

# Connections

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR GRAND TRAVERSE ACADEMY FAMILIES

## Dates to remember

**Friday, November 3** – *End of First Quarter*

**Friday, November 10** – *Veterans Day Celebration (see related story)*

**Saturday, November 11** – *Downtown Traverse City Shop Your Community Day (see related story)*

**Thursday, November 16** – *Fill the Pantry Jeans Day*

**Monday-Friday, November 20-24** – *No School for Students (Thanksgiving Break)*

## Pink Out Day supports breast cancer patients

A big thanks to all who supported our annual Pink Out Day, in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. T-shirt sales, volleyball game admission, a silent auction and additional contributions brought in a total of \$1,625. Funds will be



donated to Munson Medical Center's Smith Family Breast Health Center to help with wigs, transportation to and from treatment appointments, etc. for patients in need.

It was a big night for volleyball, starting with a fun game



between staff and the junior high team. The varsity Pink Out game that followed was also Parent Night

and Senior Night, as well as Mighty Mustang's first official appearance. The team was well-matched with Brethren High School and defeated them 3-1. Way to go, Mustangs! Congratulations and best wishes to seniors **Autumn Larsen**, **Lillie Tschirhart**, **Anna Hoffman** and **Lilly Fitch**. And a big "thank you" to Athletic Director **Mrs. Alejandro** for organizing the evening's events, **Ms. Zak** and **Mrs. Keenan** for their assistance, **Mr. Dix** for the great announcing and **Coach Kinney** for his leadership and support of the team! See the [GTA Facebook page](#) for more photos.

## 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](mailto:hsoffice@mygta.us) to let us know how many will attend.

## Scholastic Book Fair a success

Many thanks to everyone who either purchased books or volunteered at last week's Scholastic Book Fair. Students were so excited to make their purchases. The \$9,000 earned by GTA from the fair enabled us to provide all the books that teachers had on their wish lists, which benefits all of our students! A big thanks to

**Mrs. Schuetze** for once again organizing the fair and volunteers – she looks forward to another successful book fair in the spring.

### 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:



- Visit [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://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.

### 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 coaches for both 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls and junior high girls. If interested, please contact Mrs. Alejandro at [alejandros@mygta.us](mailto:alejandros@mygta.us) for more information.

### Flute for sale

A GTA family has a flute they no longer need and is offering it for sale. If you are interested, please call Heather at (231) 564-3191 for details.

### Check! Upper Elementary Chess Club forming

Students in grades 5 & 6 with an interest in learning and playing the game of chess are invited to join the Chess Club. Led by Mr. Thomas, the club will meet in his classroom (Purple 3) on six Tuesdays from 3:45-4:45 pm, starting November 7. A \$20 fee includes a chess board that



students may keep after the sessions conclude. **A permission slip is attached and should be returned to Mr. Thomas, with payment, by Friday, November 3.** Questions may be directed to [thomasm@mygta.us](mailto:thomasm@mygta.us).

### Lost & Found is overflowing!

The Lost & Found, located in the vestibule at the



junction of the Elementary and Secondary Wings, is full to the brim. If your child is missing an

item of clothing or water bottle, be sure to take a look. Colder weather is coming and there are many coats, sweatshirts and fleece jackets and pullovers that will be needed soon!

### Pop-up Mustang spirit wear gift store open now!

Just in time for holiday shopping, a virtual [Mustang gift store](#) is available *for a limited time only*. Find Mustang spirit wear clothing and accessories in youth and adult sizes, as well as other items, such as thermal tumblers, blankets, a bleacher seat and more! Follow the link above to place your order. **But don't wait, as the store closes on Wednesday, November 15.**

### Freshman class plans bake sale

GTA 9<sup>th</sup> graders are holding a bake sale fund raiser on Wednesday, November 1. The sale is open to Secondary students and will take place during lunch, from 11:40-12:40 in the Multipurpose Room.



### Mustang Roundup

The following athletic events are scheduled for this weekend:

**Saturday, October 28** – Varsity Cross Country Regionals, 9:30 am, Buckley



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 support and cheer them on!

## 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 information.

## 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!



## School district notifications

Please see the [District Information](#) on the GTA website for important parent notifications.

## GTA to participate in Shop Your Community Day

Grand Traverse Academy has been selected to participate in the annual Downtown Traverse City Shop Your Community Day on **Saturday, November 11**. With each 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!



## Civil Air Patrol plans open house

Traverse City's Civil Air Patrol (CAP) facility will hold an open house on **Saturday, October 28 from 1:00-4:00 pm**. Learn about their mission and programs for cadets and volunteers in STEM, aerospace education and flight

training; enjoy hands-on activities using flight simulators and drones; learn about the Young Eagles program and explore Northern Michigan's only Airplane Mechanic Tech program. The CAP is located at 2640 Aero-Park Drive in Traverse City.

## Fall Junior Curling session begins

The Traverse City Curling Club has announced the start of session two of their Junior Curling program, open to students in kindergarten through grade 12. For information or to register, visit them at <https://tccurling.org/junior-curling>.

## 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](mailto:hsoffice@mygta.us) or (231) 932-6038
- Elementary: [elementaryoffice@mygta.us](mailto:elementaryoffice@mygta.us) or (231) 995-0665.

## 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](mailto: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!

## 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** – *Wednesdays from 7:30-8:00 am in the MPR; \$2.00 each*

**Secondary Doughnut Sales** – *Fridays from 7:40-8:00 am in MPR 1 & 2; \$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*

## Upper Elementary Chess Club Permission Slip

The Chess Club, led by Mr. Thomas, will meet on Tuesdays in the Purple 3 classroom from 3:45-4:45 pm. Students should be picked up at 4:50 pm at the south (Hammond Road) entrance. If school is cancelled, Chess Club will also be cancelled. A \$20 fee includes a chess board that students may keep after the sessions conclude. No experience is necessary! Chess Club dates are as follows:



**Tuesday, November 7**

**Tuesday, November 14**

**Tuesday, November 28**

**Tuesday, December 5**

**Tuesday, December 12**

**Tuesday, December 19**



## Upper Elementary Chess Club Permission Slip

(return to Mr. Thomas by Friday, November 3)

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach the \$20 fee (cash, or check made payable to Grand Traverse Academy)

## Shanty Creek Locals Student Season Pass Program

Shanty Creek Resorts is pleased to offer the NEW Locals Student Season Pass Program for the 2023-24 winter sports season. This program is offered to grade 4 - 12 students and/or students aged 9 – 17 in Antrim, Charlevoix, Crawford, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Otsego counties. Students aged 8 & under can purchase regular passes for \$35.

This new program is designed to offer all students a reduced rate All Area season pass as a reward for their hard work and efforts toward education in what has been unique, challenging and changing environments. **Only one pass will be issued per student.**

### **IMPORTANT!! –NEW ONLINE PURCHASE PROCEDURE!**

New this year – Local Student passes and Add-a-Parent passes can be purchased online using your schools unique Promo Code. Your Schools code, to be used by all students is **BELLAIRE** to purchase, please follow these steps:

1. Go to the season pass section of shantycreek.com and click on **Buy Season Pass >** or visit <https://www.shantycreek.com/?module=reset> and click on the Promotional Code tab.
2. Enter Promo Code **BELLAIRE**
3. Your schools Local Student pass and Add-a-Parent pass will be displayed.
4. Follow the instructions through the purchase process.
5. For Local Student and Add-a-Parent pass purchases that included all requested information and a photo, and that had Release of Liability waivers completed, your pass will be pre-printed for pick up. Passes will be available for pick up in person beginning November 24, 2023 on the lower level of The Lodge at Cedar River, located at 2400 Troon S, Bellaire, MI 49615. **Please have proof of enrollment in your school system when you come to pick up your pass.**
6. Any pass purchasers that are unable to provide proof of enrollment will have their passes canceled and their money refunded.

#### **Pricing:**

Locals Student Season Pass	\$ 99
Add-a-Parent passes *	\$350

Passes are All Area, unrestricted passes and are valid for 23/24 and good for weekdays, weekends, holidays; days or nights; at Schuss Mountain. Passes are picture passes and are not transferable. All applicable rules regarding SCR passes apply. Passes are good for lift access only and no rental, lesson, or tubing options are available to these pass holders.

*\* Parents of students purchasing Locals Student Season Passes may purchase “Add-a-parent” passes. Passes must be purchased at the time the student pass is issued and are limited to two parent passes per family.*

#### **Fine Print**

- Remember, you must supply the accurate proof of student enrollment in one of the 63 participating local schools. Having an address in the local area will not count as proof. Please see above.
- Any Locals Student pass holder caught obtaining or using their pass fraudulently will lose their Locals Student pass privileges for the remainder of their secondary education school career.
- All resort rules governing season passes apply. Students receiving season passes need to be 18 OR have a parent/guardian sign release of liability forms. The season pass liability form can be completed during the purchase process.
- Season pass holders and their guests are expected to conduct themselves in a safe and courteous manner while using their pass privileges at Shanty Creek.
- We are sorry, but no adjustments may be made to previous 23/24 pass purchases due to this program. Please retain this information for future season’s pass purchases should you believe you qualify for the Locals Student Pass program.
- Please contact the Season Pass office at 866-901-3149 or [skershner@shantycreek.com](mailto:skershner@shantycreek.com) with questions.

#### **Promo Codes for other Schools**

BELLAIRE	CENTRAL LAKE	ELK RAPIDS	FOREST AREA	GAYLORD
GRAYLING	KALKASKA	MANCELONA	TRAVERSE	



## **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 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and February 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 12<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 through February 15<sup>th</sup>, 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!**



# CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 <b>With</b> Rental	\$120	
Student Pass and Instruction <b>Without</b> Rental	\$100	
Adult (Chaperone) Pass <b>With</b> Rental	\$220	
Adult (Chaperone) Pass <b>Without</b> Rental	\$170	

Add On Items	2023/24 Pricing:	Please Select Your Option(s):
*Seasonal Rental Ages 7 and older	\$249	
Premier Passholder <b>Instruction Only</b>	\$75	
Add on Sunday <b>With</b> Rental	\$100	
Add on Sunday Pass <b>Without</b> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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**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@crystalmountain.com](mailto:schoolprogram@crystalmountain.com) (used for lesson sign up and parent communication)
- Alternate Email: [emilymodjeski@crystalmountain.com](mailto:emilymodjeski@crystalmountain.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.