

G.S.F.S. SKIING and SNOWBOARDING TRIP PACKET

Dear Middle School Families:

For over fifteen years, we've enjoyed fun, safe, instructional and memorable experiences on our ski/snowboard trip! This year we're excited to continue the tradition at a new location, Bear Creek Mountain Resort (www.skibearcreek.com). About an hour drive from Philadelphia, Bear Creek is a great mountain for learning to ski or snowboard and has a comfy lodge where you can put your feet up, have a hot chocolate and spend time with our group! The date for this year's optional Middle School skiing and snowboarding trip is January 31, 2015.

If you are interested in going (and I hope you are), please bring in your completed Ski/Snowboard Package Option chart, signed Permission Slip, signed Rental and Helmet Agreement (if applicable) and payment to school by **Wednesday, January 21**.

Participation: The trip is open to all Middle School students and any **immediate family members** who wish to participate. No experience is necessary; in fact, it's fun to learn together! We encourage parents and guardians to join us. (If a younger GSFS sibling attends, a parent or guardian must also attend.) **In order to create the safest possible experience for our participants, we ask that an adult accompany each 5th grade student on the trip.** For 6th through 8th grade students, we aim to have a minimum of one adult present per two or three students, and we usually have at least a one-to-two ratio.

Cost: We receive a group discount from Bear Creek, but we know that the cost of skiing and snowboarding is significant, and it consistently creeps up from year-to-year. We are committed to making the experience accessible to all. We make sure that financial aid is available. Please indicate on your form if you are interested and contact Teri Buda at 215-438-7545 *107, or tbuda@greenestreetfriends.org.

Departure: On Saturday morning, January 31, we will get an early start (7:00 AM) from school and travel to Bear Creek in cars. We plan to return to GSFS by 6:30 PM., and we'll make phone calls if there is any delay. If you can volunteer to drive, we deeply appreciate it. Please let us know on the attached form how many passengers you can carry. We will need to copy your license and insurance information on the morning of the trip if we don't have them on file.

Packages: There are many different lift, rental and lesson packages available. We strongly recommend a lesson for any student who is skiing or snowboarding for the first time. The "Discovery" packages include rentals and lessons for skiers and snowboarders of various levels.

Signing Up: If you plan to join us on the ski trip, please bring in your completed Ski/Snowboard Package Option chart, signed Permission Slip, signed Rental and Helmet Agreement (if applicable) and payment to school by **Wednesday, January 21**.

On Friday, January 23 we'll share a list of participants to confirm everything, and then we'll hold meetings for students at lunch the following week to finalize preparations. I'm really looking forward to it!

Many thanks, looking forward to having fun with you on the slopes!

Kate Zook-Gibbs

Direction to Bear Creek Mountain Resort from Philadelphia

<http://www.skibearcreek.com>

1-866-754-2822

- 1. Take I-476 North (the PA Turnpike Northeast Extension) to exit 44/Quakertown.**
- 2. Turn right onto Route 663 South towards Pennsburg.**
- 3. Turn right onto Route 29 North and follow to the Route 100 intersection.**
- 4. Continue straight at traffic light (do not follow 100/29) for 4 miles to Bear Creek.**

Ski/Snowboard Package Options:

Please itemize your packages by showing each item that you will need for each person (for example: if you'd like a lesson in addition to lift ticket and ski rental, write the name next to each of those items), and then calculate totals. **We very strongly recommend that you include helmets, but they are optional at Bear Creek.

	Price	Names	Subtotal
Lift Ticket Only (For people bringing own skis or boards)	\$51		
Lift Ticket and Ski Rental (Please complete and return attached liability form.)	\$80		
Lift Ticket and Snowboard Rental (Please complete and return attached liability form.)	\$80		
Discovery and Youth Discovery (For first time skiers and snowboarders. Package includes lift ticket, rental and lesson. Lift ticket limited to beginner slopes. Please complete and return attached liability form)	\$85		
Discovery Plus and Youth Discovery Plus (For improving novice skiers and snowboarders. Package includes lift ticket, rental and lesson. Lift ticket open to entire mountain. Please complete and return attached liability form)	\$105		
Discovery Lesson Only	\$51		
Helmet (Please complete and return attached liability form.)	\$9		

Total Number of Participants: _____ Total Amount: \$ _____

Financial Aid? Yes / No

(*If yes, please contact Teri Buda at 215-438-7545 *107, or tbuda@greenestreetfriends.org)

Do you need a ride? Yes / No

Can you help with transportation? Yes / No

If so, how many total people can you fit in your vehicle (including the driver)? _____

Are you already planning to take specific people? _____

If so, please list them here:

Ski/Snowboard Trip Permission Slip

In order to attend the ski trip, all student participants must return this permission slip, signed by a parent or guardian, by Wednesday, January 21, 2015. The package information and payment is also due at this time.

_____ (Name of student) has my permission to participate in the GSFS ski trip on Saturday, January 31, 2014, at Bear Creek Mountain. I understand that departure time is at 7:00 A.M. from GSFS and that return time to GSFS will be at 6:30 P.M., and that transportation will be by car with volunteer parent drivers.

I also understand that skiing and/or snowboarding are activities that involve physical risks beyond those of a typical school day.

My child will / will not (circle one) be accompanied by an adult from our family on the day of the ski trip. If so, I understand that this adult holds the primary responsibility for my child while participating in the trip. If not, I understand that my child will be expected to follow all safety instructions given by the school chaperone(s).

Signature of parent or guardian

Date

Phone number in case of emergency

Phone number for phone chain



HELMET RENTAL
ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, I AM RELEASING BEAR CREEK MOUNTAIN RESORT, R.E.D. HELMETS, GIRO HELMETS (BELL SPORTS), BOERI HELMETS, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, MEMBERS, SPONSORS, PROMOTERS AND AFFILIATES (COLLECTIVELY "RELEASEES") FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY REGARDLESS OF ANY NEGLIGENCE OR OTHER IMPROPER CONDUCT. THIS RELEASE IS A CONTRACT WITH LEGAL CONSEQUENCES. I HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO READ IT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

In consideration of the acceptance of helmet rental at Bear Creek Mountain Resort, I hereby freely agree to and make the following contractual representation and agreements.

Assumption of Risk/Warning: I acknowledge and agree that snowboarding, skiing, and other snow activities involve certain inherent risks, dangers and hazards that can result in serious personal injury or death. WHILE I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS HELMET IS INTENDED TO REDUCE THE RISK OF SERIOUS HEAD INJURY, I ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE THAT NO HELMET CAN ELIMINATE OR PREVENT THIS RISK NOR CAN A HELMET ELIMINATE OR PREVENT INJURY TO THE NECK OR SPINAL CORD.

This helmet is intended for only the following activities: skiing and snowboarding. No helmet can protect the wearer from all foreseeable accidents. Depending on the type of impact, even a low speed accident can result in serious head injury or death. I hereby freely agree to assume and accept any and all known and unknown risks of injury while using this equipment. I further acknowledge and agree that the risk inherent in the sports of snowboarding, skiing and other snow activities can be greatly reduced by taking lessons, riding/skiing within my abilities and using common sense at all times.

I contractually agree that any and all disputes between myself and Bear Creek arising from my use of this rental helmet, including claims for personal injury or death, will be governed by the laws of the State of Pennsylvania and exclusive jurisdiction thereof will be in the state court of common pleas residing in Berks County where the alleged tort occurred or the federal courts of the State of Pennsylvania. In the event any section of this Release is found to be unenforceable, the remaining terms shall be fully enforceable. This Release shall be binding to the fullest extension of the law.

Release and Waiver of Claims Agreement: In consideration of the rental to me of the listed helmet, I hereby agree as follows:

- 1. TO ACCEPT FOR USE AS IS, the listed helmet
2. TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS that I have or may have in the future against "Releasees";
3. TO RELEASE "RELEASEES" FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY FOR ANY LOSS, DAMAGE, INJURY OR EXPENSE THAT I MAY SUFFER, OR THAT MY NEXT OF KIN MAY SUFFER, AS A RESULT OF MY USE OF THE EQUIPMENT DESCRIBED IN THIS AGREEMENT, DUE TO ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING BREACH OF CONTRACT ON THE PART OF THE "RELEASEES" IN THE DESIGN, MANUFACTURE, SELECTION, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE OR ADJUSTMENT OF THE EQUIPMENT.

This Release shall be binding upon my assignees, subrogors, distributes, heirs, next of kin, executors, personal representatives, and administrators and may be pled by Bear Creek as a complete bar and defense against any claim, demand, action or causes of action by or on behalf of the Participant. I have carefully read the foregoing assumption of risk and agreement not to sue, understand its contents and sign it with full knowledge of its significance.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18) _____ Date: _____



Rental Contract and Liability Release

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND FULLY UNDERSTAND BEFORE SIGNING.
THIS CONTRACT IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER OF CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS.

This document constitutes a contract and release of liability. Signing to accept the conditions of the contract will prevent or restrict your ability to sue Bear Creek Mountain Resort and Conference Center. Please read and understand this document prior to signing.

I AGREE AND UNDERSTAND THAT SKIING, SNOWBOARDING AND OTHER SNOW SLIDING ACTIVITIES ARE HAZARDOUS ACTIVITIES (HEREINAFTER "ACTIVITIES"). I HEREBY AGREE TO FREELY AND EXPRESSLY ASSUME AND ACCEPT ANY AND ALL RISKS OF INJURY OR DEATH TO THE PARTICIPANT WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITIES. FURTHER, THE PARTICIPANT VOLUNTARILY ELECTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES. I RECOGNIZE THAT INJURIES ARE A COMMON AND ORDINARY OCCURRENCE OF THE ACTIVITIES.

I HEREBY ASSUME ALL RISKS WHICH MAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH AND/OR RESULT FROM MY INVOLVEMENT IN SUCH ACTIVITIES AND/OR USE OF ANY EQUIPMENT RELATED TO THE ACTIVITIES AND HEREBY AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS, RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, AND NOT SUE BEAR CREEK MOUNTAIN RESORT, ITS SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATES, THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, SERVANTS AND EMPLOYEES (HEREINAFTER "BEAR CREEK"), OF AND FROM ANY LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, ACTIONS AND CAUSES OF ACTION WHATSOEVER ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO ANY LOSS, DAMAGE OR INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, THAT MAY BE SUSTAINED BY ME WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THOSE INJURIES AND DAMAGES CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE, GROSS NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF WARRANTY, AND/OR ANY OTHER IMPROPER CONDUCT, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, ON THE PART OF BEAR CREEK.

WARNING: The Activities, including the use of lifts/tows are dangerous sports with inherent and other risks. The risks include but are not limited to:

- Variations in the steepness, contour and configuration of the slopes and trails and variations in the surface of the slopes and trails
- Fences, padding and/or barriers at or along portions of the area, the absences of such fences and/or barriers and the inability of fences and/or barriers to prevent or reduce injury
- Being hit or injured by the lift or parts of the lift while loading, riding or unloading
- Slips and falls while walking on snow or ice covered surfaces
- Immersion in water
- Collisions with fixed objects, either natural or man-made, on or off the slope or trail, above or below the surface of the snow, including but not limited to trees, rocks, poles, snowmaking and grooming equipment and terrain park features
- Collisions between other participants in the Activities, spectators and other patrons
- Collisions with vehicles either parked or in motion
- Collisions with fixed objects, obstacles or structures located within or outside the facility

I acknowledge that I will be the only person using the equipment I receive during this rental period. I accept for use the equipment listed on this form and accept full responsibility for the care of this equipment. I have made no misrepresentation to this ski shop regarding this user's height, weight, age or skier/rider type. I will be responsible for the replacement at full retail value of any equipment listed in this form but not returned to Bear Creek. I acknowledge my obligation to return this equipment by the agreed date and time in the condition it was received and agree to pay for any repairs in the event the equipment is damaged beyond normal wear and tear. All instructions on the use of the equipment have been made clear to me and I understand the function of my equipment.

Alpine Skis Only - I agree that the binding indicator release/ retention settings appearing in the visual indicator windows on the bindings correspond to the settings displayed on the digital signature capture pad. I understand that the ski equipment being furnished forms a part of or all of a ski/boot/binding system which will NOT RELEASE at all times or under all circumstances, and that it is not possible to predict every situation in which it will or will not release, and that its use cannot guarantee my safety. I further agree and understand that this ski/boot/binding system may reduce, but does not eliminate the risks of injuries to my lower legs. However, I agree and understand that this ski/boot/binding system does NOT REDUCE THE RISK OF INJURIES TO MY KNEES or any other parts of my body.

Snowboards Only - I am aware that the snowboard/boot/binding system IS NOT designed or intended to release. As such, I hereby freely agree to assume and accept any and all known and unknown risks of injury while using this equipment.

Helmets Only - I acknowledge and agree that snowboarding, skiing, and other snow activities involve certain inherent risks, dangers and hazards that can result in serious personal injury or death. WHILE I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS HELMET IS INTENDED TO REDUCE THE RISK OF SERIOUS HEAD INJURY, I ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE THAT NO HELMET CAN ELIMINATE OR PREVENT THIS RISK NOR CAN A HELMET ELIMINATE OR PREVENT INJURY TO THE NECK OR SPINAL CORD. This helmet is intended for only the following activities: skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing. No helmet can protect the wearer from all foreseeable accidents. Depending on the type of impact, even a low speed accident can result in serious head injury or death.

By execution of this release, Bear Creek shall be indemnified for any injury to other person(s) or property which I may cause as a result of engaging in the Activities. I contractually agree that any and all disputes between myself and Bear Creek arising from my participation in the Activities and including any claims for personal injury and/or death, will be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and exclusive jurisdiction thereof will be in the state court residing in Berks County where the alleged tort occurred or the federal courts of the Eastern District of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In the event any section of this Release is found to be unenforceable, the remaining terms shall be fully enforceable. This Release shall be binding to the fullest extent permitted by law. This Release shall be binding upon my assignees, subrogors, distributees, heirs, next-of-kin, executors, personal representatives, and administrators and may be pled by Bear Creek as a complete bar and defense against any claim, demand, action or causes of action by or on behalf of the Participant.

By signing the digital signature capture pad, I agree that I am at least 18 years of age and I accept completely the terms set forth in this contract and release of liability.

If the renter is a minor, I agree that I am signing as a parent or legal guardian who is at least 18 years of age. I further attest that I have read this release to the minor in age appropriate language and the minor understands the implications of this release and contract and agrees to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

Renter Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Ski/Board #:	Boot#:	Binding Setting: Toe:	Heel:
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