Thank you for your interest in Thetford’s Ski & Snowboard Program! If you plan to participate this season please read this memo carefully, follow the instructions for registration on page 3, and mark the following dates on your calendars:

* December 4: Ski & Skate Sale:
* Registration Closes: December 13
* Informational Meeting: Tuesday, January 3.
* Program Dates: January 13, 20, 27; February 3, 17; March 3.

***Due to Skiway Regulations***

***We cannot accept registrations after December 13.***

**Program Overview:**

Thetford’s ski program takes place Friday afternoons between January 13 and March 3. All K-6 students who reside in Thetford are eligible participate.

On Ski Program Fridays TES closes at noon and students gear up for an afternoon of skiing.

* Alpine Skiers and Boarders are bused to the Dartmouth Skiway and ski from 12:30-3:30pm.
* Nordic skiers stay at TES and ski on the Thetford Hill trails from 12:30-3:00pm.

Both programs require that parents arrange for transportation at days’ end.

**Volunteers:**

We need you! The ski program is made possible by the excellent cadre of volunteers who provide instruction on the trails, assistance in the lodge, and assist with planning and coordination in the Nordic program.

*You do not need to be an accomplished skier or boarder to volunteer.* We welcome all parents and community members who are willing to help. Instructors have access to free clinics at the Skiway – and of course volunteers ski free!

Visit our [thetfordrec.com](http://www.thetfordrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=13664) to register as a volunteer.

**Alpine Program Orientation: January 6**

All first-time Alpine Program volunteers and parents *must* attend the orientation meeting, which takes place at Town Hall on Tuesday, January 3 at 7:00 pm.

**Equipment:**

* Each skier/boarder must have his/her own equipment. Helmets are required for *everyone* in the Alpine program, including instructors.

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| **Alpine Skiers** | **Snowboarders** | **Nordic Skiers** |
| Skis  | Snowboard | Skis |
| Poles (non-beginners) | Helmet  | Poles |
| Helmet | Warm mittens/socks | Warm mittens/socks |
| Warm mittens/socks | Waterproof jacket/pants | Ski jacket and pants |
| Waterproof jacket/pants |  |  |

* Be sure that your child’s equipment fits properly and has been adjusted to your child by a professional *before* the first program day.
* Our December 4 Ski & Skate Consignment Sale is a great opportunity to find quality equipment for the whole family. See below for details.
* The Dartmouth Skiway offers a number of options for equipment rentals, including an option to rent only for program days. You can find details about options and prices on page 4.

**Supervisory Ratios for Young Skiers/Boarders:**

* ALL beginners and kindergarteners in the Alpine program must be accompanied by an adult for the first three sessions. A beginner is a skier who has never skied or is unable to ride the chair lift without assistance. If safety permits, during the final three sessions families can partner to provide one volunteer for every 2-3 children. You are of help to us even if you cannot ski yourself.
* All beginners and kindergarteners in the Nordic program must be accompanied by an adult at the program start. Depending on skier ability, they may be asked to attend all sessions.
* Beginner snowboarding lessons may be subject to instructor availability.

**Ski & Skate Consignment Sale: Sunday, December 4**

Ski program volunteers will be hosting our annual Ski & Skate Consignment Sale on **Sunday, December 4th from 12:30 to 2:00 pm**. Proceeds from the sale provide critical support for the program, so please rummage through your closets and garages and set aside equipment and winter clothing to be consigned.

* Consignment will be taken on Saturday December 3th from 4:00-6:00 pm and Sunday the 7th from 9:00-11:00 am. One-third of all proceeds go to support the ski program and two-thirds of each sale are returned to the consignor.
* Volunteers who serve for a 2-hour shift during either consignment or sale hours are allowed first access to purchasing equipment from noon to 12:30. Please let Nathan know when you would like to help.

**Registration**

Create your registration form at [thetfordrec.com](http://www.thetfordrec.com/info/). If you have an account, simply register as you would a team sport or other rec program. Register to volunteer at the as you register your child.

*Registration is not complete until payment has been received.*

Please make checks payable to the Town of Thetford.

**Fees:**

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| * Alpine skiers & boarders: $85
* Skiway Pass holders: $35
* Cross-country skiers: $35
 | *Anyone in need of financial assistance can request support by completing our* [*Scholarship Application*](http://www.thetfordrec.com/forms/5433_scholarship_application_2014.pdf)*. To receive a printed copy contact the Recreation Department.* |

**Have questions? Need Help?**

* If you have questions about the volunteer program please contact Adam Cole, Volunteer Coordinator, at acole@coleelectric.com or by phone at (802) 785-2534.
* For all other questions contact Nathan Maxwell, Recreation Director, at recreation@thetfordvermont.us or by phone at (802) 785-2922 ext. 6.

Thank you and THINK SNOW.

**Skiway Equipment options**

**\*SEASON-LONG LEASES\***

All Packages include skis, boots, and poles.

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| KIDS PACKAGE | **$130** |
| (age 12 and under) |  |
| ADULT PACKAGE | **$210** |

**\*PROGRAM RENTALS\***

*For WEEKLY PROGRAMS HELD ON THE SAME DAY EACH WEEK*

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|  | 6 WEEK | 8 WEEK |
| KIDS PACKAGE | **$60** | **$80** |
| (age 12 and under) |  |  |
| ADULT PACKAGE | **$90** | **$120** |
| ALL SNOWBOARDS | **$90** | **$120** |

**Rental & Retail Shop Hours**

The Skiway will be open the following hours for seasonal equipment lease, photos, equipment tune-ups, retail sales, and picking up Season Passes:

**Tuesday - Saturday starting November 22th thru opening day 9-4:30 pm**

**(Closed Thanksgiving Day)**

**DAILY RENTAL PRICES 2016-2017**

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| **KIDS (Ages 12 and under)** | **$25** |
| **ADULTS** | **$35** |
| **ALL SNOWBOARDS** | **$35** |
| **HELMETS** | **$10/DAY** |