nashoba Valley. If you choose to rent equipment from Nashoba Valley and can't make it to our scheduled pre-fit night, you will need to drive to Nashoba before our program starts to be fitted there. Rentals from Nashoba Valley will stay at Nashoba, so if you plan on skiing at other mountains during the winter you may want to consider renting from another vendor if you don't have your own equipment. Please secure rentals early because a lot of local vendors do sell out of rental equipment.

Refunds - Once registered, refunds will only be issued if we are able to fill the space. Refunds will be minus a \$25.00 processing fee. Refunds will not be issued after the program starts.

Covid Guidelines – People who are not feeling well, have been diagnosed with covid, or those being required to quarantine must stay home until they have been cleared by their doctor. We will follow masking guidelines at the time of the program. Currently masks are not required, but anyone may choose to wear a mask at anytime. If guidelines change and masks are required during the program, participants will be required to wear masks.

Food – Eating is not allowed on the bus. You may bring food to eat at Nashoba Valley, or you can purchase food at Nashoba Valley to eat before or after you ski. Food can be expensive at Nashoba, so please plan on \$20.00 for a full meal. Please make sure that any food purchased at Nashoba is eaten before getting back on the bus. Drinks in a secure container (bottle with screw on cap) will be allowed on the bus.

Waivers - Newton Parks and Recreation and Nashoba Valley waivers are required for registered participants. Links for the online waivers will be sent to people who are registered and must be completed by December 1st.