

# Randolph School Ski Program 2010

WELCOME to all of our students and parents who are new to the Randolph School Ski Program.

WELCOME BACK to all who have participated before.

For over 10 years, we have taken our students skiing at Belleayre Mountain each winter. On these four or five day-long ski trips, students, parents and teachers learn and grow side-by-side as they challenge themselves to improve their skills and share in a special time together. After learning to ski for the first time, kids and adults all find an improved sense of confidence and a willingness to conquer preconceived notions about themselves. This confidence translates into all aspects of their lives, from learning to read to joining a chess club. The thrill and excitement is contagious and everyone supports each other to challenge themselves on the slopes.

This year, we have a **new and improved ski program** for our 2<sup>nd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students. While we will continue to excite and challenge your children with the magical world of skiing, there are some changes that we are implementing to improve the experience for all. We are planning to increase the amount of structured time together while, at the same time, offering each student the best opportunity to improve at their own pace.

On each trip, students of each skiing level will be assigned to team up with a specific teacher and/or parent for their runs. We are all starting at the same time each morning. (For Example: “At 10:30 Maureen is taking these four kids on the green diamond run, Creek is watching the bunny hill, Alisa is taking these three kids on the blue square run, and Krisy is doing the black diamond with these four kids.”) It is our hope that by having students assigned to a teacher for the day, the teacher will be better able to track the student's progress and ascertain when s/he is ready for a move to a more challenging slope. The teachers will be changing groups from week to week so that they can work with a variety of students. While, in the past, most people informally gathered to eat lunch, this year, we will be joining together for lunch and having a small gathering time before heading back out to the slopes. As in the past, every student will be required to take a lesson during each trip from the instructors at Belleayre.

On ski trip days, kindergartners and first graders will have their normal schedule at school. However, our **youngest Upstairs students are invited to join us on the ski trips with a parent.** K/1<sup>st</sup> parents and students may get their lift tickets and rentals through Randolph or on their own. You may sign up for as many trips as you would like, with one week notice of plans. Each K/1<sup>st</sup> student's needs and supervision is the responsibility of the parent.

## Ski Trip Dates

This year we are trying something else new – we are scheduling two trips on Wednesdays. The reason is that we do not want students to miss so many of their groups/classes that are held on Fridays. We understand that everyone is tired after the big ski day and that those two Thursdays might be a bit of a burn for some folks, but we hope that everyone can find a way to make this work.

Wednesday	Jan. 13
Friday	Jan. 22
Friday	Feb. 5
Wednesday	Feb. 10
Friday	Feb. 26
Friday	Mar. 12** Make Up Day

## SCHEDULE FOR EACH SKI DAY

- 8:00** Arrive at Randolph School if the school is giving your child a ride.
- 10:00** Suggested time to arrive at Belleayre to allow for lines at the rental, bathroom, chatting with friends, etc.
- 10:30 sharp** FIRST RUN – Students are assigned a teacher and/or parent who will leave the Lodge promptly and bring them to the slopes. Students will stay with their leader at all times. Parents are also welcome to join your kids with the teacher. If you want to have a quality time skiing with your child alone that is fine, but please make sure that the teacher knows about it. After the first run, teachers will return to Lodge to pick up any students who were not ready by 10:30.
- 12:00** LUNCH AND CIRCLE – Everyone gathers at the Lodge. We are trying something new the first day...we are going to have a Circle with everyone to do a quick share and a song. If we can still be ready for lessons by 1:00, we hope to have this community time continue during future trips.
- 12:40** Students/Teachers/Parents leave for Intermediate and Advanced Lessons
- 12:50** Students/Teachers/Parents leave for Beginner Lessons
- 1:00** LESSONS – Everyone takes a one-hour lesson from Belleayre instructor. A teacher or parent will accompany each group.
- 4:00** LIFTS CLOSE – Drivers should work out their leaving time so the students and teachers know when to take their last run.

### \*\*FIRST DAY UPDATES\*\*

- All **first time skiers** must take first lesson of day (11:00 am?) instead of 1:00
- Students who rode the lift for 1 year – start on Bunny Hill to check on skills
- Students who rode the lift for 2 years – start on Green to check on skills
- Students who rode the lift for 3 years or more – starting point will be based on teachers evaluation
- Lunch is an introductions/game/music Circle

### Parent Responsibilities

- Have your child at Randolph by 8:00 if the school is providing a ride for your child.
- Arrive on time at the Lodge and have your child ready to go at 10:30 *sharp*.
- Make certain that your child arrives with proper clothes, equipment and food or money.
- Be supportive of the program and its goals.
- Parents can volunteer to lead or help lead a group.
- Parents are invited to be part of the *Hospitality Team*...
  - set up tables
  - bring a drink/dish/snacks to share
  - escort young kids to bathroom
  - help with rentals and organization

### Student Responsibilities

All students are expected to:

- attend each trip. They must stay home if they do not attend.
- be ready to ski no later than 10:30.
- join together in the Lodge at 12:00.
- take a lesson at 1:00.
- stay with an adult at all times (except for The King's Men).

## Clothes and Gear

Each student **MUST** have with them every time:

- Hat
- Helmet is **STRONGLY** recommended
- Gloves/mittens
- Winter Coat
- Wool Socks
- Ski Pants
- Boots
- Layers under coat to adjust warmth – undershirt, shirt, sweater, etc.
- Lots of food *or* money to buy overpriced food
- ID in pocket – just in case
- Recommended – book, cards, small game, drawing book and markers

## Costs

Student lift tickets are included in the school's activities fee. Students can rent equipment through Randolph (from Belleayre – print and fill out the Rental/Release Form – <http://www.belleayre.com/winter/rental.htm>) or for the entire season from a store such as Potter Brothers or Ski Haus. Parents may purchase their tickets and rentals through Randolph's account.

Student Rental: \$23

Adult Rental: \$23

Adult Lift Ticket: \$30

## Directions

<http://www.belleayre.com/company/direct.htm>

## WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

We need to know:

1. Can you drive kids from Randolph?
2. Are you driving your child (and others) from home?
3. Is the school providing transportation for your child?
4. Are you skiing?
5. Do you and/or your child need to rent equipment?
6. If your child is in K/1, are you planning to attend any trips?
7. Do you want to be part of the Lodge Hospitality Team?
8. Are you willing/able to lead a small group of students down the mountain?

We are sending home:

1. Survey with the above questions
2. Student ID Form
3. Registration / Rental website link to download the form for each person skiing

***Please fill out the forms and send them in by December 14.***

**If you have any questions please contact Brad ([brad@randolphschool.org](mailto:brad@randolphschool.org)) or Creek ([creek@randolphschool.org](mailto:creek@randolphschool.org)).**

*Thanks to Mark Stutzman and Michael O'Neill for their help and suggestions.*

## Parent Survey

Your child(ren)'s name(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent Name(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please indicate if these skiers/Lodge Hospitality-ers will be the same for every trip. If not, then please expect to fill out a form for each trip.

**\*\*\*\*Skiers will be the same for every trip - YES NO (Please circle one)\*\*\*\***

Can you drive kids from Randolph? **YES NO** How many kids can you carry? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you driving your child (and others) from home? **YES NO**

Is the school providing transportation for your child? **YES NO**

Are you skiing? **YES NO**

I/We will attend: *(Circle all that apply)* **ALL 1/13 1/22 2/10 2/26 3/12**

Do you and/or your child need to rent equipment? **YES NO**

If your child is in K/1 are you planning to attend any trips? **YES NO MAYBE**

Dates: *(Circle all that apply)* **ALL 1/13 1/22 2/10 2/26 3/12**

Do you want to be part of the Lodge Hospitality Team? **YES NO**

Are you willing/able to lead a small group of students down the mountain? **YES NO**

Questions/Comments:

# Randolph School Ski Trip Student ID Form

**Student Name:**

**Age:**

**Medical Notes:**

**Randolph School: 845-297-5600**

**Teacher in Discovery Lodge – Bradford King 914-475-3711**

**Parent Phone:**

**Doctor Phone:**