

## Hopkins Ski Program 2026

Please read through this entire document thoroughly and discuss with your child. If you have any questions or concerns please call or email [callen@hopkintonma.gov](mailto:callen@hopkintonma.gov).

Our Hopkins Elementary School Ski coordinator is Julie Leyshon.

The ski program runs for five weeks after school on Thursdays: January 8, 15, 22, 29 February 5 at Nashoba Valley Ski Area.

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### School Dismissal Change Required

This form needs to be completed **on Thursday, January 8th before 2:00pm.**

Remember to fill out the [Hopkins dismissal form](#).

At the end of the form, choose "ski club" as the type of change

Under "Additional Information you need us to know", please list all of the ski club dates. Hopkins will expect that your child will attend the ski program for all of the dates.

If your child will **NOT** be attending on any given day you must submit another change form on those days before 2:00pm. Hopkins tracks all students at dismissal and will be looking for your child if your child does not show up to Ski Club.

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### Equipment & Boot Bag Drop off Procedures

#### Option 1: **\*\*NEW THIS YEAR!**

- **Wednesday Evening from 7:00-8:00pm**  
**Location Door C7, behind Hopkins school after the long emergency stairs**
  - Skis/snowboards: leave on the outside along the brick walls only
  - Boot Bags: Door C7 will be open to bring in Boot Bags ONLY into the school. Please place bags according to the first letter of your last name on the designated tables in the "temporary" cafeteria hallway.

#### Option 2:

Equipment drop-off must be done during the following times:

- **Before 8:15am or between 9:20am and 3:00pm**
- Items must be **dropped off outside of the door labeled C7**, which is on the back side of the building where the bus pick up is and closest to the *new gym*. Be sure to place skis and boot bags along any brick walls. **Do not** bring ski equipment into the building. **Do not** place boot bags near or around door C7.

Please line the equipment up along the brick wall outside. It is essential that the **entrance to door C7 not be blocked**, as this is a fire exit. *If we have inclement weather, please wrap your child's boot bags in plastic and label. **No exceptions.***

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## **Boot Bags/Backpacks on the School Bus**

Students are allowed to bring boot bags/backpacks that meet the HPS school transportation policy for size - see below.

When they arrive at school:

- Students should bring the boot bags/backpacks **to the temporary cafeteria hall** between 8:45-9:00am
- Please place bags according to the first letter of your last name on the designated tables in the “temporary” cafeteria hallway. There will be a staff member there to direct the kids until the tardy bell at 8:55 am.
- All equipment must be clearly labeled.

## **HPS Transportation Policy**

NO SKIS are allowed on the school buses. If ski boots are to be carried on the school bus then they must be in a ski boot bag that is no larger than 30 x 14 so that it can be held in the student's lap with their backpack placed under the seat and with the student's feet still safely out of the aisle of the bus. Equipment/bags cannot be stored at the front of the bus near the driver, in the aisles, or in bus seats, this creates a safety issue.

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## **Forgotten Equipment**

Once students are in school, parents are only allowed to drop equipment off in the designated area outside door C7. Please see the drop off procedure above for more information. **You may not bring kids boot bags or other forgotten items into the school's main entrance during school hours.** If you need to let your child know that you have left ski equipment, please email the Hopkins office, [hoffice@hopkinton.k12.ma.us](mailto:hoffice@hopkinton.k12.ma.us). Your email will be shared with your child at the end of the school day.

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## **School Dismissal**

Please discuss these procedures with your child. We have asked their teachers to remind them of this on Thursday before they are called to the cafeteria.

1. Ski club members will be held in their classrooms until the last school bus has been called.
2. If students need to use the bathroom, they should use it prior to dismissal. Once called, they should head directly to the hall outside the “temporary” cafeteria in the new building where they will pick up their bootbags located on the tables in the hall outside of the cafeteria.
3. Students will then proceed into the “temporary” cafeteria and find a seat.

4. **Once students have entered the cafeteria, they may not go back into the school for any reason. This is a safety issue.**
  5. Ski passes will be handed out on the bus before each trip, and collected on the way home. Chaperons will hold the passes for each trip.
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### **Arrival At Nashoba Mountain**

The Nashoba ski patrol will board the buses on the first day of the program to discuss important details about the mountain, rentals, lessons and safety.

Students who are renting equipment from Nashoba will be guided to the rental area by chaperones. Chaperones are **not** allowed to rent equipment for the students. **If you missed equipment night** at Hopkins school, please go to Nashoba before the program begins to get your child measured and to pay for the rental.

Students who bring their own equipment may put on their equipment and ski or snowboard until departure time.

Nashoba has a snack bar where the kids can get something to eat while at the mountain. Please refer to the bus rules below about what food is allowed on the bus.

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### **Lessons**

Lessons are from 5:45-6:45pm

Students who are taking lessons will be guided to the front of the rental area where they will meet the ski school instructors.

Please inform your child to arrive at the lesson area as soon as they have gathered their equipment. It is the child's responsibility to arrive on time.

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### **Pick Up Procedure**

Buses leave the mountain at 6:45pm and arrive at Hopkins approximately 7:45pm. You are required to pick up your child on time.

For safety reasons, we ask all parents to **park in the Hopkins School parking lot** and walk to meet the ski buses. **Do not park on the side of Loop Rd.** Hopkinton safety officials do not want students and parents crossing Loop Road in the dark.

Students will bring school backpacks and other school supplies with them on the ski bus. The doors to the school will be locked.

When the buses arrive, please meet and assist students with their gear.

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### **Bus Policies**

For the safety of all registrants in the ski club, participants who have purchased a bus pass are **required** to ride the bus to and from the mountain. Guardians are not allowed to drop off or pick up participants at any time during the program - no exceptions will be made.

The following are **NOT allowed** on the bus: Candy, soda, and slushies. Any other drinks must have a twist lid. The bus company reserves the right to change this policy if the rules are not being followed.

There are several skiers with **allergies** participating this year. There is a No Nut, No Latex, No Sharing Food Policy. We ask that you respect their need to stay safe. Here are some suggested snacks: Quaker Rice Cakes, Pirates Booty/Tings, Glutino Pretzels without sesame seeds, Tostitos Bite Size corn chips, plain rice or corn chex, Kix cereal.

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### **Weather Cancellation**

Cancellation notifications will go out to parents by 11:30am. Participants will be notified by an announcement over the school's PA system.

Hopkinton Parks and Rec will **notify parents via email and text**. Please check the email notifications on your [Parks and Rec account](#) to be sure your email is active and current. Please choose YES for General Announcements and Cancellations. If you would like to receive a text message, please add your cell number in the notifications section.

The ski club is canceled if school is canceled. Makeup date TBD.

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### **No Tolerance Policy**

There is a zero-tolerance policy for misbehavior, disrespect, or harassment. Those who are disrespectful to their peers, the bus driver, or chaperones will not be allowed to return to the program and will not be reimbursed for pass/expenses. Parents were required to agree to this policy during registration check out.

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### **Thank You!**

Thank you to Julie and all of the volunteers who have offered to help run this year's ski club! Should you have any questions or concerns please call or email Parks and Recreation.

Let it Snow!

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