Morse Hill Outdoor Center, Inc.

# 2025 Ski & Ride Program Info

### Adult and Child Ski & Snowboard Lessons

Enjoy winter by learning to play in its most wonderful asset, SNOW!

Skiing and snowboarding offer fresh air, breathtaking views, great exercise, excitement, camaraderie, and lots of fun. It is so easy to learn with our teachers. Our instructors love teaching and are all trained and/or certified ski & snowboard instructors, and additionally certified in First Aid and CPR.

## Programs

Program			Duration	Cost <sup>1</sup>
A	Ages 5 & 6 Ski	1-hour lessons with MH staff and afternoons of free skiing* at Berkshire East. *Ages 5 & 6 will be with MH staff during free ski.	5 weeks Wednesdays, 2:00 to 5:45 pm Jan 8 to Feb 5	<ul><li>\$279 lift &amp; lesson</li><li>\$91 transport</li><li>leave 12:30-1:30pm (from your school at early dismissal) and return 7ish pm.</li></ul>
В	Age 7 thru Grade 6 Ski	<ul> <li>1-hour lessons with MH staff and afternoons of free skiing* at Berkshire East.</li> <li>*2<sup>nd</sup> grade and younger will be with MH staff and 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade will be with parent chaperones during free ski.</li> </ul>	5 weeks Wednesdays, 2:00 to 5:45 pm Jan 8 to Feb 5	\$389 lift & lesson \$91 transport leave 12:30-1:30pm (from your school at early dismissal) and return 7ish pm.
С	Grades 3-6 Ride	1-hour lessons with Berkshire East staff and afternoons of free snowboarding* at Berkshire East. *3- 6 <sup>th</sup> grade will be with parent chaperones during free riding.	5 weeks Wednesdays, 2:00 to 5:45 pm Jan 8 to Feb 5	\$401 lift & lesson \$91 transport leave 12:30-1:30pm (from your school at early dismissal) and return 7ish pm.

<sup>1</sup>Equipment leases are additional. We do not rent at the resort because of the time it takes away from skiing/riding.

See page 6 for a list of the local leasing options.



## Registration

### First come first served: Please email to let us know you've mailed your form and check!

Confirm your space by sending the following by Dec 1st.

- 1. Check payable to "Morse Hill".
- 2. Completed registration and emergency release form.
- MAIL TO: Morse Hill 65 Wentworth Manor Drive Amherst, MA 01002
- **CALL:** 413-253-1807
- EMAIL: <u>info@morsehill.com</u>

### Announcements

Please read!

#### Ski/Snowboard and Gear Rentals

We do not rent gear from Berkshire East because of the time it takes away from skiing/riding. Please see page 6 for local rental options and confirm you have rentals taken care of before our program begins.

#### Chaperones

We are looking for parent chaperones. Weekly volunteers will receive a free afternoon ticket and much appreciation from parents and us! All chaperones must come every week or share the job with only one other person so there is coverage every week. This makes the students more comfortable. Chaperones will be required to take the students from their car to the lodge parent, assist students with gear, and ski 3 hours with 3-6<sup>th</sup> graders when the students are not in lessons. If they stay after hours, they can also free ski then.

#### Helmets

**HIGHLY** recommended for everyone. They are **REQUIRED** for all children and those who ski/ride in the trees. All the areas have tree trails (glades).

Please keep your child at home if they have any of the following symptoms:

• Fever, cough, sore throat, vomiting or headache

#### Program A AGES 5 & 6 - SKIING AT BERKSHIRE EAST

All participants will receive: 1-hour lesson with a low student teacher ratio, at least 2 hours free skiing with chaperones or Morse Hill staff and round-trip ride to ski area in our van if you choose our transport. Classes will be arranged by skill level and will be fluid with students changing groups when necessary. Students will work through a progression of developmental skills.

- WHEN:
   Wednesdays, January 8 February 5

   Leave Leverett and Shutesbury schools at approximately 1:00pm. Arrive home between 7:00 and 7:15pm as arranged with chaperone or staff driver. We can only pick up at schools with early dismissal. Otherwise, we arrange pickup at an agreed upon location.
- COST:\$279 for 5 weeks of lift tickets, lessons and chaperone.\$91 for 5 weeks of transport
- WHERE: Berkshire East Mountain Resort, 66 Thunder Mountain Rd, Charlemont, MA 01339
- BRING: 1. Note to school saying we will pick up your child after school.
  - 2. Snacks and/or money to buy food and drinks.
  - 3. Backpack (arms free to carry equipment) that will fit ski boots, extra food, and clothes.
  - 4. Warm snow proof clothes on snow days or raincoat on rainy days. *Everything marked with name. On skis, boots and poles write the name on bright duct tape to help children find their gear!*

**CHAPERONES:** Students 5 and 6 years old will always ski with MH staff chaperones. There will be at least one adult chaperone per five students.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Vans driven by our staff will be provided for students who have paid for transportation. Your child must have a booster seat that uses the car seat belt to clip the child in. If you prefer, parents may get together and plan carpools for all five weeks. It is our hope that these parents will also be chaperones. If your carpool falls through, your child can ride with us if SPACE IS AVAILABLE (Your cost: \$20).

Approximate departure and return times are listed above. ALL STUDENTS MUST OBEY THE RULES OF THE VOLUNTEER CHAPERONES AND OR STAFF DRIVERS AT ALL TIMES. THEY MUST ALSO CLEAN UP AFTER THEMSELVES.

**CANCELLATIONS:** We cancel only for dangerous driving weather, dangerous surface conditions or closed resort or school. If road conditions are hazardous, we will not travel but will make up that class on a later date when possible. We will call all participants if we cancel. Call 413-253-1807 for travel decisions.

We will make up weather-canceled days if at all possible.

IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK OR UNABLE TO COME, PLEASE CALL 413-253-1807 or email <u>info@morsehill.com</u> by Wednesday morning at 9:00am so we know NOT to expect them at school or the resort.

#### Program B AGE 7 THROUGH GRADE 6 - SKIING AT BERKSHIRE EAST

All participants will receive: 1-hour lesson with a low student teacher ratio, at least 2 hours free skiing with chaperones or Morse Hill staff and round-trip ride to ski area in our van if you choose our transport. Classes will be arranged by skill level and will be fluid with students changing groups when necessary. Students will work through a progression of developmental skills.

- WHEN:
   Wednesdays, January 3 January 31

   Leave Leverett and Shutesbury schools at approximately 1:00pm. Arrive home between 7:00 and

   7:15pm as arranged with chaperone or staff driver. We can only pick up at schools with early

   dismissal. Otherwise, we arrange pickup at an agreed upon location.
- **COST:** \$389 for 5 weeks of lift tickets, lessons and chaperone. \$91 for 5 weeks of transport
- WHERE: Berkshire East Mountain Resort, 66 Thunder Mountain Rd, Charlemont, MA 01339
- **BRING:** 1. Note to school saying we will pick up your child after school.
  - 2. Snacks and/or money to buy food and drinks.
  - 3. Backpack (arms free to carry equipment) that will fit ski boots, extra food, and clothes.
  - 1. Warm snow proof clothes on snow days or raincoat on rainy days. *Everything marked with name*. On skis, boots and poles write the name on bright duct tape to help children find their gear.

**CHAPERONES:** 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and younger will always ski with MH staff. During free time 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders will ski with a parent chaperone. There will be at least one adult chaperone per five students.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Vans driven by our staff will be provided for students who have paid for transportation. If your child is under 57 inches or under age 8 they must have a booster seat that uses the car seat belt to clip the child in. If you prefer, parents may get together and plan carpools for all five weeks. It is our hope that these parents will also be chaperones. If your carpool falls through, your child can ride with us if SPACE IS AVAILABLE (Your cost: \$20).

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#### Program CGRADE 3 THROUGH GRADE 6 – SNOWBOARDING AT BERKSHIRE EAST

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 WHEN:
 Wednesdays, January 8 – February 5

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- **COST:** \$401 for 5 weeks of lift tickets, lessons and chaperone. \$91 for 5 weeks of transport
- WHERE: Berkshire East Mountain Resort, 66 Thunder Mountain Rd, Charlemont, MA 01339
- BRING: 2. Note to school sent in each Wednesday saying we will pick up your child after school.
  - 3. Snacks and/or money to buy food and drinks.
  - 4. Backpack (arms free to carry equipment) that will fit ski boots, extra food, and clothes.
  - 5. Warm snow proof clothes on snow days or raincoat on rainy days. *Everything marked with name*. On skis, boots and poles write the name on bright duct tape to help children find their gear!

**CHAPERONES:** During free time 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders will ride with a parent chaperone or Morse Hill staff. There will be at least one adult chaperone per five children.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Vans driven by our staff will be provided for students who have paid for transportation. If your child is under 57 inches they must have a booster seat that uses the car seat belt to clip the child in. If you prefer, parents may get together and plan carpools for all five weeks. It is our hope that these parents will also be chaperones. If your carpool falls through, your child can ride with us if SPACE IS AVAILABLE (Your cost: \$20).

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# Ski & Snowboard Local Lease Options

Shop	Location	Costs
Valley Bike and Ski Werks	173 Russell Street, Hadley (413) 582-0733 sales@valleybikeandskiwerks.com	Junior Ski: \$129 smallest skis, \$149 medium skis, \$169 larger skis Adult Ski: \$279+ Includes skis, boots, bindings and poles
Competitive Edge	19 North Street, Easthampton (413) 538-7662 <u>www.compedgeskibike.com</u>	Junior Ski: \$139 - \$149 (no poles) Junior Snowboard: \$189 Adult Ski: \$299 Includes skis, boots, bindings and poles (Offering a \$499 deal to purchase everything needed)
Ski-In or Ski Haus	2006 Boston Road, Wilbraham (413) 543-1234 or 791 Maple Road, Longmeadow (413) 754-3904 <u>www.skiinskihaus.com</u>	Junior Ski: \$139 Adult Ski: \$189 Snowboard: \$189 Includes skis, boots, bindings and poles

- 1. Get fitted ASAP. Rentals are already running low.
- 2. Arrange pickup by at least one week before the program starts.
- 3. Pay the ski or snowboard shop for the equipment and give them a credit card imprint for a security deposit.