**Frequently Asked Questions**

**General**

**What is HZRPC SnowClub?**

HZRPC SnowClub is a rec council program – not a school club – for middle school and high school aged students. This program typically runs January – February taking weekly trips from HMS & HHS to Ski Liberty and Ski Roundtop. The club is scheduled to run on Wednesdays (usually) with about 3 trips to each resort; occasionally due to weather issues dates might be rescheduled. We also try to go to Whitetail one time each season usually on a Friday night.

Our coach buses leave HHS by ~3pm each week and return to Hereford High School (HHS) by about 9:30pm. Students are expected to do homework on the buses on the way to the resort so we try to keep talking to a minimum. Chaperones are on the bus to help with homework and control noise. Students are encouraged to pack a ‘brown bag’ dinner, or heavy snack which they can eat on the bus while doing homework on the way to the resort.

We typically arrive at the resorts by ~4pm. Students then stand in line to get their lift tickets and rentals and then can ski/snowboard as they please until it is time to return to the buses at ~7:45pm. Students are required to ski/snowboard in pairs or small groups for safety. At least one chaperone can be found in the lounge area of each resort in case of any injuries or is needed for any other issues.

**What should a first time member know?**

If you purchase the package with lessons, please note you are actually buying a ‘unlimited night-time lessons’ for the $40 additional fee. So if you take your student to the resorts any time after Jan 2nd they can take a lesson to improve their form/ability. I highly recommend that parents take advantage of this and encourage their student to take lessons on the weekends to improve. Then next year, when they’re a returning member, they won’t need to purchase the lesson pack.

Middle school students will get on their regular bus at HMS. They will be given a BUS Pass so they can get off the bus at HHS (passes will be given out at registration). Students MUST have the pass to get off the bus so they should keep it in their book bag. Once off the bus at HHS, students will walk up to the parking lot by the turf field to board the buses.

**What am I paying for?**

When a student joins SnowClub, they are actually getting a Night Club Card. The Night Club Card is a terrific way to enjoy unlimited skiing and snowboarding every night for one low price. Enjoy unlimited night skiing and boarding at THREE great mountains; Liberty Mountain, Whitetail Resort and/or Ski Roundtop! Members can enjoy all three mountains any night of the week from 4pm - 10pm, and from 3pm on Sundays!

Night Club Card Program begins approx. January 2, 2015. The fees you pay also cover Rec Council fees, snacks, transportation and a dinner at White Tail.

**What do we do with my students gear during school?**

For students who don’t have their own Skis/Boards, but have an extra bag (snow pants, gloves, helmet, etc) that won’t store in their locker, they can bring that extra bag on the bus and drop if off at the storage area when they arrive at school.

For kids who have their own Skis/Boards parents will need to drive/drop off the student at their respective school in the morning. We have a locked storage area at both HMS and HHS where the gear is stored during the day.

Middle School students gear will be loaded onto one of the coach buses by the SnowClub chaperones and the students will get their gear when they arrive at the Ski Resort.

High School students will pick up their gear in the women’s restroom near the turf field and carry it to the buses.

HMS and HHS students will board the coach buses in the parking lot of the turf field.

**What happens if my child is injured while at the resort?**

Each resort has medical staff on-site. If a student is injured at the resort, often the staff can review and treat the problem. This happens on occasion, but typically the student is released to return on the bus with the rest of the club.

Every week we have at least one chaperone per bus drive their own vehicle to the resort.  If a child is injured and needs to go to a hospital, that parent will follow to the hospital.

We’ve not had any major problems; however, PLEASE make sure your medical/insurance AND phone numbers are correct when you fill out your registration.

**I hear there is a SkiClub at HHS, is this club the same?**

No, the High School club is different than HZRPC club. The HHS club mostly does longer weekend trips, and HZRPC’s SnowClub just goes on weekly trips. Students at HHS can be members of both clubs.

**Can we buy a Night Club Card for other family members?**

Yes, if there is someone else in your family who wants to purchase a Night Club Card they can do so through HZRPC SnowClub. They should contact Beth Cain or Becky Levy or come to registration.

**What gear do members need?**

1. Night Club Card
2. Jacket
3. Gloves or Mittens
4. Helmet (required for ALL SnowClub members)
5. Ski Pants
6. Goggles (important since often they are making snow in the evenings when we attend)
7. Watch (important so they don’t make the bus late)
8. Snack / Dinner
9. Money
10. Non –Renters need: Boots, Skis and Poles or Snowboard (Preferably all stored in a gear bag)
11. BAG to carry all the gear (recommend even skiers consider a SnowBoarding bag so all their gear can fit)
12. Middle School students ONLY will need their Bus Pass to get off their bus at HHS (passes are handed out at registration) Do not put in gear bag as you will not have access to your bag until you get to the resort.

**Are students/members required to wear helmets?**

YES, starting the 2011/2012 season Hereford SnowClub members ARE required to wear helmets on the slopes. Any HZRPC SnowClub member found on the slopes on club trips without a helmet will not go on the next trip.

**What other things should we know?**

On the bus…

* If a student rides the bus to the resort, they must ride the bus home. Parents cannot pick their student up early at any resort
* SnowClub provides a small snack for the return trip each week, students are expected clean up after themselves
* All club members will take a turn cleaning the bus when we return to HHS
* No changing in the bathrooms on the bus
* There is a bathroom on the coach bus, but it should be only used for EMERGENCY purposes
* Movies are played on each bus on the way home from the resort (PG or PG13)

**Behavior**

HZRPC SnowClub is meant to be a fun club, but please remind your student to BEHAVE and treat the chaperones with appropriate respect

**Payment**

**What payment options should I be choosing?**

My student will only go skiing/snowboarding when SnowClub goes – then we recommend just purchasing the standard club membership / Night Club Card.

My student will go w/ SnowClub plus 1-2 times w/ friends – then we recommend you purchase the standard club membership PLUS the Advantage Option

My student will go w/ SnowClub plus many times more during season – you probably need to do research to consider either purchasing the standard club membership PLUS the Advantage Option or perhaps a Season Pass + SnowClub fees might work better for you. (NOTE: We are only able to offer Season Pass + SnowClub fees to returning members.  This is not an option for new members.)

**I see you have extra optional choices, what are these for?**

Protection Plan: The protection plan is an $8 fee paid to the ski resorts that covers if you get relocated or if your child gets injured during the season and cannot ski for the remainder of the season. Depending on when the issue arises you could receive up to 90% of your Night Club Card fee back. NOTE: this option only applies to the Night Club Card fee, not the HZRPC SnowClub / bus fees.

$20 Advantage Option: If you purchase the Advantage Card option with your Night Club Card, you may use the Advantage Card as soon as the snow flies to enjoy 40% savings at Liberty, Whitetail and Roundtop! The Advantage Card discount is applicable all day, from opening day to closing day. No need to wait until January 4th to start having fun on the slopes!

Helmet $50. This is to purchase your own helmet through Ski Liberty.