

Dear Parents,

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Zoram, and I am a parent at the school. I have a 2nd grader (Marilynn) and a 5th grader (Zoe).

For the 4th year in a row, I am organizing the Friends of St. Brigid School Ski and Snowboard Club at Lost Valley in Auburn. The program will meet on **Thursday afternoons** for **8 weeks** starting on **January 5th, 2023**. Participants will have a lesson for 1 hour and 15 minutes each week, and they will have the opportunity to do free skiing after the lesson, until the mountain closes at 8pm. **The program is offered to 7-year-old kids and up** (Lost Valley rule, age as of 1/1).

Transportation is not provided, so this cannot be considered an official school club. However, we were successful the last few years, as each parent drove up to Lost Valley (45 mins away from Portland). There were some families that carpooled, too.

I am including more information about the program below. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Last year, the program sold out before the registration deadline, please make sure to register early.

Please click here to register: lostvalleyski.com/lessons/saint-brigid

Cost of the Program:

If you have skied before, you know skiing is not a cheap sport. Luckily, program prices here are very reasonable, especially because they include lessons for the kids. The prices listed are for the duration of the program, and do not include ski rental/leases. Here is the breakdown:

Program	Cost for the season
8-week Lessons and Ski pass for kids (Allows skiing before and after the lesson)	\$210
8-week Ski only pass (no lesson)	\$160
8-week Adult/Sibling Ski pass (no lesson)	\$160

Equipment/Lease/Rentals:

As indicated before, the program does not include equipment. Renting equipment at the mountain can be time consuming, so it is recommended that each kid comes to the mountain with their own equipment. The good news is that seasonal rentals are fairly reasonably priced. You have a couple of options, Golf and Ski Warehouse in Scarborough has seasonal leases (November to May) starting at \$129. I believe other places like Rodgers and Gorham Bike and Ski offer similar deals for leases. Also-our friends at Play It Again Sports sell used and new equipment if you are interested in buying your own. Lost Valley also offers rentals as part of the lesson program; however, it only lasts the duration of the program.

How does this work?

Lost Valley is in Auburn, which is about 45 minutes away from Portland. The ski lessons go from 4:15pm to 5:30pm, participants can ski until close (8pm) after the lesson.

School is over between 2:30 and 2:45, and each parent is responsible to pick up their kid and head over to Lost Valley. Kids should start getting ready as soon as they get to the mountain to avoid any possible delays. The lessons meet at the bottom of the mountain.

After the lessons, each parent meets their child at the bottom of the mountain, and each family can decide how much longer to stay.

While your child is in their lesson, parents are encouraged to ski as well. You may purchase an Adult Pass at the price outlined above. Once the lesson is over, you and your child are welcome to stay and ski until close.

4–6-Year-Old Kids:

If you have little ones (4-6 years of age) that you would like to bring to the mountain. They are still welcome to participate; however, the lesson program is not available to them. Kids that are 4 and 5 years old can buy a ski-only ticket at a very nominal rate. If you are interested in this, please let me know so that we can arrange it with Lost Valley. For 6-year-old kids, the sibling pass is available at the rate above. Please note that the age limitations were put in place by Lost Valley and I am not able to negotiate any special exceptions.

This is a lot of information, and I am sure I have not covered it all, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at zoramb@hotmail.com or call/text me at 207-766-8620. Here is the link to register:

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Think Snow!

Thanks,

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