

Winter 2008-2009

Dear Parents,

It's that time again! Randolph's Ski/Snowboard Program for Grades 1 –12 is kicking into high gear and we are excited to once again offer our students the opportunity to learn to ski or board with their friends and teachers. During the winter months, our students participate in our ski program at Belleayre Mountain in the Catskills. All parents are invited to join us. The fees are discounted group rates that include lift tickets, rentals and ski lessons. Learning to ski is a wonderful opportunity for a child, and we see it an important part of our curriculum. All children are expected to attend the ski days at Belleayre; staying at school is not an option.

All **first grade** children need to have a parent accompany them. It can be a very long, cold and tiring day for a young child who often needs an adult throughout the day. It is recommended, though not required, that second grade parents attend as well. Our teachers need to be available for all the children. If your child is a proficient skier and can ski alone, or if you can find another parent with a child at the same skill level to accompany your child, or if it is absolutely impossible for you to attend, please talk to Brad.

Dates

January 9, 16, 30 February 6 Back-up Day – February 27

Payment

Your one-time activity fee pays for your child's lift ticket and lesson. Parents and other family members are still welcome to join us at the group rate and will need to pay (\$25 lift ticket or \$50 with equipment) before each trip. February 27th is a back-up day to be used if we have to cancel a day because of weather. If a child is absent on a ski day, that portion of the ski season fee is not refundable, but will be added to the **ski scholarship fund** (see below).

2008-2009 Ski Season Fees

Randolph Student Equipment Rental	\$100
Parent/Friend/Sibling:	
One Day Lift Ticket	\$ 25
One Day Lift Ticket & Rental	\$ 50



Belleayre is having customer appreciation days on January 9th and 30th. Parents can buy their lift tickets from Belleayre at a reduced rate on those days if you prefer.

Ski Scholarships

With our **ski scholarship program**, no child should ever miss out on skiing for financial reasons. In the past, our parent community has been very giving. Although our group rates are much cheaper than ski costs, skiing is still an expensive sport. The ski scholarship program defrays the expense for families who find the high cost of skiing prohibitive. If you would like to donate to our ski scholarship fund, please write a check to Randolph School Ski Scholarships. If you would like your child to benefit from the ski scholarship program, please contact Brad.

Permission/Payment/Equipment Rental

Please sign the permission/payment form, which gives permission for the entire season. You must also fill out one equipment rental form for **each** person in your family who is renting equipment. Season rentals are also available at local ski shops. If you are planning on a season rental from a local ski shop, please indicate that on your form. Randolph School is not responsible for lost or damaged ski equipment. You can find ski information and forms at www.randolphschool.org/events.htm. Please return all forms and payment ASAP, but **no later than December 15, 2008**.

Ski Trip Days – Driving, Clothing, and Snacks

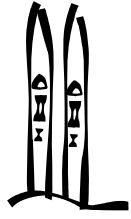
We **need** parents who **don't ski** to drive and be available in the lodge to chaperone kids from our group who are warming up, going to the bathroom, getting food, etc.

We also need parents who **ski** to take groups of children up all levels of trails (except the double diamond!). We will provide a free lift ticket to any parent who commits to helping out from 10:00am to 1:00pm or from 1:00 pm to 4:00pm. Please contact Brad if you are interested.

Appropriate and warm winter clothing makes a fun trip! Hats, warm gloves, long underwear, boots, and snowpants are **required** for skiing; glove liners and heavy socks or sock liners are also suggested. It is strongly recommended that your child wear a ski helmet.



Send your child with a lunch, extra snacks, and drinks. There is a snack bar at the ski area where children can buy hot cocoa or fries, so you may want to send some cash for them to purchase snacks.



Lessons and Safety

Free ski lessons are provided at the lodge and all of our children are required to take lessons. Lessons begin promptly at 10:00 am. There is no other lesson time allotted for us so it is important that your child arrives in time to take the lesson. Parents may also take a free lesson.

We can only recommend that your child wear a ski helmet (not a bike or skateboard helmet), BUT we strongly urge you to invest in this safety precaution. Also, there seems to be an added risk for injured wrists for snowboarders and we are also recommending that your snowboarder wear wrist guards.

Weather and Directions

We cancel the trip if it's raining at Belleayre or if there is a school snow day. If Randolph has a two-hour delay, we may still meet as planned for our trip. Please listen to the radio if the weather is in question. We will announce any changes. You can check Belleayre's website for conditions and also get driving directions at www.belleayre.com.



We are looking forward to the many wonderful ski trips and the sense of community and accomplishment our students will benefit from throughout the winter. Ski program questions can be emailed to Brad@randolphschool.org or you can speak with him at school.

Let it snow,

The Randolph Faculty