

Colter Elementary 3rd Grade Winter Sports Program

ATTENTION ALL PARENT AND GUARDIANS: PLEASE READ THIS BOOKLET CAREFULLY. IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE TO HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM!!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Colter Elementary 3rd grade students will soon be participating in a Winter Sports Program, an exciting opportunity for our young people to gain knowledge and skill in winter activities which are a significant part of our local way of life. These activities are lifelong skills which will serve the student long after they leave Colter Elementary School. Students are offered the chance to receive lessons in various winter sports and **we hope that students will choose sports in which they might not otherwise have the opportunity to participate.** The program is designed so that every student in 3rd grade can participate, regardless of experience with the sport or whether he/she owns the appropriate equipment.

The administration and 3rd grade staff at Colter Elementary are very enthusiastic about the Winter Sports Program and we hope that you will support our efforts through volunteering, helping with delivery and pick up of equipment and by encouraging your student(s) to actively participate with **a positive attitude** and **a desire to learn.**

After reading the information in this packet, sign the form on the last page and return to school with payment (checks payable to Colter Elementary School) by **Wednesday, December 10.**

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Dates: Thursdays – January 15, 22, 29 February 5, 12 and 19 if needed.

On Thursday, school will begin at the usual time. Students who have equipment for their sport will bring it to school in the morning and place equipment (such as skis, poles, and snowboards) in its designated spot outside the school. **Students need to bring a lunch from home.** 3rd graders will eat lunch at 10:45 in order for eat and get their winter sports clothing and gear organized. Buses will leave for their destinations at 11:30 and all students will return to the school by 2:15.

CHOICES

Students should take care in selecting a program as they will be expected to stay with that choice for all five weeks.

1. Downhill (Alpine) Skiing at Snow King Ski Resort
2. Snowboarding at Snow King Ski Resort (space is limited due to instructors)
3. Cross Country (Nordic) Skiing at the Trail Creek Nordic Center
4. Ice Skating at Snow King Center (figure skaters and hockey skaters)

Costs: General Information

- Each program has specific costs and equipment needs. Rental equipment costs are in addition to the cost for each lesson except ice skating. Please refer to the specific sport's section following this summary for details.
- Lessons are not refunded if a student misses a lesson.
- **There are scholarships available to assist any student with the cost of rentals/lessons, beyond the required \$30.00 payment per student.** These arrangements are strictly confidential. Please contact school office for information.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHOICES

DOWNHILL SKIING/SNOWBOARDING: - \$100.00 plus rental equipment

These programs will consist of five 2 hour lessons given by the Snow King Ski School. The total cost for the lessons is \$100.00.

In order for the program to operate at the highest level of safety, **we require all skiers and snowboarders to wear safety helmets.** The school does have a limited supply of helmets that can be checked out to students for use during winter sports.

Rental Equipment:

If you are going to need to rent equipment **please arrange in advance - supplies are limited!** Tell them you are part of the Colter Elementary Winter Sports Program. You can reserve and rent the equipment for all five sessions. Daily rentals can be picked up at the stores Wednesday night and returned Thursday night. Many of the stores offer great deals on seasonal rentals - you could use them all winter! **It is very important for your child's bindings to be checked and adjusted by a certified dealer or ski shop.**

Shops that offer rental equipment:

Hoback Sports - 733-5335 - seasonal rentals only

Sports Authority - 733-4449 - seasonal and daily rentals

Wilderness Sports - 733-4297 (located in Teton Village) – daily rentals

Jack Dennis 733-3270 seasonal rentals town location – 733-6838 daily rentals Teton Village location

Jackson Hole Sports – 739-2649 (located in Teton Village) – daily rentals

Teton Village Sports – 733-2181 (located in Teton Village) – daily rentals

Lowrider Board Shop – 733-4505 (located in Teton Village)

Equipment Drop-Off: There will be a sign outside the front of the school (Skiing/Snowboarding). If your child is bringing his own equipment it needs to be outside the school in the appropriate spot by 10:30. Equipment will then be loaded into vehicles for transport to the Snow King Resort. Gear should be labeled clearly with your child's name.

We need at least two parents to volunteer, with their vehicles (trucks), to transport skis, poles, and snowboards to the Snow King Ski Resort. We will also need parents to help kids get equipment on and off and ski/snowboard with groups.

EQUIPMENT PICK-UP: At the end of the day the equipment will be returned to the same location. If you cannot make it back to the school that afternoon, we strongly recommend that you arrange for a friend to pick up your equipment. Be sure they have a detailed description of the equipment to be picked up.

ICE SKATING - \$58.00 price includes skate rental – figure skates or hockey skates

Ice skating lessons will take place at the Snow King Center. Instruction in ice skating will be provided by Jackson Hole Figure Skating Association. The total cost for this program will be \$58.00 for five lessons. The price includes rental skates at the rink. Students can use figure skates or hockey skates.

Parent helpers are needed to assist students with getting their skates on and off.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING - \$40.00

Instruction in Cross Country (Nordic) Skiing will be provided by the instructors from the Jackson Hole Ski Club. The 5 lessons will take place at the Trail Creek Nordic Center and are being offered for a total of \$40.00. The school does have a limited selection of cross country skis, boots, and poles; please check with the P.E. teacher, Carol Widman, if you are interested in checking them out.

Rental Equipment:

If you are going to need to rent equipment **please arrange in advance supplies are limited.** Tell them you are part of the Colter Winter Sports program. Some stores offer seasonal packages as well as daily rates. Check to see if you can rent the equipment for all five weeks and then you can use them on the weekends!

Skinny Skis 733-6094

Teton Mountaineering 733-3595

Teton Pines Nordic Center 733-1005

We need parents to volunteer, with their vehicle, to transport cross country gear to Trail Creek. We also need 1-3 parents to ski with the students at Trail Creek.

MAKING THE PROGRAM WORK SMOOTHLY, SAFELY, AND SUCCESSFULLY:

We must all work together to get the most benefit for our students during these five weeks. Attention to the following reminders will go a long way toward our mutual goals:

- Remind your child that this is part of the school program and that they are expected to understand the rules, follow the directions of all adults, and act responsibly at all times. They will be representing Colter Elementary School to the general public and disrespectful, rowdy or dangerous behavior will not be tolerated. Students may be removed from one or more sessions of the program at the discretion of the Principal or supervising teacher.
- Because school buses are prohibited from carrying skis inside the passenger compartment, we must transport equipment by private vehicles to the Snow King Ski Resort and Nordic Center at Trail Creek. If you can help us transport gear we would greatly appreciate it.
- Please remember that each child will need to bring a lunch on Winter Sports days. Box lunches can be provided by the school cafeteria to those who forget or are unable to bring a lunch.

Between the staff, students, and parents at Colter Elementary School I am confident that 3rd Grade Winter Sports will be a great experience this year!