

December 27, 2011

Dear Parents:

We will be going to Loon Mountain in New Hampshire on Sunday, January 22, 2012. The ski trip is open to all children in grades 7-12. Parents are also welcome to attend.

Children with no or minimal prior experience will be required to register for a ski lesson and to ski on the beginner slopes only. All other children will be required to ski in groups of three or more, regardless of prior experience or familiarity with the mountain. **ALL participants are required to wear a helmet for all activities**, including tubing. All participants will wear a ribbon on their arm to help our chaperones identify our skiers.

There are two options available. One is for skiing and snowboarding only the other for full use of the mountain's facilities, snow tubing, ice skating, climbing wall, and snowshoeing, for the day. A food voucher is also included in the price as well as transportation. Ski rentals, a 3 hour morning lesson and helmet rental are available at an additional cost.

You are welcome to bring a bag lunch instead for stricter kashrut observance or other reasons, and likewise kids are encouraged to bring additional snacks. If you bring your own food, both children and chaperones are expected to bring only vegetarian food for the kashrut framework of this trip. You can also purchase additional food that fits these guidelines.

We are looking for several parents to be chaperones who will ski with the students. We will not be able to run this trip without a sufficient number of parent chaperones who ski so please consider helping out. We will also have a couple of chaperones in The Pavilion at all times to help supervise the children when they are off the mountain or if there is an emergency I need to attend to.

In order to be prepared for a variety of weather conditions, children should dress in layers. Every child should have a hat, helmet (if you have your own), gloves, ski pants and goggles. It would also be a good idea for the children to bring a change of clothes (socks, pants) so they will not have to return home in wet clothes. It is important for the children to bring sunscreen. Bring extra snacks for the ride home because we will not be stopping for dinner.

Cost information:

- Ski Pass Package **OR** Special Adventure Center ...Day lift ticket to ski **OR** day pass to adventure center activities: tubing, ice skating, climbing wall, snowshoeing. Price includes a food voucher and transportation.....\$85.00
- Adventure Package for children and adults with a season lift ticket for Loon Mountain- includes use of The Pavilion. Price includes a food voucher and transportation.....\$50.00
- Pavilion Food Package only.....\$30.00 (for non-skiing chaperones)
- Lessons – a three hour morning lesson for any beginning, intermediate or advanced skiers or snowboarders who want to learn and/or improve their skills.....\$45.00
- Ski equipment rental...\$32.00
- Snowboard equipment rental...\$32.00
- Helmet Rental...\$10.00

Children who regularly ski at Loon will not be able to get their skis at their mountain homes. They will have to bring their ski equipment home before the trip or rent equipment for the day. If your child is bringing his/her own equipment, please check it beforehand to make sure that the bindings are properly adjusted.

The buses will leave Temple Sinai at 6:00 a.m and return to Temple Sinai at approximately 7:00 p.m. Please be prompt at both drop-off and pick-up times.

If your child can't go on the ski trip because of sudden illness, please leave a message by 6:00 a.m. at 206.605.6396. In this case, unfortunately, you would still be responsible for the cost of the bus seat. Other monies will be refunded. If weather conditions should prohibit us from going to Loon, we will call you by 5:30 a.m. on January 22.

Please complete the attached forms and return them with your check and release forms to the temple office no later than **Monday, January 16, 2012**. Additional forms and all release forms are available on our website. We must have a separate form for each child. The children and chaperones will be accepted for this trip on a "first come" basis until the bus is full. The completed forms and a check for the cost will reserve a place for your child. Lift tickets will be handed out in The Pavilion as soon as we arrive. If you are renting equipment or a helmet at Loon, you must download the equipment rental form from our website and return it with your payment. Please call the Temple office at 781.631.2763 or email [susan.templestinai@gmail.com](mailto:susan.templestinai@gmail.com) with any questions.

Sincerely,

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SUMMARY: To register, send in the following by Monday, January 16: a check, registration form, medical release form, rental form for skis AND/OR a helmet, tubing release form, skating release form, rock climbing release form, snowshoeing release form.