## SKI CLUB... HAS MOVED TO FARMINGTON RECREATION

### PROGRAM QUICK REFERENCE

- 1. Create/Update your Recreation Account before registration on the 20th at 6:00 PM a. Rec must confirm accounts before registration
- 2. Review Scheduling and Pricing on pg. 5-6
- 3. Review Registration Checklist on pg. 2 a. This is where the paperwork is linked
- 4. Review Chaperone Checklist on pg. 3 a. This is where Chaperone forms are linked
- 5. Plan a Time to Drop Off Registration Paperwork to Either...
  - a. 7 Westwoods Drive, Farmington
  - b. Farmington High School on one of the drop off nights listed on pg. 2
  - c. Registrations are not considered complete or on time unless we receive completed paperwork IMPORTANT DATES
- 6. Register Online at 6:00 PM on Oct. 20th a. Link is on pg. 2
- 7. LABEL ALL YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS a. Duct tape and Sharpie works well

DON'T WORRY. THE CHANGE WON'T BE SCARY! THIS GUY... IS STILL MANAGING THE PROGRAM...

ON PG. II



# FARMINGTON RECREATION 2026 SKI CLUB

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST - Pg. 2 VOLUNTEER CHAPERONE REGISTRATION CHECKLIST - Pg. 3



#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- Monday, October 20th, 6:00 PM
  - Ski Club registration opens on Farmington Recreation's website
  - See REGISTRATION CHECKLIST on page pg. 2 for the link
- Sunday, November 9th, 11:59 PM
  - Deadline to register for Ski Club
  - Registrations will still be accepted after this date, but will incur a \$35 late fee
  - Changes to your existing registration can be made after this date, but will incur a \$35 change fee
- Sunday, November 23rd, 11:59 PM
  - Deadline for all NEW Ski Club registrations
  - Any NEW REGISTRATIONS made between November 10th and this deadline will incur a \$35 late fee
- Sunday, December 21st, 11:59 PM
  - Deadline for any program changes or refunds
  - Any program changes made between November 9th and this deadline will incur a \$35 change fee
  - Any request for refunds will be subject to the refund policy
- Sunday, March 1st, 11:59 PM
  - Deadline to submit a request for refund due to a medical reason. Refunds are only provided for this reason on a prorated basis based on Ski Sundown's determination of use of lift tickets, rentals, and lessons.



### **REGISTRATION CHECKIST**

All registration materials must be completed fully to solidify a participant's spot in the program. Ski Sundown requires hand signatures for all documents. This is a Ski Sundown policy, not a Farmington Recreation policy. Ensure Handwriting is legible. Farmington Recreation is not responsible for enrollment complications or the inability to be enrolled due to illegible handwriting or unreadable scans/photos of documents.

PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION CHECKLIST
☐ Read through the entirety of the Ski Club Information Book
☐ Consider being a volunteer chaperone (next page)
☐ Register your child for Farmington Recreation Ski Club on our website HERE
<ul> <li>This step determines your place in line for the program.</li> </ul>
☐ Complete the SKI SUNDOWN GROUP PARTICIPANT INFORMATION & PROGRAM AGREEMENT
- Many registrants miss the box on the right side regarding safety information, and the ba
side of the form. This document is the "registration paperwork"
Registration paperwork can only be submitted
☐ Physically drop off to a rec staff member at Farmington Recreation's office - 7 Westwoods Drive
Farmington 06032 (M-F, 8:30 AM - 4:20 PM). This location is in front of Westwoods Golf Course
$\ \square$ Physically drop off to Kevin Riendeau at Farmington High School (community entrance - left side
of building) between 4:30 PM and 6:00 PM on the following dates
☐ Wednesday. Nov. 5
☐ Monday, Nov. 10
☐ Wednesday, Nov. 12
☐ Monday, Nov. 17

No paperwork will be accepted if it is dropped off at other locations, outside the times listed, or electronically. A participant's registration is NOT complete until all required forms and payment have been received. A "Registration Complete" email will be sent to certify a participant's registration.

#### Additionally, Please Do and Review...

- Label all your child's equipment. Duct tape and black marker works very well
- View the Know the Code Video
- Smith Helmet, Goggles, and Lock Ski Sundown Offer
- Ski Sundown Safety Guidelines and Helpful Information Reference



### **CHAPERONE CHECKLIST**

Chaperones are essential to the success of Ski Club. We look forward to working with you to provide a fun, safe experience for all participants... Plus you get select opportunities to ski the mountain for free while managing participants.

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Follow the steps below to become a chaperone for the Ski Club.
☐ Review the <b>HELPFUL INFORMATION</b> below to gauge your interest in being a chaperone
☐ Complete the Volunteer Chaperone Registration for your school HERE (select school first)
☐ Complete the SKI SUNDOWN GROUP CHAPERONE INFORMATION AND PROGRAM AGREEMENT
<ul> <li>There is a back! This form can be emailed to riendeauk@farmington-ct.org</li> </ul>
☐ Wait for an email from riendeauk@farmington-ct.org to do a background check
☐ Wait for another email confirming or denying your status as a volunteer chaperone
- Only chaperones that have completed all these steps and are confirmed can use the free
chaperone badges on the mountain and otherwise participate as a chaperone

#### **HELPFUL INFORMATION**

- Lodge table A Chaperone will be assigned to the group table in the lodge and should remain at the table at all times in the event they are needed by a participant or Ski Sundown staff. Get to know your participants. A familiar face ready to offer guidance and help is greatly appreciated.
- Rental Shop A Chaperone must accompany skiers/boarders renting equipment to the Renal Shop. Lending assistance both inside and outside the shop will aid in processing the rentals for participants.
- **Lessons** Chaperones should help get participants to the lesson meeting area 10 minutes prior to the lesson start time.
- Cleanliness Chaperones should encourage participants to keep the area around the lodge table
  clear and clean. There is limited seating in the lodge. Personal belongings should be placed under
  tables, in cubbies or on hooks. Be sure tables are left clean after the visit and that all garbage is
  removed before you leave. Check around tables to be sure no clothing or bags are left behind.
  Check with Lost & Found in the Ski Shop for lost or forgotten items.
- Lost or Forgotten Badges A Chaperone must accompany any participant who needs a replacement badge or lift ticket to the Welcome Center.
- **Behavior** Chaperones should model safe responsible behavior on the slopes and in the lodge and be willing to step in and correct behavior that is not acceptable. Should any member of your group need the assistance of Ski Patrol you will be notified and advised how to proceed.
- Chaperone Badges Chaperone badges are to be used by an adult (age 18+) for chaperoning purposes <u>only</u>. The chaperone badge allows you access only during your group's scheduled visit. All chaperones must complete a Group Participant Information & Program Agreement form before obtaining their chaperone badge.



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### **SCHEDULES AND PRICING**

#### **SCHEDULE**

- **WD/UN:** Fridays January 9, 16, 23,30, & February 6 (Feb. 13th Makeup)
- West Woods: Tuesdays January 6, 13, 20, 27 & February 3 (Feb. 10 Makeup)
- **EF/NW:** Thursdays January 8, 15, 22, 29 & February 5 (Feb. 12 Makeup)
- Irving Robbins: Fridays January 9, 16, 23,30, & February 6 (Feb. 13th Makeup)

#### **PRICING**

#### **Elementary Schools**

The base price of **\$169** includes registration for the program and the bus. When registering, please select <u>one</u> of these "product" add-ons when applicable.

\$259
\$169
\$239
\$389
\$569
\$419
\$399

#### **West Woods and Irving Robbins**

The base price of **\$189** includes registration for the program and the bus. When registering, please select <u>one</u> of these "product" add-ons when applicable.

ONLY Lift Ticket	\$259
ONLY Equipment Rental	\$169
ONLY Season Passholder Lessons	\$239
Lift Ticket   Lessons	\$389
Lift Ticket   Lessons   Equipment Rental	\$569
LIft Ticket   Equipment Rental	\$419
Season Passholder lessons   Equipment Rental	\$399

#### **AM EQUIPMENT DROP OFF**

On Ski Club days, participants should bring their equipment to school for the times designated in the table below. When dismissed from school, before boarding the bus, participants need to bring all the belongings they wish to bring home.

For safety, skis, snowboards, or other loose equipment CANNOT be transported on school buses.

#### **END OF PROGRAM PICKUP**

Participants will be dropped off at the designated school based on the times outlined below. Parents/Guardians should plan to arrive promptly.

Group Leaders will remain at the school until the last participant is picked up.

Late to pick up will incur additional fees and/or removal from the program.

All Participants in Ski Club need to take the bus to and from the mountain.

	AM		РМ	
School	Equipment Drop Off Times	Equipment Drop Off Location	Participant & Equipment Pick Up Time	Parent Pick Up Location
Noah Wallace	7:15 - 8:45 AM	Front Entrance	7:50 - 8:00 PM	East Farms
East Farms	7:15 - 8:45 AM	Front Entrance Wall Outside School	7:50 - 8:00 PM	East Farms
Union	7:15 - 8:45 AM	Front Entrance	7:50 - 8:00 PM	West District
West District	7:15 - 8:45 AM	Front Entrance & Gym Hallway	7:50 - 8:00 PM	West District
West Woods	7:15 - 8:40 AM	Front of School	7:50 - 8:00 PM	West Woods
Irving Robbins	7:10 - 7:40 AM	Rear Parking Lot by Tennis Courts	7:50 - 8:00 PM	Irving Robbins



#### WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE FIRST DAY AT SKI CLUB

Be prepared to ski in any weather. Wear a helmet or hat, waterproof gloves, snow pants, waterproof jacket, neck warmer (no scarves), goggles or sunglasses, and ski/snowboard socks.

PLEASE LABEL ALL YOUR EQUIPMENT.

#### **ARRIVAL**

When the bus arrives at Ski Sundown, a member of the Ski Sundown staff will greet the bus and give a brief talk about safety and proper behavior. All participants will then go to the lodge where a group chaperone will reserve a table with the group's name on it. There will always be a chaperone at this table if a participant needs assistance. Skiers/boarders may leave their bags at this table or in the lockers or cubbies. Farmington Recreation nor Ski Sundown is responsible for lost or stolen items.

#### **RENTALS**

Renters then go to the Rental Shop to pick up their equipment. If using your own equipment, please have a ski shop perform a binding safety check and wax and tune your child's skis or snowboard prior to the start of the program.

#### LESSONS (FARMINGTON RECREATION'S SKI LESSONS ARE FROM 5:00 - 6:00 PM

- On their first visit, all first-time skiers/boarders will meet outside of the Rental Shop exit. They will be met by Ski Sundown staff and will be supervised in the first-time learning area until their lesson time. Since the use of the chair lift may not be taught on the first day, beginners will use the conveyor lift on their first visit.
- All other lesson participants are expected to be outside the Rental Shop 10 minutes before their class begins. They will then be placed in groups according to their skill level. If a participant cannot ski/board in control or ride a chair lift, he/she will be grouped with the new skiers/boarders to review the basics.
- Lesson groups are arranged on the first day and participants will stay in the same group unless an
  instructor recommends a change. Lessons are highly recommended for ALL skill levels. When you
  enroll your child in group lessons, take into consideration your child's other commitments and
  obligations that may interfere with the scheduled lesson.
- IF YOUR CHILD MISSES A SCHEDULED LESSON DUE TO ILLNESS OR ABSENCE, THE LESSON IS LOST. Makeup lessons are not offered. Participants are not allowed to drop, switch groups, or attend a lesson on another day. This is necessary for lesson continuity, group size, and participant safety.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY AND SAFETY**

• A safe and fun environment requires the cooperation of all those who choose to ski and snowboard at Ski Sundown. Please discuss these responsibilities and rules of etiquette with your child before he/she visits Ski Sundown.

#### **RESPECT**

• The mountain is for everyone to enjoy. Respect the mountain and those using it and act responsibly at all times. Be watchful and aware of others and show courtesy to them. Present a positive image for our sport.

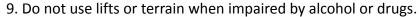
#### **SAFETY**

- The mountain undergoes changes continuously. Take a slow and careful run to familiarize yourself with the current conditions and trails.
- Never follow anyone too closely.
- Do not stop in the middle of a trail.
- We try to provide features that accommodate different skier/boarder abilities.
- Know your limits
- We DO NOT ALLOW INVERTED AERIALS at Ski Sundown.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Ski or snowboard with care.

#### YOUR RESPONSIBILITY CODE

Skiing and snowboarding are dynamic, fluid sports of motion in a winter environment that requires constant awareness and judgment by skiers or snowboarders to overcome the inherent risks of the sport. Ski Sundown is committed to skiing or snowboarding safety and expects all skiers or snowboarders who choose to ski or snowboard at Ski Sundown to follow **Your Responsibility Code** listed below and other posted rules and regulations that are designed to make a visit to Ski Sundown a great experience for everyone.

- 1. Always stay in control. You must 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. Stop only 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. If you need assistance, ask the lift attendant.



10. If you are involved in a collision or incident, share your contact information with each other and a ski area employee.

#### **PROPER USE OF LIFTS**

- Be familiar with the common courtesies and guidelines for riding the lifts at Ski Sundown. They are for your safety and the safety of others.
- Obey all posted instructions at each lift.
- Do not use a lift until you are familiar with its operation. Watch and learn. Ask any lift employee for help.
- The area around all lift mazes is a SLOW SKIING ZONE.
- Do not stand in front of lift mazes or block the flow of traffic.
- Load and unload only at designated areas.
- Lower the restraining bar immediately after loading.
- Sit quietly and do not bounce chairs, hit lift towers, or in any way abuse lift equipment.
- When unloading, make sure no loose clothing, poles, or packs are caught in the lift. Move quickly away from unloading areas.
- If a lift stops, do not attempt to get off. Remember, if there is a mechanical problem, Ski Sundown staff will assist.

#### **KNOW THE CODE - ITS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY**

View the Know the Code Safety video. KNOW THE CODE. IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

#### ATTENTION TO PHYSICAL OR MEDICAL PROBLEMS

If your child requires any special attention due to a physical or medical problem, inform your Group Leader immediately so that Ski Sundown is notified of it at the time of registration. If your child has an issue with a lesson group assignment, he/she should inform their group leader who will speak with a Snowsports School Lesson Supervisor prior to the start of the lesson. If you or your child have other concerns about lessons or any other aspect of the program, please contact your Group Leader.

#### SKI SUNDOWN GROUP PROGRAM BADGE

Each participant is issued a Group Program Badge at the beginning of the program. The badge is good for the entire program. Each participant must wear and display the badge in order to gain access to the lifts and lessons. The badges may only be used during the time and day assigned to each group. They are non-transferable. Group Leaders will be responsible for distributing the badges to their group members. There are three types of Group Program Badges issued based upon the program purchased. The three badge types are Lessons & Lift, Lift Only, and Season Passholder Lesson (Season Passholder participants

must purchase, wear, and display their Season pass). If a participant forgets his/her badge, a replacement can be provided at the welcome center desk. If a participant forgets their badge a second time, the participant must purchase a replacement ticket or badge for \$10.00. A Chaperone must accompany any participant who needs a Replacement Badge or Replacement Ticket.

#### **CANCELATIONS**

Ski Sundown offers make-up dates if Ski Sundown cancels a visit due to unfavorable weather conditions. If school is canceled on a scheduled session date in the district where participants reside, a make-up session will be offered. Your Group Leader will keep you informed of any changes, cancellations, or make-up dates. Please contact your Group Leader, not Ski Sundown, regarding cancellations and make-ups.

#### MISSED SESSIONS

If your child misses a session, their Group Program Badge is valid for a 4-hour Lift Only make-up visit on Mondays through Fridays excluding Ski Sundown holidays, until the end of the season. See their website for details on schedules. There is no make-up, credit, or refund for a missed lesson. If your child purchased the rental option, he/she will be able to use the rentals on the make-up visit if prior arrangements are made with the Rental Shop. You can contact the Rental Shop at (860) 379-7669 ext. 250.

#### REVOCATION OF SKIING/SNOWBOARDING PRIVILEGES

Mountain Hosts and Ski Patrol, along with Ski Sundown's staff, are here to ensure that Ski Sundown's safety policy is followed. They may stop skiers/boarders who are skiing in such a manner as to endanger themselves or others. If deemed necessary, they can revoke or restrict a skier/boarder's skiing privileges. The Duty Manager will contact the Chaperone and/or parent. Take time to discuss the violation with your skier/boarder, stressing the importance of safe skiing. Any skier/boarder found drinking alcoholic beverages, stealing, possessing a controlled substance, using vulgarities, throwing food, throwing objects from the lifts, skiing or using lifts in a reckless manner or doing anything else that, in Ski Sundown management's opinion, is dangerous, disruptive or illegal will be dismissed from the program without a refund.

#### **BEHAVIOR POLICY**

Farmington Recreation's behavior policies apply at all times during the program. Participants' behavior while at school, at Ski Sundown, or on the buses can affect their participation status in the Ski Club. Refunds are not provided to registrants who are removed from the program due to behavior-related incidents, or breaching the behavior policy. If your program provides pinnies, your child must wear it on the mountain. If they do not, this may be considered a breach of the behavior policy. If your child loses or damages a pinnie so it cannot be worn, a \$5 fee may be applied to replace it.

#### COMMUNICATION

Please notify Farmington Recreation at (860) 860-675-2542 or **riendeauk@farmington-ct.org** at the time of registration if your child requires any special attention due to a physical or medical program. We will notify Ski Sundown. If your child has an issue with a lesson group assignment, they should inform their Group Leader who will speak with a Snowsports School Lesson Supervisor before the start of the lesson. If you or your child have other concerns about lessons or any other aspect of the program, please contact Kevin Riendeau (**riendeauk@farmington-ct.org**).

#### **GROUP LEADER CONTACT INFORMATION**

School	Name	Email
West District / Union	Michelle McKenney	mckenneym@fpsct.org
East Farms / Noah Wallace	Elizabeth Oman-Wilfrid	omanwilfride@fpsct.org
West Woods	Jeannie Morton	mortonj@fpsct.org
Irving Robbins	TBD	TBD

#### **AFTER SCHOOL DISMISSAL POLICY**

All families should follow their school's change in dismissal policy on the days your child will be attending Ski Club. Farmington Recreation communicates to schools that if students are participating in Ski Club, they will automatically go to the program. Changes to this should be communicated to school offices.

#### **PARTICIPANT ABSENCE**

Please be sure to notify the Group Leader if your child will be absent from Ski / Snowboard Club.

#### **DINNER/SNACK**

Participants should plan to either...

- 1. Bring a non-perishable snack or dinner (we cannot heat food), or
- 2. Bring money to purchase food at Ski Sundown.
  - Ski Sundown highly recommends loading gift cards for purchase of food and goods at Ski Sundown. You can order gift cards at skisundown.com <a href="https://shop.skisundown.com/qift-cards">https://shop.skisundown.com/qift-cards</a>. Farmington Recreation nor Ski Sundown is responsible for lost or stolen gift cards.



### **REFUNDS AND CHANGES**

#### **Refund Policy**

A refund will be allowed up to December 21, 2025. No refunds or credits will be given after this date unless the protection policy criteria are met. The protection policy is added to your program at no cost and will reimburse the price of your program on a prorated basis in the event of injury or illness that prevents your child from completing the program. The illness or injury must be confirmed by a letter from a licensed physician, and the refund request must be received from the Group Leader by March 1, 2025. No refund requests will be accepted after this date. Program changes can be made up to December 21st

- A refund, less a \$35 cancellation fee, will be given if a participant withdraws from the program by December 21, 2025
- No refunds will be given on/after December 22, 2025 unless the protection policy criteria are met.
- No refunds will be given if a participant is absent from school or unable to attend a session.
- In the event of injury or illness that prevents a participant from completing the program, under the protection policy, the participant will be reimbursed the price of their program on a prorated basis. Please notify Kevin Riendeau (riendeauk@farmington-ct.org). The illness or injury must be confirmed by a letter from a licensed physician and received by email <a href="mailto:before March 1">before March 1</a>, 2025. No refund requests received after March 1st will be processed no exceptions.

#### **PROGRAM CHANGES AND ADD-ONS**

- Requests for changes or add-ons to program selections must be emailed to Kevin Riendeau
  (riendeauk@farmington-ct.org). Changes or add-ons to program selections made after November
  9th will incur a \$35 change fee per participant no exceptions.
- Program changes or add-ons will NOT be accepted after December 21.

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Families that are seeking financial assistance can complete and submit an application for assistance through Farmington Community Services. These documents will have to be completed and submitted by November 14th in order to be considered as part of any registration in association with Ski Club. Note that financial assistance is not guaranteed, and is based on available funding. To begin this process, contact Kevin Riendeau at riendeauk@farmington-ct.org.



#### **LOST PROPERTY**

If items are lost during your child's visit, he/she can go to the Ski Shop to fill out a Missing Item Report, or you can call Ski Sundown directly (860-379-7669). We recommend that all personal items be labeled with identification (Name, Group/ School Name and Phone number) that will help with getting the lost item back to your child. Ski Sundown NEVER lends items from our lost and found. If your child forgets anything, they can make a purchase in our Ski Shop or arrange to purchase rentals. The Welcome Center will be happy to help a parent purchase a Gift Card over the telephone and make sure it gets to a chaperone in the group.

#### **QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR CONCERNS**

All inquiries, problems, add-ons, or cancellations MUST be communicated to Kevin Riendeau (riendeauk@fpsct.org). Ski Sundown cannot make any changes for participants unless arranged with Farmington Recreation first.



### **FAQ**

#### What is the last day I can drop from the program and still get a refund?

December 21st. After December 21st at 11:59 PM, no refunds will be processed. This policy will be strictly enforced as Farmington Recreation needs to process all changes and then has to provide the information to Ski Sundown for their processing. The only exception to this rule is under the circumstance of injury or illness. Refunds are available under this circumstance on a prorated basis and a physician's note must be provided to prove reasoning. The deadline for this exception is March 1, 2026. There are no refunds for missed lessons or for lessons that were missed due to school cancellations or personal absences.

#### How do Student badges/passes work?

Ski Club student badges/passes have 5, 4-hour lift tickets preloaded onto their lift badges. Once a student scans their badge, the 4-hour time limit begins. Ski Club has scheduled 5 days to go to Ski Sundown, so all 5 "lift-tickets" that are loaded onto the badge/pass will be used during the scheduled hours of Ski Club.

#### How many make-up days are there and what if there are multiple cancellations?

Ski Club has scheduled 1 makeup day to occur in the event there is a cancellation. If more cancellations and make-up days are provided, Farmington Recreation will inform registrants. Farmington Recreation will try to schedule any additional make ups on the same day of the week. If there are multiple cancellations then your child will have a number of 4-hour lift tickets equal to the number of Ski Club sessions that were not fulfilled.

#### Does my child need food?

Yes, you can either have your child bring food or purchase it in the lodge. We highly recommend that students have gift cards for food and other purchases at Ski Sundown. Neither Ski Sundown or Farmington Recreation have funds to provide for food. Group leaders are also not responsible for making choices about what food your child is buying. This discussion should be had with your child prior to them attending. A menu is available at Ski Sundown's website, along with their gift cards.

#### Can parents drive their children to the mountain on days that the school cancels Ski Club?

As long as Ski Sundown is open you can still go to Ski Sundown and use your child's badge. Know that this will remove one of the 4-hour "lift-tickets" loaded onto your child's badge.

#### Do helmets, goggles, or a lock come with equipment rentals?

No. Equipment rental includes a snowboard/set of skis, boots, and poles only.