

L/R and EMS Shawnee Ski Club

Parent/Student Informational Highlights

Shawnee Mountain's Philosophy

- ❖ Shawnee is family-oriented and a perfect spot for elementary and middle school skiers and snowboarders to get used to the sport
- ❖ Security is important to them and is found at both entrances to the mountain
- ❖ Safety is a top concern and will have Ski Enforcement Patrols on the mountain at all times
- ❖ If it's too cold or too icy, the mountain will call the district to reschedule.

Lift Badges

- ❖ Lift badges contain all important data regarding the student including:
 - Student's full name
 - Student's school
 - Medical Conditions
 - Medications students are taking
 - Whether they are skiers or snowboarders
 - Ski Number (for rentals)

The mountain has emergency contact information for advisors in case anything happens at the mountain, the advisors can be reached immediately.

Rental Equipment

- ❖ Shawnee only provides all quality equipment and is tested at the end of each season to manufacturers specifications. If it doesn't meet standards, it isn't kept for safety purposes.
- ❖ If renting boots, be as close as you can with sizes with only ONE pair of socks. The boot should be snug but comfortable.
- ❖ Ski/Snowboard rental doesn't include a helmet.

Clothing

- ❖ It is important to wear layers to stay warm and dry
- ❖ Shawnee recommended brands such as Vortex, Nike, and Under Armor for base layers, then a fleece layer with a medium shell over it.
- ❖ SOCKS – Participants should only wear ONE pair of warm socks. Multiple pairs cut off circulation and causes numbness
- ❖ Helmets are required for ALL participants. Bike helmets are not acceptable helmets. Helmets can be purchased from your sporting goods store and other retailers.
- ❖ Gloves – It is recommended that students DON'T clip their gloves to their jackets. Instead have them put their gloves in zippered pockets when not using them. Many times the clips break.
- ❖ All Personal Equipment (gloves, helmets, goggles) – BE SURE LABEL it with Sharpie marker. Put their first and last name. This helps if a student loses it. The mountain can look up the name and contact the district to let them know it is found.

Trail Maps and Mountain Stats

- ❖ Trail maps that show trail difficulty [can be found here](#) under the "Additional Information for Winter 2026" section.
- ❖ Students should not ski/snowboard with friends who are above their difficulty level for safety purposes.
- ❖ Friends shouldn't be "showing" each other how to ski. Students should not try to ski/snowboard beyond their abilities.

Shawnee Rules

- ❖ All participants should follow the Skiers Responsibility Code:
 - Your Responsibility Code to help skiers and boarders be aware that there are elements of risk in snowsports that common sense and personal awareness can help reduce. Here are the seven points to Your Responsibility Code:
 1. Always stay in control, and be able to stop or avoid other people or objects.
 2. People ahead of you have the right of way. It is your responsibility to avoid them.
 3. You must not stop where you obstruct a trail, or are not visible from above.
 4. Whenever starting downhill or merging into a trail, look uphill and yield to others.
 5. Always use devices to help prevent runaway equipment.
 6. Observe all posted signs and warnings. Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.
 7. Prior to using any lift, you must have the knowledge and ability to load, ride and unload safely.
- ❖ All participants must use the safety bar when on the chair lifts for safety purposes
- ❖ Skiers are not allowed to bang their skis together on the lift. This is dangerous as skis sometimes come loose and fall to the bottom, possibly injuring those on the ground. If lift attendants see this, it gets radioed to the top of the mountain for when students get off and these students will be pulled to the side.
- ❖ There are Ski Enforcement Patrols on the mountain at all times looking for people who are violating the rules. This is done for everyone's safety. If patrol spots someone violating the rules, that person is approached, pulled to the side, notified of the violation and the lift badge is marked. At the end of the night, the mountain and advisors are notified of the actions and that they are not permitted. A ski "time out" may be issued by the district and/or mountain and violators must watch a 20-minute safety video on their next visit.
- ❖ If brought a second time for an offense, the individual will not be permitted back to the mountain at all. The district is notified of these offenses.
- ❖ No profanity or disrespect will be tolerated at the mountain.
- ❖ Meal vouchers can also be purchased. Make your own choice each trip (plan is non-refundable).

Overall, learning this sport is a wonderful experience and we look forward to a great season!