

Pearson 6th Grade Center Winter Ski Trip

Dear Parents,

For many years Shakopee's sixth grade teachers have taken advantage of the opportunity to provide our students with a day of skiing and fun. We participate in a program offered by the Minnesota Ski Association. We have multiple purposes for our ski trip:

- Provide students an opportunity to try something new. Developmentally this is very important for 6th grade age students. They are at an age where they are figuring out what they like, who they are, and how to use their free time. When we provide and foster positive options for meeting these developmental needs it gives our students the best chance for success.
- This is a character and confidence building experience for our students. It gives students a chance, both literally and figuratively, to fall, get back-up and try again.
- Having this experience with team members and staff members helps promote friendships and team bonding. Common experiences help build our team.
- Students are introduced to a new activity in a safe environment. Students who are beginners (most students are) will take ski lessons from certified instructors.

This is a ski trip. For safety reasons snowboards must be left at home. Students are allowed to use their own ski equipment, but the bus company does not allow us to bring skis on the bus. To use personal ski equipment someone would need to transport the equipment to and from Hyland Hills. It is expected that students will dress appropriately for the winter weather including a **coat, gloves/mittens and a hat/earband**. The warmer students are dressed the more enjoyable their day will be.

Students will need to bring a lunch with them the day of the ski trip. Please indicate on the back of this form if your student will be bringing a home lunch or if they will need a bag lunch from school.

As safe as we try to make this experience, participation in any sport, skiing included, comes with the risk of personal injury and/or damage to property. So, in addition to completing the permission slip below, there is also an agreement and release of liability form from the Three Rivers Park District. By signing the forms, you acknowledge the associated risks of participation and release of liability for the School District & Hyland Hills.

Teams will be going to Hyland on:

Wednesday, January 21 - Voyager
Wednesday, January 28 - Explorers
Tuesday, February 3 - Trailblazers
Monday, February 9 - Discovery

The normal cost of a ski rental, lift ticket, and lessons at Hyland would be \$69.00. Our cost is **\$18.00** which includes a lift ticket, equipment, ski lessons and busing. **Please fill out and sign the permission slip and waiver (last two pages of this packet) and return to your student's Advisor with cash (exact amount only) or a check made out to Pearson 6th Grade Center. Change is not available in the office. Forms are due Wednesday, December 17th.**

Thank you,

Pearson 6th Grade Center Staff

*****Please complete both sheets and return to your child's Advisor*****

My child, _____, has my permission to go skiing at Hyland Hills with the Pearson 6th Grade Center.

Parent signature _____ Date _____

Best number to reach you at in case of emergency _____

My child's current height _____ weight _____ and shoe size _____

Lunch options: ☐ **Home lunch**

☐ **School bag lunch** – Must be pre-ordered by checking this box.
School bag lunches are not available for ordering on the day of the field trip.

****** We are looking for adults who ski or are willing to help the students outside with their equipment. If you would like to chaperone this field trip please complete the following:***

☐ ***I would like to volunteer***

Parent Name _____ Student First/Last Name _____

Parent email address _____ Advisor/Team _____

Thank you!

*You will be contacted soon by our Volunteer Coordinator, Shawn Hallett.
For safety reasons, only preauthorized volunteers will be allowed to chaperone.*