

# Pelham Parks and Recreation

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## **2024 PATS PEAK SKI/SB PROGRAM LETTER**

Dear Ski/Snowboard Program Students and Parents,

The following is important for each of you regarding the after-school ski/snowboard program to Pats Peak. Please read the letter in its entirety, as parents and students are responsible for all information here. We must have an emergency information form for each student. They may not board the bus otherwise. Ask us if you need a form. All students **must pay the bus cost** even if they do not ride the bus each way or for all five trips, including chaperone's children. No exceptions.

**STUDENTS:** Grades 6 through 12 (Students attending schools outside of Pelham are welcome but must be on time for the buses)

**DATES:** First Day: Thursday, January 4, 2024

Last Day: Thursday, February 1, 2024 (if no make ups are needed)

**TIMES:** Pelham Memorial: 2:30-8:30/9pm Return time TBD (depart from Memorial; times are approximate)

Pelham High: 2:45-9:00pm (depart/return to PHS – times are approximate)

**NOTE:** Students will be placed on a bus by grade; typically, we have 1 bus for PMS and 1 for PHS. If this is the case the PMS Bus will return to Memorial School at 8:30pm, the PHS bus will return to the high school at 9pm. **If we have ONE BUS FOR BOTH PMS AND PHS THE STUDENTS WILL ALL RETURN TO THE HIGH SCHOOL AT 9PM.** All levels are welcomed.

**ONLINE REGISTRATION:** Sign-ups can be found on Pats Peak's website at [www.patspeak.com](http://www.patspeak.com) (click on plan your visit then under Lessons & Rentals, Learn to Ski & Ride Program) from which you may register your child and pay with charge card or check. An access code will need to be entered and can be found on our website on the After School Ski/SB page. You must then pay the bus/costs due the town on our website at <https://pelhamnh.recdesk.com/Community/Member/Login> with MC/VISA/Discover or leave a check with our office.

**SKI PASSES:** Each participant will be issued a laminated pass/tag, made by Pats Peak, given out on the first bus trip. Once this pass is issued it is the participant's responsibility to have theirs with them every week. Pats Peak will charge \$10 to replace a lost pass. Students are not permitted on lifts without a visible valid pass. Contact Pats Peak directly if you know your child lost a pass. Send \$10 with your child to replace it on next trip, if necessary.

**RENTALS:** Students who rent are the only ones allowed in rental area. Rental information is shown on pass/tag, which student must be wearing to receive rentals each week. NO REFUNDS from Pats Peak; late fee of \$25 past deadline of TBD. Please note that helmets are not included with rentals but may be rented for an additional cost of \$40.00. See cost sheet.

**CLOTHING:** HELMETS AND HATS ARE VERY STRONGLY RECOMMENDED! We also recommend goggle/eye protection, one extra pair of wool or thermal socks, waterproof pants, and gloves. Dress in layers. A pass will be refused if a student is not properly dressed. We recommend that students **put their name on all their belongings**, especially ski or snowboard bags.

**BONUS DAYS:** At the end of the program, a student pass will be good for a day of free ski/snowboard, beginning February 27, 2023 through end of season at Pats Peak, Waterville Valley and Bretton Woods. If a pass denotes rentals, they are also included free of charge at Pats Peak (only). Lessons are not included. You may use it weekdays or weekends but MUST be wearing the pass/tag. The pass must be turned in as well as a voucher that will be handed out to students on the bus on the 2<sup>nd</sup> last day of the 5 trips. Students using a season pass for this program DO NOT qualify for any bonus days nor do chaperones or coordinators. Bonus days are for students only and optional.

**FOOD:** Eating and drinking on the bus is allowed unless abused. Once at Pats Peak, there are food concessions/café's where students can purchase food and drinks. Cafeteria cards are offered by Pats Peak, check details on website. Café card values

are added to the student's tag. Students receive \$40.00 worth of food and drink with a \$33.00 café card purchase. Parents may call into Pats Peak to add value to the café card as needed over the 5 trips.

**EQUIPMENT:** No equipment can be brought in on the morning of trip days to either school. Older students may leave their equipment in their vehicles until day's end. Young students will need a parent or adult to drop off their equipment at the end of each school day for the 5 trips to Pats Peak. Students are encouraged to bring as little as possible. Backpacks will need to be left on the bus upon arrival.

**BUS ASSIGNMENTS:** Students will be assigned a bus the first trip day and must keep the same bus throughout the program. There are typically 2 buses – 1 for Memorial and 1 for PHS. It is possible that a Memorial bus will be combined with a pickup at PHS dependent on the registrations. Chaperones will have weekly attendance sheets to check students on/off the bus at school and at Pats Peak. Kindly remind your child to listen for the call to return to the bus at Pats Peak for the return home. The bus cost is included for each registration and is due and payable whether the students rides the bus or not.

**CANCELLATIONS:** Cancellations will be determined by Pats Peak and our office staff. If Pats Peak cancels, a makeup Thursday will be added to the end of the program in February. If we feel it is necessary to cancel, Pats Peak may or may not agree to a makeup day. We will contact schools to give out any cancellation notices on trip days if need be. DO NOT CALL PATS PEAK PLEASE! No individual makeup days are given. Decisions on cancellations are not made until 12pm on the day of each trip in most instances.

**PRIVATE VEHICLES:** No parent, chaperone or friend will be allowed to transport a child in the program to or from Pats Peak at any time, under any circumstances, without a WRITTEN note to Pelham Parks and Recreation in advance of the trip day. NO EXCEPTIONS. Again, all participants must pay the cost of the bus to cover total program costs, regardless of whether they make use of it each trip.

**MEDICAL:** No child will be allowed on the bus without an emergency contact form! Correct and easy to read contact numbers are essential. Forms are available on our website or at our office. They must be returned to our office no later than 12/13/22. If your child is injured or needs help of any kind, please direct them to look for a Pelham Parks and Recreation staff and/or chaperone. There will be someone in the lodge as well as outdoors and on the slopes. Ask a Pats Peak staff member to page someone from Pelham, if needed. Our chaperones will have orange arm bands.

**CONDUCT:** Our program has developed a very good reputation over the years. It is expected that all participants will act in a mature, responsible manner traveling to and from Pats Peak and while there. Their participation in this program is a privilege - not a right. We will have parent chaperones on the buses and at Pats Peak. We expect all chaperones to be treated with respect. Pelham Parks and Recreation has a zero-tolerance policy regarding misconduct in any abusive manner, verbal or physical. We reserve the right to make the determination on unacceptable behavior of any nature. Your child is also expected to cause no harm or damage whatsoever to the coach buses and leave no debris. We reserve the right to remove a bus privilege as needed and without refunds.

**CHAPERONES:** Chaperones are needed! Parents who can chaperone should let us know when registering the student. Pelham Parks and Recreation requests all chaperones to attend a meeting on Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30pm in the town hall conference Room. You must register with us before that date. Attendance is important! Chaperones ski for free but there is a limit on that number. Also, Chaperones must be at least 21 years old. Our program supervisor is Liz Schedeler.

**FINAL NOTES:** We do not contact families with reminders of this program. Once you register, your child must be prepared to go on the first day of the program. Every effort is made to have complete lists with bus attendance, prepared passes, and rentals. Please be patient the first week as it takes a little extra time. Photos or videotaping may be taken and included on our website. Lastly, we look forward to a terrific fun time. Think snow!

**TRANSPORT NOTICE:** Please be aware that in the event a child is ill or injured while at Pats Peak, our supervisor or chaperone will do his/her very best to contact a parent immediately. Pats Peak will arrange for transportation of the student to the nearest emergency room by ambulance if that is deemed necessary. In the case of a lesser injury or illness, the parent may confer with the supervisor or chaperone and decide to allow the child to return home on the bus. Alternately, the parent may pick up their child in the first aid room at Pats Peak.

Our supervisors and chaperones may not transport your child for any reason in their private vehicle to/from Pats Peak or to/from a hospital. The supervisor or chaperone will not routinely stay with your child as they need to depart with the group on the bus. Please understand they cannot transport your child anywhere regardless.