



# **2019 BLANDFORD SKI & RIDE PROGRAM**

## **JANUARY 4 – FEBRUARY 8**

### **Wilbraham Middle School**

### **REGISTRATION PACKET**

1. Be sure to read all the registration information carefully and sign all the necessary documents.
2. Complete all the forms and secure the appropriate information and signatures. **The participant's signature is required.**
3. The completed packet may be returned to the Parks & Recreation Dept.

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## **2019 POLICIES/PROCEDURES**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

*Blandford's Six - Week Friday Night Ski & Ride Program* for 2019 is open to sixth, seventh and eighth grade WMS students only.

### **SPECIAL NEEDS**

Children with needs beyond the scope of the program dynamics must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult. This adult must be responsible for the participant both on and off the slopes. Please contact the Recreation Department in advance if special arrangements are required.

### **EQUIPMENT**

- Parents can drop equipment off at WMS between, 7:00 – 7:30AM in the auditorium. No equipment is allowed on a school bus.
- No student is to be dropped off with equipment before 7:30AM.
- Equipment goes into the WMS Auditorium, back right side. It is required that all students place their name on everything they plan on bringing.
- The WMS or the WPRD are NOT responsible for any lost or stolen items.
- After school ends, students may go to the auditorium and get equipment and change into proper ski wear. No ski boots are to be worn on the bus.

**Helmets are to be worn at all times while skiing/snowboarding. If a child is caught without a helmet, he/she will be warned once; a second infraction will result in his/her pass being suspended for the remainder of the day.**

### **DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURE**

Children should be ready at the WMS between 2:15PM – 2:30PM. The bus will depart for the Blandford Ski Area at exactly 2:30PM. No exceptions will be made. Parents must pick their child/children up between 10:00PM – 10:15PM at WMS. No child will be released to anyone other than the appointed parent unless a list of other acceptable people is given to a supervisor prior to the bus leaving WMS.

Do not send anyone not on this list to pick up your child. Please be on time when picking up your child/children. Be considerate of our chaperones, they have just spent seven fun, but very exhausting hours and would like to go home. We will not leave a child unsupervised. If you are more than ten minutes late in picking your child up, your home phone number will be called, then your emergency phone number. If we are unable to reach you and/or your emergency contacts, the Wilbraham Police Department will be called.

### **BEHAVIORAL POLICY**

The Wilbraham Parks & Recreation Dept. (WPRD) has adopted a zero tolerance policy for this program. It is a privilege for the participants to partake in this event; any behavior deemed detrimental to the program by a supervisor and/or ski instructor will result in the student being immediately dismissed from the program. If your child is dismissed from the program **NO REFUND WILL BE GIVEN!** No staff member, child, or Blandford patron shall be subjected to verbal or physical abuse by a child enrolled in this Program. This includes, but is not limited to, humiliation, foul or abusive language or ridicule.

If your child "skips" his/her lesson, your child will not be allowed to attend the program the following week. A second offense will result in your child being removed from the program. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED.**

If at anytime Blandford personnel or a supervisor feels your child is skiing/boarding in a reckless or unsafe manner, we will pull your child's ticket for the remainder of the day. Your child will also not be allowed to attend the program the following week. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED.**

The primary goal of discipline is to ensure the safety of the group and remain in good standing not only with Blandford, but also the bus company. Behavior determined to be detrimental to the program is at the discretion of the supervisors. Due to the nature of the program, students will not have the benefit of a "second chance." Since parents will not be immediately available to discuss the behavioral issues, once determined by the supervisors, discipline decisions are final. If a participant is dismissed from the program, **A REFUND WILL NOT BE GRANTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.**

### **CHECK IN POLICY**

In order to ensure the safety of all participants, the Ski & Ride Program will require participants to check in hourly with an assigned supervisor. A group of ten students will be assigned to a supervisor, and students are responsible for checking in with that supervisor at these times throughout the day:

2:15 – 2:30PM	Check in at WMS.
3:45 – 4:00PM	Check in at Blandford.
5:50PM	Check in at lodge.
7:10PM	Check in half way through open ski at lodge.
8:00PM	Check in at the end of open ski at lodge.
9:00PM	Check in prior to bus departing Blandford
10:00 – 10:15PM	Check out with student and parent/guardian at WMS.

If a student purposely disregards a check in with their appropriate supervisor at the given time, he/she will be treated as missing and located by ski patrol. He/she will not be allowed to participate for the rest of the evening. They will spend the remaining time in the lodge with their supervisor, and further discipline may follow if deemed necessary.

### **REFUND POLICY**

- In the event the WPRD cancels the program, you will receive a full refund. Please allow at least 30 business days for a refund check to be processed
- Up to three days before the program begins a refund will be given (minus a \$25.00 administrative fee) only if the seat can be resold. Once the program has started, no refunds will be given under any circumstance.
- If the program is cancelled due to inclement weather or no snow, no refunds will be given. The WPRD will attempt to coordinate a make-up day with the Blandford Ski Area, however transportation will only be provided if a bus is available. If a make-up day cannot be coordinated, no refunds will be given.
- Single absences will not be refunded.
- If a participant is dismissed from the program for disciplinary issues, a refund will not be granted under any circumstance.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- If a participant is injured during the Ski & Ride Program and must be transported to a hospital, he/she will be taken to Noble Hospital in Westfield.
- No student is allowed back into the school after 2:30 PM.
- School paraphernalia goes on the Blandford bus with the child; items can be left on the bus during skiing/boarding.
- Food can be purchased at the Ski Lodge, no eating will be allowed on the bus, and no stops will be made along the trip.
- No one is allowed to go home from Blandford by transportation other than the bus, unless written permission from a parent is given to a chaperon **prior to the bus leaving WMS.**
- If the mountain has to close, Blandford will attempt to extend the program another Friday night, however transportation will only be provided if a bus is available.
- If school or after school activities are cancelled then the Ski/Snowboard Program is cancelled regardless of the weather.
- If school is cancelled and mountain is open, Blandford will attempt to extend our skiing another Friday with no lesson. Transportation will only be provided if a bus is available.

### **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

Snow Condition Number for Blandford:	413- 568–4341
Blandford Ski Area:	413 – 848–2860
Blandford Website:	<a href="http://www.skiblandford.org">www.skiblandford.org</a>
Supervisor Cell, Bill Scatolini:	413-221-8285
Parks & Recreation Cancellation Hotline:	596–2402
Parks & Recreation Department:	596–2816



# BLANDFORD'S SKI & RIDE PROGRAM PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FORM

Please complete this form and return (along with registration form) to the Wilbraham Parks & Recreation Department. This information will be used only in the interest of your daughter/son and will help make your participant's experience positive. This information will only be shared with the trip supervisors and program staff.

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

List of names of other people you will allow us to release your child/children to: **(CHILD WILL NOT BE RELEASED TO ANYONE BUT REGISTERED PARENT UNLESS HIS/HER NAME APPEARS HERE):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there anything the staff should know in regard to his/her medical history (allergies and/or medications), or any issues you feel the staff should be aware of?

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Any additional information regarding special needs? (Please see the Special Needs section in the registration packet)

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In the event medical treatment is deemed necessary, I understand that every effort will be made to contact a parent/guardian. In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the medical personnel to treat and/or transport and/or a physician to administer any and all medical treatment my child may require.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Policy Holder's Name      Insurance Company      Policy Number**

X \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Parent/Guardian      Date**

**Information provided by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relation to participant:** \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and understand all the policies and procedures outlined in the registration packet concerning my child partaking in the Ski & Ride Program.

I agree to have my child/ward, \_\_\_\_\_, abide by these rules and regulations. I will have my child/ward read the above information so that there are no misunderstandings as to what is expected of him/her.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE DATE

X \_\_\_\_\_  
PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE (Required) DATE

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**Office Use Only:**

- Registration Form. (parent/guardian signature required)
- Policies and Procedures sign off (parent/guardian **and participant** signature required)
- Information Form (Insurance information and parent/guardian signature required)