



Welcome to the 2020 GO Ski Season

We look forward to seeing you on **Saturday, January 4th** for the first trip of the 2020 season.



Here we go...so where are the bus lists? They will be posted at school by January 3rd. On Saturday see any bus advisors if you forgot to which bus you were assigned.

What to wear....

Layers of clothing are warmer and drier than bulky clothing. Remember, the weather conditions can and often do change significantly during the day: from cold and windy to sunny and warmer, snowy or rainy to dry. Please plan accordingly.

Remember your arm patch and bag tag/identification...

It is important that each skier/boarder wears the GO Ski arm patch on the outside of his/her left arm/leg at ALL times. Each child will be asked to show their arm patch each time they check-in with their bus advisor; when they enter the bus in the morning, during lunch time check-in and on the bus before departure from the mountain. (Do not leave your arm patch in your bag!). Since skiers/boarders will add or remove layers of clothing during the day, the patch should be adjusted to easily slip on and off, but not so loose that it falls off during the day.

Replacement patches can be purchased at any time for \$2 from an advisor. Arm bands are also available for \$5 - \$7 for the set.

The yellow GO Ski bag tag must be attached to any bag/backpack brought into the lodge. This identifies our bags from any others that might be in the area. This is especially important at the end of the day in the event a skier forgets his/her bag. Any bag with a GO Ski tag will be

returned to the school. Any bag without a tag will be left at the mountain. Extra bag tags are available from any Parent Advisor. We strongly ask that only one bag be brought up. With 400+ kids there's a ton of "luggage".

Also, please identify – name/address/telephone # - inside or outside the bag to facilitate its return to the proper owner. Do the same with your skis and boards... remember, rentals are often from the same manufacturer and look the same, without a label you may not be able to tell your equipment apart from someone else's.

What happens during each Saturday

Morning Arrival/Check-In

From 6:30 to 6:55 am, we load the equipment onto the bus and check in each Club Member. Have your arm patch ready and available at check-in. Once checked in and boarded, no member may leave the bus for any reason.

The buses will depart PROMPTLY at 7:00 am. Once the doors are closed and the first bus rolls, no late-arriving member will be permitted on-board.

Anyone not making the bus may be brought up to Shawnee Mountain by parent or guardian. If you choose to do so, a parent or guardian **MUST** physically hand off the club member to a Parent Advisor at the Advisor table located on the second floor of the Shawnee lodge and sign a form indicating we now have custody of your child. Whenever possible, please make arrangements in advance with your advisor so that we may anticipate the late arrival of a child.

The Bus Trip

The trip takes about 70-75 minutes. The only beverage allowed on-board is bottled water. No food is allowed, other than on the return trip when the club will pass out some snacks.

We have designated all buses as "Nut Free". Any food items containing nuts of any type/variety are not permitted.

On the way up, the advisors will give each child an individual, personalized lift badge, which will allow each child to ski/board on the four Saturdays. This badge must be worn all day and be visible to lift operators. The lift badge will be returned to the advisor during the trip home. Additionally, members who will be taking beginner lessons will be provided a lesson ticket that will also be affixed to their lift badge. Intermediate lessons will be indicated with the letter "I" on their lift badge.

During the trip to Shawnee Parent Advisors will review with their riders critical information pertinent to the day's schedule. **Boys and girls are not allowed to sit next to each other on the same seat.**

To and from the mountain an age appropriate movie (selected and screened by the advisors) will be shown on each bus. Movies are rated G and PG for 6th and 7th grade buses; PG-13 for 8th grade buses

Parents/Guardians: Please speak with your child regarding movies/content on their personal electronic devices (phones, iPods, etc). Any movie, video clip, snap-chat, photo, etc. being shown on these devices deemed as inappropriate will result in confiscation of the device and possible disciplinary action by the Club.

Arrival at Shawnee

Upon arrival, all GO Ski buses will park in a designated area. Members will then exit the bus, pick up their equipment and walk past the Group Sales Office, cross the bridge to the lodge on the left, up the stairs and to the reserved GO Ski Club tables. Chaperones will be available along the walking route to direct our group.



This reserved area is our area. All members must remain in this area while in the lodge other than to go to the cafeteria or restrooms. **Seating for members is allocated for each of the buses.** Once members put on their boots and jackets all bags should be placed underneath the tables, on shelves or on the wall hooks for storage.

For those taking lessons – many of you – quickly go outside to the lesson area (see lessons below). For others, the mountain is

least crowded early in the morning. This is a great time to get out on the snow and enjoy the skiing/boarding.

Lessons

Lessons start promptly at 9 am for beginners (trips 1, 2 and 3) and 10am for intermediates (trips 2 and 3). As you are facing the mountain, the lesson area is to the far right on the beginner's slopes. Several advisors will direct you to the area. They will be carrying red/yellow "GO Ski" signs to help you find your way.

On the first day, you will be assigned to skill-appropriate groups. Beginner lessons last for two hours the first week, and one hour each for the second and third weeks. Intermediate skiers will have their lessons during the 2nd and 3rd weeks. There is no lesson on the fourth week.

At the conclusion of the lessons you are free to ski/board. Please make sure that you do not try trails that exceed your ability. For novices, the beginner's slope is a great place to continue working on and improving your technique. Avoid peer pressure!

Lunch Check-In

At pre-determined times, all members are required to check in with their bus advisors, report any injuries or incidents, and have lunch. **Lunch check-in times will be announced on the bus trip to the mountain and posted at the lodge.** Have your arm patch ready and available for lunch check-in.

There are NO exceptions to this mandatory lunch check-in. To check-in, you must personally speak with your bus advisor and ensure he/she acknowledges you and checks you in.

Advisors for each bus will be in the vicinity of your table. Anyone not checking in at the required time will lose one hour of skiing/boarding.

Lunch options include bringing your own bag lunch or buying food from the Shawnee cafeteria.

Departure from Shawnee

Members should begin gathering in the lodge no later than 2:45 p.m. By 3:00 p.m., members leave the second floor of the lodge, pick up their skis/boards from the racks, and gather behind the GO Ski roped-off area between the lodge and bridge.

At 3:10pm, members are released SINGLE FILE to walk back across the bridge to their bus. They should load their equipment, check-in, and take a seat. Again, have your arm patch ready and available for final check-in. Make sure you bring your lift ticket on the bus with you as they will be collected on the return trip.

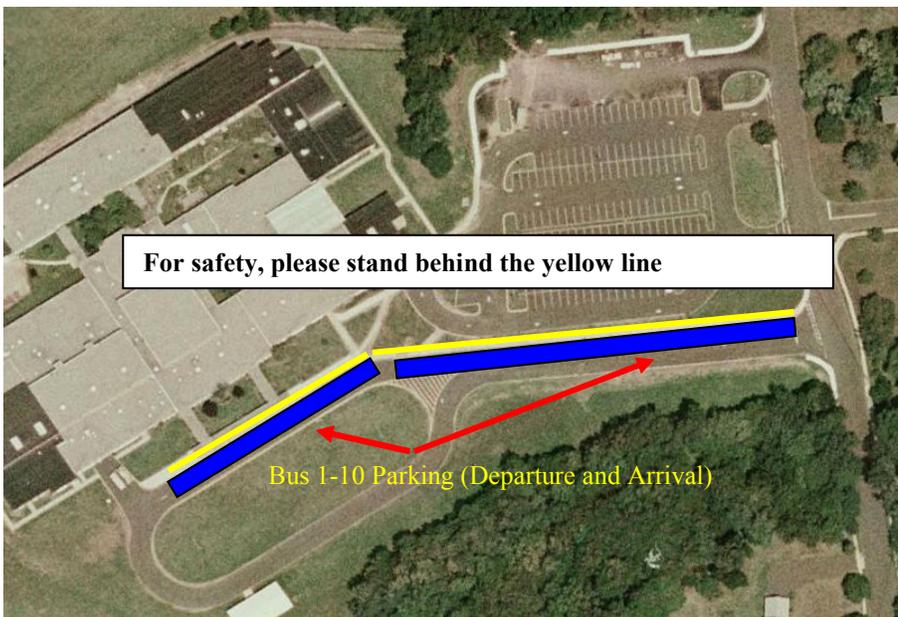
Buses will depart PROMPTLY at 3:30 p.m.

If you miss the bus, proceed immediately to the **Group Sales Office** (between the parking lot and the bridge, on the parking lot side of the pond) and report into GO Ski advisors and Mr. Amicone. Transportation back to the school will be arranged.



Return to William Annin

Typically, we return between 4:50 and 5:00 pm. Please be there to pick up your child. Any member not picked up by 5:30 pm may be transported to the Bernard's Township Police station for parent/guardian pick-up.



IMPORTANT

Please, park only in the designated parking areas at William Annin. **Do not enter the circular drive!** This area is reserved exclusively for the buses. Cars in this area will delay the bus arrival. We ask that you are **careful, courteous and considerate**. There will be approximately 400+ tired kids with ski/board equipment all looking for their ride home.

If You Won't Be Taking the Bus To or From the Mountain...

For late arrivals, the parent/guardian MUST personally hand off the club member to an advisor in the lodge when you arrive and sign the member in. For early departures, the parent/guardian MUST personally come to the lodge by 2pm with their child to sign the member out.

There are NO exceptions to this. In all cases, please make arrangements in advance.

Supervision...

There are 32 full-time GO Ski Parent Advisors. Each bus has 2 or 3 assigned Parent Advisors. These advisors are the primary contact for your child. Any one of them can offer assistance and resolve issues during the day. Please advise your child to only approach a GO Ski Club advisor. We all wear identifying gold name tags.

Additionally, many day volunteer chaperones and teachers join the club each Saturday in order to provide additional assistance and supervision.

The club uses five 2-way radios for communication throughout the day between the lodge, the mountain, and first aid. We are in constant and direct contact with first aid in the event of any injuries or illnesses.

If you injure yourself or become ill...

We follow the rules and regulations of Shawnee Mountain and their trained First Aid personnel. All injuries and incidents are taken seriously regardless of the perceived severity.

In most cases, the situation can be handled at the mountain and the club member can return on the bus to William Annin at the end of the day. In the event of a more serious injury or illness, your child may be transported by ambulance to Pocono Hospital (about 5 minutes from the mountain) or designated medical facility. An Advisor will accompany your child to the hospital. If he/she can return to the mountain and re-join us for the return trip, we will accommodate this if it occurs prior to 3:30pm.

In the event the injury requires greater and/or longer attention and your child cannot make the return trip by bus, we ask that you travel to Shawnee Mountain or designated medical facility and pick up your child. This is also the case in the event an illness precludes your child from spending the day with us and/or making the return trip by bus. Again, in all cases, we will be in contact with you and advise you of all necessary actions.

It is imperative that we can always reach a parent/guardian during the course of the day, and that we have the required emergency phone information. At registration, you provided emergency contact information. If this information changes on any particular Saturday, please notify your bus advisor that morning. A note works best.

Lost and Found...

Anything left at the lodge is "swept" by a clean-up crew at the end of the day. These items will be at the William Annin lost and found area for pick-up on Monday morning.

Other lost items such as skis/boards, poles, etc. may be searched for at the Shawnee Mountain lost and found area the following Saturday.

Safety and security...

Safety is the number one priority of the club. Proper skiing/boarding skills are essential, as is proper etiquette on and off the trails.

We ask that all parents/guardians provide their child with a helmet and encourage its use during the day.

ALWAYS yield to skiers/boarders ahead of you. They have the right of way. If you pass them, pass wide and communicate to them by "on your right" or "on your left". Be courteous and always anticipate. Skiers/boarders often turn or stop abruptly. Give everyone on the mountain ample space.

Chair lifts bars must be lowered when occupied and no swinging or dangling is permitted

Identify all equipment and belongings with your name. Masking tape works well on skis/boards and boots. An identification card or tag works best on backpacks/gym bags. Many rental skis and boards look the same... it's easiest if they're identified with name to ensure someone doesn't inadvertently take the wrong equipment.

If a stranger ever approaches you in a way that seems inappropriate, please notify an advisor immediately so we can deal with the situation promptly.

If you miss a day of skiing...

During the following week you will receive a ski voucher good for one day of skiing/boarding at Shawnee, available for GO Ski member use through the remainder of the 2018 season. Voucher is non-transferable to be used by the GO Ski Club member.

Discipline...

All Club and mountain policies apply and will be vigorously enforced. Decisions by the advisors are final. Incidents involving Shawnee facilities, equipment and/or personnel will be managed by Shawnee. You may be required to travel to Shawnee in the event the issue is outside of GO Ski's area of responsibility.

Strictly Prohibited

- **Drugs (excluding those as prescribed by medical professionals)**
- **Tobacco products of any kind; nicotine and non-nicotine based**
- **Vaping paraphernalia of any kind including e-Cigs, Juul, and associated items**
- **Alcoholic beverages of any type**
- **Bullying and/or any abusive behavior**
- **Fire or spark implementing devices or items (lighters, matches, etc.)**
- **Fireworks, including sparklers**
- **Laser pointers of any type**
- **Drones or quad-copters; any UAV**
- **Any music or sound equipment that may distract or create an issue on the trails, lodge and/or lift lines. This includes back-pack type speakers**
- **Homework and frowns**

Postponement/Delays...

When at all possible, announcements will be made during school on Friday.

Additionally, in the event of a delay (2-hours) or postponement, the following will occur:

- An email will be sent
- <http://www.greatoakski.com/> will have a posted message of the trip status

Friday Night Check-List

Set alarm clock

Ski/Board equipment by door

Lunch/snack money

Helmet

Jacket/pants

Gloves

Boots

Gear bag

GO Ski Patch/Sleeve

Finally, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please approach any of the Advisors. We are all there to help you have fun, improve your skiing/boarding skills, and to do so safely. Enjoy the skiing and boarding and the camaraderie of the club!

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