



Dear Parents, Guardians and Students:

Lakeland Ridge junior high students have the opportunity to spend 2 full days at Marmot Basin Ski Resort in Jasper. On Friday, March 13, 2020, the students will board a coach bus at 4:30 am for Jasper. On Friday night students will stay at the Lobstick Lodge, 4 to a room. Students will ski Friday and Saturday and arrive back in Sherwood Park Saturday, March 14 around 9 pm.

March can be a busy time with various activities, but this is the time we have booked for our trip. We are required to pay a non-refundable deposit in January. Therefore, should you decide to pay for your child to attend but change your mind after January 8, we will not be able to provide a refund. Please ensure you have double checked all your commitments and understand that we cannot give any fees back after January 8 should a student drop out of the trip. There are 44 seats available to the students. To avoid disappointment, students should return their permission forms and pay online quickly. Only the first 44 students who complete the necessary forms and make the full payment will be allowed to attend the trip. School fees should be in good standing and attendance is subject to administration approval. If we do not have enough students sign up for the field trip, the field trip will be cancelled.

Students will all attend a mandatory ski/snowboard lesson by a Marmot Basin instructor on the first day. Upon completion of the lesson, the students will have the rest of the day Friday and all day Saturday to ski or snowboard on their own. The bus will depart at approximately 4:00 pm for Lakeland Ridge School.

The students will have the opportunity to rent skis, boots and poles or snowboards and boots, as well as helmets. They are allowed and encouraged to bring their own equipment. It is mandatory that students wear approved snow/ski helmets at all times while on the hill. If your child has their own equipment, they are required to place the equipment on the bottom of the bus. The bus will store the equipment overnight. Boots and helmets can be taken into the hotel rooms. After skiing, your child is responsible for placing their equipment back on the bus. If your child is renting, it is a 2-day rental. The rentals can be stored on the bus Friday night. Students are responsible for returning the equipment to the rental shop on Saturday by 4pm.

We may not be stopping for food on the way to Jasper so students should pack a lunch in the event that we do not stop. We will be going straight to Marmot Basin when we arrive in Jasper. A light breakfast including muffins, yogurt, and fruit will be provided on both

mornings on the bus ride to the ski hill. We will be stopping for supper on the drive home on Saturday, so students should have some spending money with them. Due to hill safety concerns, students are not allowed to listen to their iPods while skiing or snowboarding on the hill. Students will be able to leave their cell phones and iPods locked on the bus if they do not want to ski with them in their pockets.

There will be at least one teacher on the trip and up to 4 supervisors in total. There will be a maximum of 44 students involved, with students being supervised in a 1 adult to 11 student ratio. Students will be required to follow all applicable school rules for the duration of the trip.

Students will be transported to and from the hill on a bus operated by a licensed driver. The risk associated with this type of transportation is the same as travelling on a school bus to and from school each day. Alberta safety guidelines for physical activity in schools will be followed for the duration of the trip. On-site risks for skiing and snowboarding include, but are not limited to frostbite, hypothermia, strains/sprains of body parts, bruises, broken bones, skiing/snowboarding into a tree or chair lift pole or death. We are strongly recommending that the students dress in warm outdoor clothing. They must follow all school and hill rules and ski/snowboard at their appropriate ski/snowboard ability.

Elk Island Public Schools does not carry accident or ambulance insurance for students. Personal coverage is encouraged. In case of an emergency and you need to get a hold of your child, please contact the school at 780-416-9018 and they will contact a supervisor on the trip. Please provide your daytime emergency contact information on your child's permission form, in case of an emergency and we need to contact you.

Please return the price sheet and the signed permission form and rental agreement form to the office as soon as possible. Should you decide that your child will not participate in this field trip, he/she is still expected to attend school. For those students not going to Jasper it is a regular school day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school 780-416-9018.

Sincerely,

Ryan Bachor
(Athletics Coordinator)

Please complete this form along with the school field trip form and return both to the office. Also, please pay for the field trip in PowerSchool by no later than January 8, 2020. Students will not be considered to be “fully registered” until all forms are handed in and payment has been made. If we do not have enough students sign up for the field trip, the field trip will be cancelled.

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_____ **will be: (please check one)**
 (Student Name)

Skiing _____ **Snowboarding** _____

Lesson Level: Beginner _____ **Moderate** _____ **Advanced** _____

What you get	Price \$	Amount
2-day lift ticket, ski rental or snowboard rental, lesson, helmet, transportation and hotel.	\$410.00	
2-day lift ticket, lesson, transportation and hotel. (You own your own equipment)	\$360.00	
TOTAL		