

2015 Alyeska Field Trip Info

Hello Parents,

Please review this critical information about our upcoming trip. Many parents want to work around these requirements, but please understand that these requirements are for safety and consistency. Families who do not wish to abide by these district/school/teacher requirements should keep their child at home and not participate. (Which would be sad.) **Chaperones, please acknowledge the cold lunch requirement for your student!**

Date of Trip: Tuesday, March 24th

Bus Times

- **Student Drop Off Time: 7:00 AM**
- Bus Departure Time: 7:10 AM
- Bus Leaves Alyeska: 4:30 PM
- **Bus Arrival @ SMCS : 7:00 PM**

Student Required Gear In Back Pack:

- Snow Pants (MUST HAVE!)
- Winter Coat (MUST HAVE! NO hoodies/sweatshirts/jackets)
- 2 Pairs of Winter Gloves (MUST HAVE! No stretchy gloves... 2nd pair is back up if gloves get wet)
- Fleece or Knit Hat (MUST HAVE! NO Hoods or headbands/Ear muffs)
- Wool socks or 2 pair of long socks
- **Cold lunch (No Microwave food, NO \$ FOR BUYING FOOD!)**
- Students may bring their own "Skiing Helmets" but they are provided free of charge by Alyeska. Using helmets provided by Alyeska reduces gear and no hardship or emergency if the helmet is lost or stolen. (I recommend not bringing personal helmets for the lost/stolen/forgotten issue alone!)

Cost Per Student or Adult Chaperone

NOTE: 4th grade students are required to take lessons unless the student's parent can assure me that the student has significant experience skiing/snowboarding in a resort setting. (i.e. – Alyeska or Hilltop. Snowboarding hills in Soldotna/Caribou Hills do not count.)

All students are required to use rental equipment. NO EXCEPTIONS.

All students are required to travel by bus and must pay for bus cost (\$20.00 per student).

STUDENTS	ADULT CHAPERONES*
\$48.00 – Bus** + Lift (Lower Mtn) & Rental (Please indicate Lower or ALL Mountain lift approval on Rental Form)	\$20 – Lower Mountain Lift Only \$48 – ALL Mountain Lift Only
\$56.00 – Bus** + Lift (All Mtn) & Rental (Please indicate Lower or ALL Mountain lift approval on Rental Form)	\$48 – Rental + Lower Mountain Lift \$76 – Rental + ALL Mountain Lift
\$80.00 – Bus** + Lesson, Lift & Rental (Only Lower Mountain – 4 th Graders MUST have Lessons)	\$60 – Lesson + Rental + Lower Mountain Lift
	*Only Chaperones may get these rates. **Adults riding the bus do not need to pay bus fee.

** PARENTS PLEASE SEE NOTE ON BACK.

Dear Parents,

Surprisingly, some families are not supportive of the requirements of this "Class" trip and make plans to work around the requirements by not enrolling their child in school for the day. They drive up separately so students can use personal equipment, eat restaurant food for lunch, etc. which sets these kids apart, and is not supportive our class.

I and school appointed chaperones cannot be in charge of students who are not enrolled for the day, but have travelled separately. Additionally, as a reminder, it is a district & school requirement that siblings are not to participate in school field trips.

If your student must have their personal equipment, please make arrangements to ski with them on another day, or do not expect our chaperones to have charge over students who are not enrolled as part of our class on the day of our trip. Families choosing to act separately from our class field trip put our students, our chaperones, and me in a very awkward and difficult situation.

I respectfully ask that you and your family allow your child to participate as an enrolled student under the stated guidelines and requirements. Please understand that, as a teacher, this is a difficult trip to make happen, and personal requests to make allowances are not helpful.

Thank you for your consideration and your attention to helping us have a successful trip.

Mr. D.