

Connections

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR GRAND TRAVERSE ACADEMY FAMILIES

Dates to remember

Tuesday, October 24 – *Pink Out Day*; Varsity Volleyball Game, 7:00 pm, Big Gym

Friday, October 27 – *Travel Club Trunk or Treat Fundraiser* **CANCELLED**

School-wide *Pink Out Day* planned

Next **Tuesday, October 24**, all students and staff are



invited to wear pink tops (or their Pink Out t-shirts) with uniform pants, skirts or jumpers in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness

Month (no donation required). Tuesday evening is our annual Pink Out volleyball game, in addition to being Senior Night and Parent Night. Admission fees*, t-shirt profits and any contributions at the door will be donated to Munson Medical Center's Smith Family Breast Center for wigs and transportation to and from treatment appointments for patients. We hope everyone will participate, if possible, in Pink Out Day and/or the Pink Out game!

*\$5 per person; no charge for GTA students and those 3 & under and 65 & over

Boo-Grams on sale

Mrs. McCann's Global Perspectives class will be selling Boo-Grams all of next week (**October 23-27**) from 7:45-8:05 am.



They can be found in front of the Lost & Found at the junction of the Elementary and Secondary Wings. Boo-Grams, a sweet treat with a special message attached by the

sender to the recipient, are \$1.00 each. The class's final exam is to research an NGO (non-governmental organization) and persuade classmates that theirs is the worthiest of a donation. Profits from the sale of Boo-Grams will be contributed to the winning organization.

Veterans Day celebration planned, veterans invited

Are you a veteran of the United States armed forces?



Do you have a relative who has served our country in the military? Veterans in our GTA family and extended family are invited to a special school-wide Veterans Day observance on

Friday, November 10. Refreshments will be served to our guests starting at 8:00 am in the Big Gym, followed by a Secondary assembly at 8:15 with a band and choir performance, and presentation of a donation from our t-shirt fundraiser to Veterans in Crisis. It will culminate with an Elementary student parade at approximately 8:50 in the south circle drive. Mark your calendars – you won't want to miss this very special program. If you plan to join us, please contact hsoffice@mygta.us and let us know how many will attend.

A "Mighty Surprise"!

Parents may have already heard about our special event on Wednesday, when students were asked to line the hallways for a Mighty Surprise. After a several-year hiatus, Mighty the



Mustang, our school mascot, is back! Watch for him at next Tuesday's Pink Out volleyball game and many more occasions in the future. Special thanks to GTA Teacher and Coach Mr. York for spearheading Mighty's return!



GEMS "Socktober" event continues

Did you know that over 600,000 people in the US



experience homelessness every night? A small act of kindness, such as donating a pair of socks, can make a big difference in the lives of our

homeless neighbors. Once again, Mrs. Mroczkowski's and Mrs. Drost's GEMS classes are celebrating "Socktober" by collecting **new, warm socks and toiletry items** to donate to area homeless shelters. The biggest need is for adult-sized socks, but there is a need for children's sizes as well. Toiletry items are welcome as well and could include toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap or shampoo. We hope you'll help them reach their goal of collecting 1,000 pairs of socks and toiletry items by the end of the month. **Send your donation to school with your child through Friday, October 27.** And thank you for contributing to this worthy cause.

Order a yearbook now and save!

Orders are being taken now for the 2023-24 Secondary yearbook. This full-color, hardcover edition is \$45 through November 17 – the price increases the longer you wait. It's \$55 from November 18-March 31 and \$65 starting April 1. There are three easy ways to order:



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- Visit www.yearbookordercenter.com and use school number 12952.
- Stop by the Secondary Office for order processing with either a check or credit card.
- Call the Secondary Office to place an order with a credit card.

LSSU announces Holiday Card Contest

Lake Superior State University, our school charter authorizer, has announced their annual Holiday Card Contest. Open to all K-12 students from the 21 academies they authorize, the winning artwork will be used on their official holiday greeting cards (we have had many winners in the past!). Secondary students taking an art class will receive this as an assignment and Elementary students in grades 3-6 will receive an announcement in art class about the contest. Details are attached to this newsletter. Entries should be

turned in to **Mrs. Wildner** (grades K-6) or **Mr. Kline** (grades 7-12) **no later than Wednesday, November 10.** Art may represent any winter holiday or winter celebration.

Girls' basketball coaches needed

Winter sports will be starting before you know it, and a couple of coaching positions need to be filled. Spots available include a 4th-5th grade girls' basketball coach and a junior high girls' basketball coach. If interested, please contact Mrs. Alejandro at alejandros@mygta.us for more information.

Mustang onesies available

Have you welcomed a future GTA Mustang into your family recently? Grand Traverse Academy babies receive an "M is for Mustangs" onesie as a gift from GTA! If you have a new little one, stop by or call the Elementary Office and we'll be sure to get one to you. Don't wait though, as they are sized for babies up to six months of age.



Student absences and late arrivals

If your child will be absent from school or arriving late, please contact the appropriate office at your earliest convenience:

- Secondary, hsoffice@mygta.us or (231) 932-6038
- Elementary, elementaryoffice@mygta.us or (231) 995-0665.

GTA water bottles for sale

Did you know that our brains are 73 percent water and need proper hydration to function normally? One study even found that drinking water improves memory and focuses our attention. That's why we encourage students to bring a water bottle to school each day to stay hydrated! Water bottle fillers are located throughout the school for refills. And, right now, 27-ounce easy grip water bottles with the GTA logo are available for sale in either office for just \$3 each. Parents may buy them too, to promote our school wherever you go!



Mustang Roundup

The following athletic events are scheduled for this weekend:



Friday, October 20 – Varsity Volleyball
vs. Cadillac Homeschool, 6:30 pm,
Revival Center of Cadillac

Saturday, October 21 – Varsity Cross
Country Meet of Champions, girls 9:00

am/boys 9:45 am, Veterans Serving Veterans Park in
Cadillac

Saturday, October 21 – Junior High Cross Country
Regional Meet, girls 11:30 am/boys 1:30 pm), Veterans
Serving Veterans Park in Cadillac

For a full schedule of athletic events by season and sport, visit the [Practice & Event Schedules webpage](#) and click on the sport and grade level of your choice. Calendars may be printed or viewed by week, month or as a list by clicking on the appropriate option at the upper right corner. Events are listed by opponent, and details (including a location map) are available by clicking on the calendar item. Our Mustangs love to have fans to support and cheer them on!



College acceptance

Congratulations to **Samantha Larsen**, who has already been accepted to attend Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia next fall! She plans to pursue a career in film acting.

Have a question?

No question is too silly or trivial to ask! Here's where to go for fast answers to general questions about all things GTA, like uniforms, school pictures, carpool procedures, school hours and more:

Elementary Office: (231) 995-0665

Secondary Office: (231) 932-6038

For answers to more specific questions, please refer to the [list on our website](#). We want to be sure that you know exactly where to go for accurate answers.

College representatives to visit GTA

Juniors and seniors are invited to visit with representatives and gather information about various colleges and universities right here at GTA! A sign-up sheet is available outside the Secondary Office. Meetings will take place in MPR 1 & 2 on the dates and times below.

College	Date	Time
Northern Michigan University	October 26	9:00 am

Elementary cross country season comes to a close

GTA's elementary cross country team performed



amazingly well this year! The 3rd-5th grade team won dozens of medals and took 2nd place in several meets against some very talented competitors. We definitely have some skilled runners coming up through the ranks. A huge "thank you" goes to coach **Mrs. Kipke** and assistant coaches **Dawn Gruennert** and **Leo Lake**. Great job, team!

GTA to participate in Shop Your Community Day

Grand Traverse Academy has been selected to



downtown!

participate in the annual Downtown Traverse City Shop Your Community Day on **Saturday, November 11**. Each time you make a purchase at a participating merchant, 15 percent of the sale will be donated to the eligible nonprofit of your choice. Support our downtown and our school while you get a head start on holiday shopping – it's that easy!

Crystal Mountain school ski/snowboard program returns

Once again, Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville is offering discounted lift tickets and equipment rentals, including professional on-hill instruction, to students of Grand Traverse Academy. Passes are good for **Thursdays only from January 11-February 15**. Children must be at least 7 by January 1, 2024 to participate in the program. Information and registration materials are attached to this newsletter. **The deadline for paperwork is Friday, November 10.** Questions may be directed to GTA parent Phil Conner, program coordinator, at (231) 342-0897 or paconner413@gmail.com.

"Locals" Student Season Pass Program offered at Shanty Creek

GTA students in grades 4-12 and/or ages 9-17 are eligible to purchase discounted all-area passes for the 2023-24 season at Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire for just \$99 (students aged 8 and under can purchase regular passes for \$35)! Interested parents may purchase an Add-a-Parent pass for \$350 (limit two per family; must be purchased at the same time the student pass is issued). Details and purchase information is attached. Thank you, Shanty Creek, for this very generous offer!



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Easy ways to raise funds for GTA

Box Tops for Education. Box Tops for Education offers a way to support our school with the purchase of many grocery items: The [Box Tops mobile app](#) allows you to



scan store receipts, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our earnings online. No more clipping, taping onto collection sheets and dropping them off at school!

Save your Oleson's receipts, please! Do you shop at Oleson's Food Markets? Did you know that your cash register receipts are worth money for our school? With the Oleson's



Community Share Program, you earn "Community Share Points" each time you shop (with the exception of alcohol purchases). One point equals one cent, so if you spend \$100 on groceries, you've earned \$1 for GTA! These points add up quickly. It's easy to participate – simply save your receipts and deposit them in the box just to the right of the Elementary Office door.

Ongoing events

Secondary Bagel Sales – Every Wednesday from 7:30-8:00 am in the MPR; \$2.00 each

Elementary Pizza Days – Every other Wednesday, as follows: October 18, November 1 & 15, December 6 & 20, January 10 & 24, February 7 & 21, March 6 & 20, April 10 & 24 and May 8 & 22 (order and pay by the preceding Monday using forms sent home on off weeks), \$2.00 per slice of pepperoni or cheese

Secondary Pizza Days – Every Thursday (order and pay by Tuesdays using forms provided in Advisory classrooms), \$1.50 per slice of cheese or pepperoni



Crystal Mountain After School Program Information

The Crystal Mountain After School Program offers discounted lift tickets and rental equipment for students ages 7 and up, including professional on-hill instruction for ages 7-17. This program has been a part of Crystal Mountain for over 40 years in some way, shape, or form. Many of our local skiers and snowboarders can say they have been a part of this program at some point in their lives. Thank you all for making it possible.

Lift Ticket & Equipment Rental Options for the 2023-2024 Season

We have new and improved pass options for this season, allowing students more choices and flexibility when it comes to purchasing a pass.

- **NEW Sunday Add-on After School Pass** - On top of the classic program which offers skiing and snowboarding on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings, a Sunday Add-on will be offered. This pass will allow for skiing anytime on Sundays except January 14th, 2024 and February 19th 2024. This will allow students with other events/sporting conflicts to still participate in the program. Lessons will not be offered on Sundays. Private lessons may be reserved in advance, with the Crystal Mountain Snowsports School <https://www.crystalmountain.com/ski/lessons/>. Students can also register for the Master the Mountain multi-week group lessons offered by Crystal Community Ski Club, subject to availability. <https://www.ccskiclub.org/>
- **Premier Pass Holders** are able to sign up for Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday lessons by purchasing the \$75 instruction only option, which is available for each day your school is participating. Lessons will not be offered on Sundays.
- **NEW Seasonal Rental** – In addition to the new pass, we are offering a seasonal rental to allow rental all season for one price. This option is intended to be purchased with the premier season pass only. The seasonal rental option is intended to be purchased with the Premier Pass only.
- **NEW Armbands** – Armbands with a visible pass and lesson sticker are REQUIRED for After School Program participants. This will help the RFID scanners read the passes on all students.
- **NEW Single Trip Procedure** – Single trips must be reserved in advance if a student is renting and/or needs lessons. If the student needs a lift ticket only, this can be processed on the afternoon of their visit at the ticket window. We must have a rental form on file for all equipment rentals.
 - If you have students who wish to register for a single trip visit, please have them RSVP at least 72 hours prior to the night they plan on participating. This can be done by having parents email the single trip application form to schoolprogram@crystalmountain.com. This advance notices in necessary in order for students to participate in lessons.

- **Rental Fitting Week** – After successful testing in the 22/23 season, we will offer a rental fitting week in which students will be sized for their equipment, and have all necessary waivers completed prior to the actual program start date in January. Advance rental fitting will be offered December 12th through the 14th from 4pm to 7pm. These dates are subject to change based on resort operation.
- **Passes** – Crystal Mountain will hold passes until all paperwork is completed and turned in. It is very important that all release forms are signed prior to the season and before use of the pass. **All Paperwork is due on or before November 17th**
- **Lessons** – Coming Soon, Crystal is launching a new online booking platform for lessons. More information will be shared once the install is complete. Please look for messages this fall which will outline the steps you will follow in order to reserve your lesson times.

Program Schedule

Dates for this year's regular program are **January 9th, 2024 through February 15th, 2024**. These dates include lessons on your scheduled evening of Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Skiing and snowboarding will still be available in the weeks following instruction and for the entire month of March. As in prior years, there will be a daily charge for rental in March, if applicable.

Skill Assessments - Every student must participate in a skill assessment this season regardless of sticker level or past participation. Skill Assessments will be offered January 2 – 4, 2023 at 4:30, 5:30 & 6:30. This will allow students to be placed at a certain sticker level prior to their first week of lessons to ensure they are in the correct lesson for their skill level. These dates are subject to change based on resort operation.

Remainder of February - Students will still be able to ski or snowboard on their regular scheduled days of the week at no additional rental cost. These weeks are included for lift access but lessons will not be offered. Students are encouraged to practice their skills and enjoy additional time on the slopes.

March – All after school program passes purchased will become valid any day of the week in March.

- **If students are renting, there will be a \$20 charge on any day that isn't their regular scheduled day of the season. Example: If your scheduled day is Tuesday your rental will be free. But if you visit on a Friday your rental charge will be \$20.**

Lesson Information

- Coming Soon! Crystal is launching a new online booking platform for lessons. More information will be shared once the install is complete. Please look for messages this fall which will outline the steps you will follow in order to reserve your student lesson times.

Participation in a Skill Assessment is required for ages 7-17 to access lifts and certain slope areas. A sticker must be displayed on your pass in an armband for access to lifts.

Participants age 7-17 will need to meet at the Mountain Adventure Zone Beginner Area after checking in with our Snow Sports team at the window near the Mountain Adventure Zone.

- We ask that students are at the Mountain Adventure Zone Beginner Area and ready for check in no later than 10 minutes prior to the start of their lesson.
- All lessons are 45 minutes, and will start and end in the Mountain Adventure Zone Beginner Area
- Students will need to have their passes visible in their armbands so instructors can place them in the correct lesson based on ability level (sticker color).
- Parents or Advisors are required to check out participants with their instructor after their lesson is complete.

Students in the program are guaranteed 4 lessons this season. We will be offering 6 weeks of lessons to allow flexibility in case of conflicts in scheduling or due to weather or change in resort operation. Students are able to take lessons the full 6 weeks if they choose. As always, this is subject to change, due to weather and resort operation.

- **Snow Day Special: Students receive 50% off lift tickets when a normally scheduled school day is cancelled due to weather**

Note: After School lessons are for students able to participate and progress in a group setting. If your child requires individualized instruction for successful learning, please consider private lessons with Crystal Mountain's Snowsports School. <https://www.crystalmountain.com/ski/lessons/>

Important Lesson Information:

- Lessons are offered on your scheduled day at 4:30pm, 5:30pm or 6:30pm
- Helmets are **required** for all lessons. Students will be sent back to the rental area to rent a helmet for \$5 if they do not have one.
- As stated above, a sticker must be displayed on your pass in an armband for access to lifts.

Lesson Skill Levels/Proficiency

All students must attend a skill assessment at the start of each season.

- Instructors will evaluate skills and issue a colored sticker to denote the student's skill level. This sticker will be applied to the pass and ensures that the students are allowed on trails/lifts according to their ability. All school program passes MUST be worn in an armband with the pass and sticker visible.

Lesson and Sticker Levels:

Skiers and snowboarders must demonstrate controlled turns and stops before using any of the lifts. Levels are as follows:

The Pink sticker includes all beginner level participants from their first time learning to turn and stop until they are ready for, and have successfully completed, a controlled Green Run (easiest). Participants with Pink stickers are welcome to use the Crystal Carpets in the Mountain Adventure Zone Beginner Area to practice their turns and stops

- **Pink Sticker: Beginners, pre-chairlift**
 - Students at this level improve their skills in the Mountain Adventure Zone beginner area.
 - First-timers begin with boot work and learn basic skills working toward turning and stopping.
 - Students who demonstrate controlled linked turns and stops will be prepared for riding the chairlift.
 - Some students may require several lessons in the Mountain Adventure Zone beginner area before advancing to the chairlift.
 - **Pink stickers are given out after** the first lesson in the Mountain Adventure Zone beginner area. Pink stickers may be updated with specific tasks as students work toward turns, stops, and preparing for the chairlift.
- **Green Sticker: Advanced Beginner**
 - Students at this level are working on controlled stops and linked turns on Green (easiest) terrain.
 - **Green stickers are given out after** students demonstrate appropriate turns and stops on Green terrain and ride the chairlift safely.
 - Green stickers allow access to the Loki Quad and Crystal Clipper chairlifts.
 - Students may ski or ride Green runs.
 - **This sticker does NOT allow Terrain PARK access!**
- **Blue Sticker: Intermediate**
 - Students at this level are working on controlled stops and turns on Blue (medium/ more difficult) terrain.
 - Skiers will be working on beginning parallel turns. Snowboarders will be working on more dynamic skidded or carved turns.
 - **Blue stickers are given out after** students demonstrate appropriate turns and stops on blue runs (medium pitch).
 - Students are allowed to use all lifts and they have access to green and blue runs.

- **This sticker does NOT allow Terrain PARK access!**
- These skiers or riders are usually participants who have been involved with the program in the past and must test into this level if they are returning for the season.
- **White & Black Sticker: Advanced**
 - Students at this level are working on controlled stops and linked turns on Black Diamond (most difficult) and other terrain.
 - Skiers at this level demonstrate controlled, linked, open parallel turns and stops. Snowboarders will demonstrate dynamic skidded or carved turns.
 - **White & Black stickers will be given out after** students demonstrate appropriate turns, stops on advanced terrain (steeper pitch).
 - Students are allowed on all lifts, and permitted to explore more advanced terrain.
 - **This sticker does NOT allow Terrain PARK access!**
 - These skiers or riders are usually participants who have been involved with the program in the past and must test into this level if they are returning for the season.
- **Orange Sticker: Terrain Park SAFETY**

Students who have demonstrated skiing or snowboarding proficiency in advanced terrain will be led by a Freestyle Certified instructor through Terrain Park Safety, Park S.M.A.R.T. guidelines, and appropriate basic Freestyle skills. The sticker is earned when participants demonstrate basic Freestyle skills and that they can make safe choices in Terrain Park and Freestyle settings. Students are NEVER required to perform tricks on terrain park features during a lesson.

- **Subject to availability, specialized staff required!**
- While “Freestyle” elements of skiing and snowboarding may have been introduced in previous lessons, this lesson is specifically a SAFETY lesson for terrain park usage.
- Students at this level will learn the basics of Crystal’s Terrain Parks, including the Park S.M.A.R.T. Guidelines for making safe choices in terrain parks. Students will learn how to identify and understand terrain park features, and use them appropriately.
- **Orange stickers will be given out after** students demonstrate an understanding of Park S.M.A.R.T. Guidelines, applying them to terrain park features, and making safe choices in and outside of Crystal’s terrain parks.

Levels can take multiple lessons to complete. Students are encouraged to take additional lessons to improve skills and gain additional lift and slope access.

Additional Points to Know –

- **Students are expected to ski and snowboard safely and within their ability level.**

- **Students who disregard rules will be given a warning and will be required to take the next scheduled lesson.**
- **Continued disregard for safety or Responsibility Code may result in the loss of lift privileges and pass.**

Responsibility Code

Skiing and snowboarding can be enjoyed in many ways. At Crystal Mountain, you may see people using alpine skis, snowboards, tele mark skis, cross country skis, and other specialized equipment. Regardless of how you decide to enjoy the slopes, always show courtesy to others and be aware that there are elements of risk in skiing that common sense and personal awareness can help reduce. Observe the code listed below, and share with other skiers and riders the responsibility for a great skiing experience.

Ten Points to Your Responsibility Code

1. Always stay in control, and be able to stop or avoid other people or objects.
2. People ahead or downhill of you have the right of way. You must avoid them.
3. Only stop where you are visible from above and do not restrict traffic.
4. Look uphill and avoid others before starting downhill or entering a trail.
5. You must prevent runaway equipment.
6. Read and obey all signs, warnings and hazard markings.
7. Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.
8. You must know how and be able to load, ride and unload lifts safely.
9. Do not use lifts or terrain when impaired by alcohol or drugs.
10. If you are involved in a collision or incident, share your contact information with each other and a ski employee.

KNOW THE CODE: IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

Make sure all participants read the Responsibility Code and the Crystal Mountain Behavior Agreement

CONDUCT and BEHAVIOR Agreement

“By participating in this program, I am agreeing to the following points:

- Be respectful, and courteous to other skiers and snowboarders, Ski Patrol and Crystal Mountain employees.
- Have Fun, but be aware of your space and surroundings. Loud and rude behavior or inappropriate language will not be tolerated.
- Respect Crystal Mountain equipment and property. Misuse of Crystal Mountain rental equipment will result in loss of pass and privileges.
- Do not be wasteful. Reduce waste and recycle. Pick up after yourself.
- Do not Litter.
- Ski/Ride at the level of your ability (sticker), straight running and out of control behavior is prohibited. Lessons are available to advance in your skills.
- Any activity that places yourself or others at excessive risk will be deemed out of control and will result in a loss of your pass and privileges.
- Any Crystal Mountain Representative or School Program advisor is granted the right to enforce these rules and other conduct
- Take advantage of the lessons offered. Everyone can improve their skills.
- Learn what you need to know to become a snow sports instructor!
- Stay safe and have fun! We look forward to seeing you on the slopes.”

Thank you!

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2023-2024 After School Program Pass Application

(Please complete one form for each participant)

School:

Day:

Online Confirmation #

Participant Name _____

School Advisor _____

Parent's Name _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Age ____ ***Students must be 7 years old by January 1st, 2024 to participate**

Grade Level ____ Emergency Contact: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Email _____

Have you skied before with the Crystal Mountain After School Program? If you have, what was your sticker level?

Pink (Novice) ☐ Green (Advanced Beginner) ☐ Blue (Intermediate) ☐ Black (Advanced) ☐

School Program Pass Options	2023/24 Pricing:	Please Select Your Option(s):
Student Pass and Instruction With Rental	\$120	
Student Pass and Instruction Without Rental	\$100	
Adult (Chaperone) Pass With Rental	\$220	
Adult (Chaperone) Pass Without Rental	\$170	

Add On Items	2023/24 Pricing:	Please Select Your Option(s):
*Seasonal Rental Ages 7 and older	\$249	
Premier Passholder Instruction Only	\$75	
Add on Sunday With Rental	\$100	
Add on Sunday Pass Without Rental	\$80	

Important: All participants must have both signed Online **RELEASE of LIABILITY** forms on file before passes will be issued. Participants renting equipment for the season must also have a signed **CONTINUING RENTAL** form on file before equipment will be issued. All participants using Crystal Mountain equipment will also be issued a helmet. Forms must be returned to your group's advisor prior to your visit to Crystal Mountain. Please make checks payable to Crystal Mountain. **Lost Pass fee of \$25**

***Blackout days All Saturday's January-March 2nd, MLK weekend Friday-Monday, President Weekends Friday-Monday**

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
*****IMPORTANT DATES*****
FOR ADVISORS & PARTICIPANTS

- **SEPTEMBER 12 OR 13, 2023:** PRE-SEASON ADVISOR ORIENTATIONS (ATTENDANCE REQUIRED)
- **OCTOBER 15, 2023:** PRE-SEASON PARENT ORIENTATION - ADVISORS, CHAPERONES & PARTICIPANTS WELCOME. More details will follow.
- **DECEMBER 12 - 14, 2023:** RENTAL FITTING WEEK – Participants are invited to visit Crystal Mountain for advance fitting of rental equipment before the After School Program begins in January. NOTE: Rental fittings will be available to participants ONLY if all registration paperwork is complete and participant reserves an assessment time in advance. Dates are subject to change based on resort operations.
- **JANUARY 2 - 4, 2024:** ASSESSMENT WEEK – Students who have already participated in the after school program or who already know how to ski or snowboard are invited to participate in assessments on January 2nd, 3rd or 4th at 4:30pm, 5:30pm or 6:30pm. This assessment will determine what level students are before the first week of the program. NOTE: Advisor, Chaperone and Student passes with arm band and color-coded sticker level will be distributed ONLY if all registration paperwork is complete and participant reserves an assessment time in advance. Dates are subject to change based on resort operations.
- **NOVEMBER 17, 2023:** ALL REGISTRATION PAPERWORK MUST BE TURNED IN AND COMPLETE BEFORE FIRST VISIT
- **JANUARY 9 – FEBRUARY 15, 2024:** SCHEDULED AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Advisors, Chaperones and Participants are responsible for the review and understanding of all program information provided. Questions or concerns may be directed to:

Emily Modjeski – School Program Coordinator

- Phone: 31-378-2000 ext. 3003
- Primary Email: schoolprogram@crystallmountian.com (used for lesson sign up and parent communication)
- Alternate Email: emilymodjeski@crystallmountain.com

Let's have a great season!

ADULT/PARENT/GUARDIAN: In further consideration, I do hereby **Release, Hold Harmless, Indemnify and Defend**, Crystal Mountain and its employees, owners, officers, representatives, directors, shareholders, agents, and vendors (collectively "Providers") from claims, actions, losses, suits, damages, and allegations, including claims or actions brought by the Minor and claims related to or arising from incidents that occurred prior to, on and/or following the date of this release, including, but not limited to, allegations of negligence, including the negligence of Providers, breach of contract, or breach of statutory or other care and breach of express or implied warranty, whether consisting of personal injury, property damage, or death. I further agree to **Indemnify, Hold Harmless and Defend** Providers from damage, costs or expenses, including attorney's fees and costs which they may sustain in relation to or arising out of my and/or the minor's participation in the activities.

I consent to and authorize the taking of photographs and/or videos during my and/or the minor's visit to Crystal Mountain. I grant permission to Providers to use said photographs and/or videos in advertising, displays, web sites, and brochures, other forms of electronic or social media, illustrations or publications without notifying me. I hereby waive rights to privacy in the photographs/videos and to compensation related to the use of the photographs and or videos.

I recognize that situations may arise where emergency or emergent medical or dental care may be necessary for me and/or the minor. I authorize Providers to render first aid and to call for medical and/or dental care if, in their opinion, such medical or dental care is needed. I agree to pay for expenses and costs associated with such care and related transportation. I understand this **Release and Indemnification Agreement** may be binding upon my assignees, subrogors, distributees, heirs, next of kin, executors, personal representatives and administrators and may be pled by Providers as a complete bar and defense against claims, demands, or causes of action by or my behalf. Provisions of this **Release and Indemnification Agreement** which may prove to be invalid, void or illegal in no way affects, impairs or invalidates other provision hereof, and such other provisions may remain in full force and effect. I acknowledge this activity is taking place in the State of Michigan and I further agree that the laws of the State of Michigan may apply in the construction or application of this Agreement.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE FOREGOING RELEASE OF LIABILITY, INDEMNITY AGREEMENT AND MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION. I UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS AND THAT IT IS BINDING DURING THE ENTIRE 2023-2024 SEASON AND MOVING FORWARD. I HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO IT AND I VOLUNTARILY SIGN IT WITH NO RESERVATIONS AND WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE. I

Parent, guardian: If participant is a minor, I verify that I am the parent or guardian of the minor and I have authority to enter into this agreement on behalf of the minor and I agree to be bound by the terms of this agreement.

Child(ren)'s Name(s) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature_____Date_____

2023-2024
RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT
IMPORTANT

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

I, the Undersigned, Individually (or as Parent or Guardian of the Undersigned Minor(s)), hereby state that I am aware that **snowboarding, skiing, running, mountain biking, fat tire biking, archery, snowshoeing, ice skating, ice skating lessons, laser tag, surrey rides, riding in resort shuttles, adventure course, climbing wall, ON HILL FAT TIRE BIKING, ON HILL SNOWSHOE HIKE, MARDI GRAS RAIL JAM, TURKEY VULTURE TROT, FITNESS CLASSES, FAT CHANCE BIKE RACE, PAINTBALL BIATHLON, CARDBOARD CLASSIC, SLUSH CUP, KAYAK ON THE SNOW RACE, EASTER EGG HUNT, THOR'S CHALLENGE, SPRING INFLATABLES, Family Adventure Programs and Special Events, including: Biking, Campfires, Field Games, Scootering, Skating, Hiking, Fishing, Boating, Outdoor laser tag, Swimming, Adventure Course and Zip Line, Climbing Wall, Alpine Slide, Archery, Archery Tag playing Disc Golf, Wagon rides, Petting Zoo, Pumpkin Carving, Inflatables, Carnival games, Obstacle course, hippo game, pool games, loading, unloading and riding the chair lift, present many RISKS, DANGERS and HAZARDS**, including, but not limited to: falls, bike rentals, bike riding; bumps, bruises, brain damage, changing weather conditions and/or changes or variations in the terrain which may create challenging conditions, blind spots or areas of reduced visibility; changes or variations in the surface or subsurface, impact or collision with natural or man-made objects, other participants; negligence of other participants and negligence on the part of Crystal Mountain, its employees, owners, officers, representatives, directors, shareholders, agents, and vendors, of which may result in severe and occasionally fatal injury. I am also aware that the **RISKS, DANGERS and HAZARDS** referred to above exist throughout the Resort area and that many are unmarked.

In consideration of Crystal Mountain allowing me and/or the minor to participate in the activities and use the Crystal Mountain equipment on Crystal Mountain's property, I HEREBY EXPRESSLY ACCEPT RISKS AND DANGERS ASSOCIATED WITH MY AND/OR THE MINOR'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES AND USE OF THE EQUIPMENT INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE POSSIBILITY OF SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURIES, DEATH AND PROPERTY DAMAGE AND **AGREES NOT TO SUE** CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN, ITS EMPLOYEES, OWNERS, OFFICERS, REPRESENTATIVES, DIRECTORS, SHAREHOLDERS, AGENTS AND VENDORS.. I understand that I am solely responsible for loss or damages, including death, that I and/or the minor sustains while using the equipment and/or participating in the activities and that by this agreement, I am relieving Crystal Mountain of liability for such loss, damage or death. I hereby waive claims I may hereafter have as a result of injury to my person or property as a result of my and/or the minor's use of Crystal Mountain's equipment, participation in activities and/or in other activities in which I and/or the minor may voluntarily participate.

Crystal Mountain strongly recommends the use of a helmet and protective equipment for participation in biking. I have been advised that this equipment is available for my use at no additional charge.

After School Program Meal Deal 2024

\$10.00

Choice of:

Turkey Wrap

Hot Dog

Chicken Tenders

Hamburger/Cheeseburger

Pizza

Prepared Salad

All includes choice of fruit cup, veggies & dip or French Fries. Also includes a fountain drink, milk or hot chocolate.

Available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during the after school program season. Participants must show their school program pass to receive this deal.