

## **Pearson 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center Winter Ski Trip**

Dear Parents,

Shakopee's sixth grade students get the exciting opportunity to spend a school day skiing with peers and their teachers at Highland Hills in Bloomington. This is part of a program offered by the Minnesota Ski Association. Here are the benefits of this 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 required that students will dress appropriately for the winter weather including a **coat, snow pants, 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 or money to spend at the chalet cafe.** 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. If you choose to purchase lunch from Hyland Hills they recommend bringing at least \$10 to spend.

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:

**January 9 - Trailblazers**

**January 11 - Explorers**

**January 16 - Voyagers**

**January 17 - Discovery**

The normal cost of a ski rental, lift ticket, and lessons at Hyland would be \$69.00. Because of the success of our fall fundraiser there will be **no charge for students to attend this field trip.** Lift ticket, equipment, ski lessons, and busing are all being paid for by fundraiser profits. Thank you for your support!

**Please fill out and sign the permission slip and agreement and release of liability and return it to your student's Advisor. Forms are due Friday, December 22nd.**

Thank you,  
Pearson 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 or student will bring money to purchase food at the chalet. At least \$10 is recommended.**
- ☐ **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. Lunch accounts will be charged for this option.

If you are interested in chaperoning the ski trip please sign up here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4daea62ca57-skichaperones>

In order to be a chaperone on this field trip, we must have a completed Background Check Form on file. If you haven't already done so this year, please fill out that form here:

[https://www.helpcounterweb.com/welcome/school\\_apply.php?en=199590928](https://www.helpcounterweb.com/welcome/school_apply.php?en=199590928)

# THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT SNOWSPORTS ACADEMY AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Contact Information Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

## **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY, THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY & WAIVER OF LEGAL RIGHTS**

1. I understand and accept that alpine skiing and snowboarding in its various forms is a HAZARDOUS SPORT that has many dangers and risks. I realize that injuries are a common and ordinary occurrence of this sport and that severe injury, including death, is an inherent risk of skiing/snowboarding. **I expressly assume all risk associated with skiing and/or snowboarding** including without limitation, the risks and inherent dangers associated with skiing/snowboarding and riding the lifts. These risks include, but are not limited to, changes in terrain, weather and snow surfaces, changes in lighting conditions, ice, moguls, bare spots, debris, fences, posts, trees, lift equipment and towers, rope tows, light poles, signs, buildings, roads and walkways, defects in ski equipment, ramps, half-pipes, padded and non-padded barriers, jumps, rails, boxes, and other terrain features, grooming equipment, snowmobiles, utility or all-terrain vehicles, collisions with other persons, and other natural and man-made hazards. I agree to follow, and be bound by, Your Responsibility Code promulgated by the National Ski Areas Association and posted at this ski area.
2. In consideration of receiving permission to take part in the snowsports programs/lessons, I agree to release Three Rivers Park District, and its agents, employees, directors, officers and shareholders (collectively referred to as "the Park District") from any and all liability for personal injury, death or property damage which results in any way from negligence, conditions on or about the premises and facilities, the operations, actions or omissions of employees or agents of the area, defects in ski equipment, or my participation in the snowsports programs/lessons or other activities at the area, accepting myself the full responsibility for any and all such damage or injury of any kind which may result. This release applies to all claims resulting from anything that happens after the execution of this agreement.
3. To the extent I am signing on behalf of a minor, I hereby release the Park District from any and all liability for personal injury, death or property damage sustained by said minor which results in any way from negligence, conditions on or about the premises and facilities, defects in ski equipment, the operations, actions or omissions of employees or agents of the area, or the minor's participation in the Event or other activities at the area, accepting myself the full responsibility for any and all such damage or injury of any kind which may result.
4. I further agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Park District from any and all claims, demands, losses, damages and liabilities, contribution or otherwise with respect to personal injury, death or property damage arising from my or a minor's on whose behalf I signed, participation in the snowsports programs/lessons or other activities at the Park District facility. I promise not to sue the Park District and further agree that if anyone is physically injured or property is damaged while I am engaged in snowsports programs/lessons I will have no right to make a claim or file a lawsuit against the Park District. I agree to defend and indemnify the Park District for any and all claims, including subrogation and/or derivative claims brought by any third party or insurer, which I may cause.
5. In accordance with Minnesota law, nothing in this Release of Liability should be construed as releasing, discharging or waiving any claims I may have for conduct that constitutes greater than ordinary negligence on the part of the Park District, or its owners, officers, shareholders, agents or employees.
6. This Release of Liability is governed by the Laws of the State of Minnesota and is intended to be interpreted as broadly as possible. If any part of this agreement is determined to be unenforceable, all other parts shall be given full force and effect.
7. I understand that a helmet designed for Recreational Snow Sports use will help reduce the risk of some types of injuries to the user. I recognize that serious injury or death can result from both low- and high-speed impacts, even when a helmet is worn. I understand that no helmet can protect the user against every foreseeable impact to the head, and that Recreational Snow Sports present unavoidable and inherent risks of injury which surpass the limits of protection offered by this helmet. I understand that this helmet does not protect against trauma to any other part of my body, including my neck, face and spine, and that these limitations are unavoidable and inherent risks of any activity in which a snow sport helmet will be used.

**I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER OF LEGAL RIGHTS AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.**

Participant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Participant's Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian:** If the participant is a minor, I verify that I have the authority to enter into this agreement on behalf of the minor and I agree to be bound by all terms and conditions of this agreement.

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian's Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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### **About Your Child**

To better understand your child, we would like to know if they will require any extra help based on their physical, emotional, or functional needs. Hyland Hills employs professionally trained staff to provide additional support to ensure your child has a safe, fun experience.

☐ No, my child **does not** require any additional assistance ☐ Yes, my child **does** require additional assistance

If yes, please describe and physical, emotional, or functional impairments

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