

Hudsonville Middle School / Elementary

Ski and Snowboarding Club Information 2015/16

Welcome Ski and Boarders:

We are excited to get started with another great season. The Hudsonville Ski and Board Club purpose is to give HPS students and parents the opportunity to ski and board. With membership you will receive reduced prices at Bittersweet in Otsego, Michigan and student membership includes 2 free lessons. The cost for membership in the club is \$16. Participants may choose to go on the club dates or anytime they wish. Middle School students have chaperoned trips so parents do not have to go. The bus pass MS Students cost \$14 (MS Students only)

To join the club fill out and turn membership sheet to your school's office.

When can I use my Bittersweet Discount Card?

During club day (Monday) and also anytime you want to go. Hours discounts available - after 3pm on weekends and holidays, and 10am-10pm during the week. The card can be used for discounts on lift tickets and rentals at Bittersweet.

Cost: Every time you go you will pay (with club card):

	Student / Adult Price:	Regular Price:
Lift Ticket	\$16 / \$20	\$34 weekdays - \$43 weekends
Ski Rental	\$16 / \$20	\$26
Snowboard Rental	\$16 / \$20	\$26
Replacement Card	\$16 / \$16	
Helmet Rental	\$10 / \$10	\$10

WHEN & WHERE:

The Club's official ski day is Monday. Students and parents are encouraged to meet at the slopes for a fun night with family and friends. Parents usually find tables in the lodge area for socialization and snacks. Remember you can always go any other day.

Chaperoned Special Bus Trip Dates for MS Students:

Time:

December 28

2:30-9:30pm

January 4, January 18, January 25, February 1

4:00-10:00pm

During Christmas break (December 28) the bus will leave at 2:30pm from the High School and return at 9:30PM. Otherwise we will leave from the High School at 4:00pm and return at 10:00pm.

When do I sign up for the bus?

The cost of the bus trips is a one time fee of \$14.

*Club members must sign in the office every Monday by 12:00 noon. **"We need a bus count every week"** Make sure you sign up in the office before every trip. If you don't sign up you will be the first one off the bus if there is not enough room.

Where do we ski or snowboard?

Bittersweet Ski Area in Otsego, Michigan 600 River Road Otsego MI 49078

Bittersweet Snowline: (269)-694-2032, ext. 23 Office:(269) 694-2820



First time Skiers and Snowboarders:

Make sure that you tell Mr. Zuidema that it is your first time on the slopes. He will guide you the first night, making sure you get your lift ticket and sign up for a lesson. Bittersweet provides 2 free lessons to all club members.

When does the bus bring skiers and snowboarders to Bittersweet?

The Hudsonville MS ski club bus travels to Bittersweet at 4pm Monday, when conditions are favorable to ski and snowboard. Travel dates will be posted on schools newsletter and in the office.

When does the bus leave? Make sure you don't miss the bus!

When school's in session, the bus leaves Hudsonville High School just after 4:00PM. Meet at door "P", which is by the pool doors. We will arrive at the slopes around 5:15 PM. **Do not bring skis and snowboards to school.** The first call to leave the slopes is at 8:40PM, all students should be on the bus ready to leave at 9:00 PM. The intercom system on the slopes will not reach all areas, so make sure you are aware of the time. Parents will be waiting at school to pick kids up, don't be late. We arrive back at the high school at 10:00-10:15 PM, parents should be ready to pick up skiers at this time.

General Personal Safety Tips and Club Info:

Ski in a group: Make sure your child has somebody to ski with. The buddy system protects!

Take Lessons: Bittersweet offers two free lessons for each club member. Sign up at the Ski School Desk Area.

If you get hurt: Ski patrol will be available to assist. During chaperoned trips for Middle School members, have somebody go to the main lodge office area and page a representative from Hudsonville Public Schools Ski Club. Chaperons will check the situation and make arrangements as needed.

Equipment: Wear warm clothes, preferably in layers. A warm jacket and snow pants, hat and gloves are needed. Goggles and safety helmets are also good ideas. First time skiers and snowboarding may not want to wear your best gloves. The rope tows do cause wear.

Theft Safety: Place extra items in Rented Lockers: Bittersweet has lockers to place items located in the ticket/rental building. These will cost you every time you enter the locker. These lockers are small about 12" by 12". Shoes that are left out, may be taken. Store unwanted items on the bus: Students may leave bags on the bus. However, the bus will be locked during the night. School backpacks, etc. that are not needed should be left on the bus.

Shoes: Please do not bring or wear good shoes. The better the shoes the more the temptation for somebody to steal them.

Bittersweet Assessment: Everyone will have their skiing and snowboarding ability be evaluated the first time you go. Proceed to the rope tows on the left side of the hill and Bittersweet staff will assess your skills as quickly as possible. You will be asked to demonstrate your ability to ski and stop in a controlled manner before your ski club card will be punched, and you'll be allowed to ski on the larger more difficult hills. This is for your safety as well as the other skiers and snowboarders.

Lessons: For Students; two (2) class lessons are included with each card to encourage students to learn how to or improve their skiing techniques. Sign up for lessons at the ski school desk in the main lodge.

All students, skiers or snowboarders will be evaluated. This policy is for the students safety and enjoyment. The students skiing ability will determine the ski area they will be allowed to ski. The lessons are available every hour on the hour during the time the cards are used.

Equipment: Do not bring skis and snowboards to school. Equipment will be loaded into vans or the storage area of the bus. Rentals are available at Bittersweet.

Does Bittersweet make snow?

Bittersweet's snow making experience and technology is second to none. Using over 60 snow-making guns, most of which have been custom-designed to to the specifications make Bittersweet 100% usable. Bittersweet's staff constantly monitors the process to ensure that under the given conditions, the very best quality snow if being made.



Bring your ski club card each time you go skiing. If you lose your card, replacement will cost \$16.00.

Food:

Students may bring their own food, but remember to store it in a safe place (Rented Locker). Bittersweet also has a cafeteria with food. Like most Ski Areas the food is a little more expensive than a normal place.