

Franklin Township Elementary School
P.O. Box 368
Quakertown, NJ 08868

October 31, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are pleased to announce that our Franklin Township Ski Club will once again be sponsored by the PTA. The program is open to all students in grades 5-8. A minimum of 15 students is required to run the program. All parents and/or guardians must be a member of the PTA. The program includes 5 trips to Blue Mountain, conveniently located in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania.

Trip Dates (Thursday):

January 11, 2018	February 1, 2018
January 18, 2018	February 8, 2018
January 25, 2018	*February 15, 2018
	*make-up date

All forms must be completed and returned by November 17, 2017.

- **PTA waiver (all participants must be members) and turn in waiver.**
- **Form including Child's Name/Date of Birth/package chosen using the online portal - <http://bit.ly/2xdH9WL>**
- **Payment in Full on Blue Mountain portal**
- **Your check for transportation sent to school written out the Franklin Township PTA**

What to expect on trip days:

Ski equipment can be brought to the school on **Thursday** mornings between 8:00 AM and 8:25 AM, in the rear of the school at parent drop off. Students must bring their equipment into the school. All items should be dropped off in the Theater back room.

***ALL FIRST TIME SKIERS AND SNOWBOARDERS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE LESSONS IN THEIR FIRST YEAR.**

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST WEAR HELMETS!!! For those wishing to rent a helmet, Blue Mountain provides a reasonable rental of \$30. Helmets can also be found at local sporting goods stores.

What to wear:

Dress for the weather. Ski pants, jackets and gloves are a must for an enjoyable evening. Jeans/sweatpants and sweatshirts are not appropriate attire!

Food:

A reasonable snack for the bus and a packed dinner for the lodge. Food may also be purchased in the lodge.

Blue Mountain has gift cards available for purchase online. These are a great way to send your child with money without the hassle of cash. They can be added to throughout the season. See Blue Mountain's website for more details.

Students will be leaving the school at 3:00 PM arriving at the mountain around 4:30 PM. If you are chaperoning a trip you should plan on arriving at the school no later than 2:45 PM – we will not hold the bus for late parents. No students may board a lift after 7:45 PM and all students must be off the

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mountain by 8:00 PM. The bus leaves the area about 8:15 PM and we arrive at the school between 9:15-9:30 PM. Students are asked to call their parents as we near Clinton. **Please be on time picking up your children.**

The trips are subject to weather conditions and we reserve the right to cancel and reschedule a trip due to inclement weather.

Whenever school is closed due to weather, the trip scheduled for that day will be cancelled and re-scheduled, if possible. If there is a late start, the trip will go on as planned.

All school work is expected to be completed as assigned.

Let's have a great, safe season!

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