

## East Minico\Bus\Pomerelle Ski Club Policies

Pomerelle invites schools to participate in a special program that they operate. As guests, we must follow their policies and procedures which we then augment with our own rules and procedures. This document outlines most of the information that you need to be aware of. Please contact Mr. Larson should you have any questions. [alarson@minidokaschools.org](mailto:alarson@minidokaschools.org)

### Basic Information

1. We will only have one bus with a maximum of 60 students this year. Students may be assigned seats on the bus to allow for efficient seating.
2. **Dates:** Ski club will take place on Friday this year. We will ski on January 10, 17, 24, 31, and February 7th.
3. **Times:** Students need to be dropped off at East Minico no later than 1:05 pm so we can leave by 1:15 pm (the bus will leave at 1:15 no matter what) to arrive in time to get their equipment and be ready for our 3:00 pm lessons. You will need to be back at East Minico to pick up your participant by 10:00 pm. Times may be modified between now and the first week.
4. **Date Modification:** Dates may be altered due to weather and other situations that may arise.
5. **The cost will be \$170.00 plus the \$5 cost of the mandatory RFID card if you do not already have a school one (not personal), taxes, and rental fees.** This includes five 1½ hour ski or boarding lessons and transportation. Students need to bring a sack dinner, or money to buy dinner at the lodge. Dinner at the lodge runs between \$8-12 depending on what they buy.
6. **RFID Card:** If your participant attended our ski program last year they will use the same card and you will NOT have to buy another one. I have the card in my possession. If you need to know what the code on their card is, you will need to contact me. For those that regularly ski at Pomerelle and have a personal RFID card already, you MUST purchase a new one that is strictly used for the school program. Pomerelle separates the tickets this way and it is their requirement and not mine.
7. **Season Passes:** Pomerelle does **not** accept season passes as part of the school program.
8. **Rental equipment is available at Pomerelle.** A snowboard or ski package is available for those that do not own equipment. This package included skis\snowboard, boots, poles, and a helmet. The fee will be \$15.00 each week. This fee must be paid each trip at the Pomerelle's ski rental office or pre-paid as part of the registration process. Please send a check made payable to Pomerelle for ski/board rentals each night if you prefer to pay each week. You may also rent from anyone else (such as Idaho Water Sports).
9. Payment will be made to both Pomerelle (their portion) and to East Minico (\$45 our portion).
10. **Please be aware that the East Minico Ski Club is self-sufficient and receives no money from the school or school district. If we do not receive enough funds (our portion of the \$170) to cover our busing and other expenses the program will be canceled (not very likely though).**

## General Rules\Policies\Procedures

1. **Pomerelle, Minidoka Schools, MCSD Bus Department , and East Minico reserve the right to refuse service to any student for behavior\safety reasons. Because a portion of this program is an un-supervised activity in a public environment, any student that has had detentions for behavior related incidents MUST have permission ahead of time to participate in this program. Students that have been suspended from school for any reason may not participate in this program.**
2. **Pomerelle, Minidoka County Joint School District #331, East Minico Middle School, and its representatives are not liable for:** Theft, loss, or damage to the student's skiing/boarding equipment, injury to a skier while participating in this ski program. **See the registration form for more information about personally owned equipment.**
3. **Parents have the responsibility of being at the school by the time the bus returns.** Last year we generally arrived back at the school at 10:10 (or a little later, if the roads are bad). Please help us by arriving early so the chaperones may get home at a reasonable hour. **Any student still at the school past 10:40 may be removed from the program.** Make sure older siblings understand the importance of picking their brother or sister up **ON TIME** if it is their responsibility. Please help unload the truck and trailer when it returns.
4. **Students are expected to follow all directions**, whether they are faculty members, ski instructors, parents, Pomerelle employees, or other adults. If an adult pulls your name badge or ski lift ticket, you will no longer participate with our program.

## **Pomerelle Rules - All rules of Pomerelle ski area and the Pomerelle ski patrol will be strictly enforced.**

1. Although Pomerelle is a privately-owned business, they operate on US Forest Service property under a special use permit issued by the United States Forest Service. As such any mandates issued by the Federal government, Forest Service, State of Idaho, Cassia County, the Idaho Department of Health, or any other governmental group must be followed even if you do not agree with them (pertaining to masks, etc).
2. **This program is non-transferable and non-refundable.** If a skier cannot attend a class for any reason, no other skier will be allowed to go in their place.
3. The management of Pomerelle Ski Area will tolerate no extreme horseplay, foul language, or violation of lift and hill policies. (Hill policies *include such things as bouncing the lift, swearing, leaving trash on the runs, dropping things or spitting off the lift, skiing on runs that are not lit when lights are turned on, etc*).
4. Students are required to attend lessons on the nights they are offered. Students skipping lessons will be removed from the program.
5. Students that miss too many nights of skiing that affect the ability of the instructor to teach them to ski may be removed from the program at the discretion of the Pomerelle Ski School.

6. Students are not allowed to bring their ski bags, duffel bags, or any other items into the lodge due to lack of space. This equipment must be left in the bus or ski trailer provided by the school.
7. Violations will result in the loss of ski privileges for the evening, or loss of privileges for the remaining portion of the ski program – **with no refund!**

### **Minidoka Schools Transportation Department - All rules outlined by the Transportation Department\driver will be strictly enforced.**

1. Any student that is not allowed to ride a school bus may not participate in this program.
2. Students who ride the bus to Pomerelle must also ride the bus back to the school. Students are not permitted to ride back with anyone unless the student's parent or legal guardian speaks with Mr. Larson personally **and gives him a permission form** for record keeping purposes.
3. Students will remain seated until the bus comes to a stop at Pomerelle. Any students who are out of their seats and/or attempting to change clothes while the bus is moving will lose one hour of ski time at the end of the evening!
4. Students may talk on the bus but must keep the noise level down. Roads can be dangerous and bus drivers need to concentrate on the road.
5. Snacks may be eaten on the bus if the bus driver allows it, so long as trash is not left behind.

### **East Minico Rules\Policies\Procedures**

1. **East Minico id badges will be worn at all times (provided to the students)**
2. **School Rules - No acts of misconduct will be tolerated.**
  - This is a school sanctioned activity which means all school rules apply from the time they get on the bus, to the time parents pick them up at the end of the evening.
  - No alcohol, tobacco, or other controlled substances, as well as other acts of misconduct will be tolerated (see *Student Handbook*).
  - Further disciplinary action will be taken by East Minico Middle School, which may include detention, suspension, and/or expulsion.
3. Each student will be assigned a cleaning job to help keep the lodge tidy. This will only be for 10 minutes on one night and will either be at dinner time or just before we leave.
4. The bus leaves Pomerelle at 9:30 pm. Students should be on the bus by 9:25 at the latest.
5. These rules do not cover every conceivable situation that could arise. Due to the nature of being away from school and the type of activity we are participating in, we are very concerned with student safety. Any student breaking any rules that risk the safety of themselves, or who fail to follow the direction of any Pomerelle employee, chaperone or other adult in this program will be terminated from the ski program without refund of fees paid.
6. On a final note, all the chaperones enjoy the interaction with the students, and enjoy having a good time on our ski trips. We do expect students to be on their best behavior and to do what the chaperones ask the first time they are asked. Because we simply cannot send you "to the

office” for bad behavior, any students who violate simple rules generally get to write an essay on ski safety, miss an hour of skiing at the end of the evening, or undergo other creative forms of punishment designed to make sure students follow directions in the future. These items are at the discretion of Mr. Larson or other adults based upon what rule was broken.

## General Illness\injury Information

1. This section has been heavily modified since we were under Covid-19 restrictions several years ago, as such please keep the following items under consideration.
2. Please keep your student home if they are not feeling well the day we are skiing.
3. You may be required to come get them if they are vomiting, experience other unpleasantness, or otherwise feel horrible on the mountain.
4. You will be required to come get them if they have an injury that requires medical attention but not at the level that requires an ambulance.
5. Refunds will NOT be given if a student is quarantined, ill, breaks a bone, or unable to go with us for any reason once they start with the program. They will, however, be available up until our first night of skiing should the need arise.

## Safety Information

Now, for a couple of even more serious things. Over the years we have experienced every injury under the sun. Bumps and bruises are inevitable. Sprains are almost a nightly occurrence. Broken bones (collar bones are the most common) are a near yearly occurrence. Heck, even I had to have shoulder surgery several years ago due to a relatively small tumble I took! Please be aware that I will call you if there is an injury you need to know about, even a minor one, so **please don't freak out if you see my personal cell phone number on your caller ID.**

Going along with that, in 2019 our school experienced a situation that we hope to never experience again. Toward the middle of our season we were on the mountain having a very enjoyable evening. A private family was also enjoying the mountain and one of the children (not from our area) was a first-time skier.

This young person interacted with a number of our students and even rode the lift with a few. As he was skiing down Spud, he lost control and hit a tree at full speed right under the lift. A large number of our students witnessed the impact firsthand. I arrived on the scene not long after the accident and was there when he quit breathing. Life-sustaining procedures were attempted and also witnessed by most of our students since they could see it out the windows.

As the events unfolded, our students were gathered inside by my chaperones. The young person was transported inside the ski patrol room, then to the ambulance as CPR was continued. Not long after the helicopter arrived, the helicopter shut down its engine and the ambulance shut off its lights. At that point, it was obvious that they were unable to save his life.

The students that observed the accident were interviewed by law enforcement and were told by law enforcement of his passing. I notified these students' parents about what their children had witnessed.

After much deliberation and phone calls back and forth with the principal and superintendent, I informed our students just before we left the mountain, and after the interviews had taken place, that he had died. Parents were gathered in the auditorium when we returned and also informed of what had occurred that night.

We had a few students that dropped the program, and some had counseling for a while due to what they witnessed.

Skiing & snowboarding are great fun, but they can also be dangerous, especially if a person isn't being careful. Therefore, I strongly encourage and implore you to talk about safety with your Ski Club participant prior to our first trip in January. I also ask that if your student owns their own equipment that you **BUY THEM A HELMET** if they do not have one. Those that rent equipment will have a helmet as part of their rental fee.

## How to Register

1. Any student that has been suspended may not participate. Any student with detentions for behavior related reasons must have authorization from Mr. Larson prior to registering or Pomerelle will refund your money. Pomerelle will not tolerate poor behavior on the mountain.
2. Sign up for the Remind Ski Club group. To sign up, text **@emskiclub** to 81010.
3. Before we get to the next part, please note that you should NOT request a code unless you are prepared to pay Pomerelle and complete their registration steps immediately upon receipt of the code(s). Codes that are not used within 24 hours will be given to another participant. The first 60 **PAID** students will participate.
4. Contact Mr. Larson via the Remind group and tell him (1) Your participants' name(s). (2) That you read this document and agree to all the terms required by Pomerelle\etc. I will then send you a unique permission code in the order I receive your request until I have sixty paid participants. If you have two students in your home I will send you two 2 permission codes. You may only request codes for your own children and they must attend East Minico.
5. Go to [www.pomerelle.com](http://www.pomerelle.com) and go to the "Tickets" link at the top of the webpage and find the link that says "School Program" Read and follow their directions very carefully and complete their portion of the registration process and pay them for the ticket, lessons, RFID card, rentals, and taxes. I have no control over this part of the registration process, so good luck ☺.
6. Send Mr. Larson a Remind message once you have successfully registered with Pomerelle and tell him what your order number/receipt number is for his record.
7. **Fill out the paper registration form so I will have a hard copy of all pertinent information about you, your participant, and who I should contact in the event of an emergency, and I cannot get ahold of you. Also send a check made out to East Minico for \$45 (Club portion) with the form. You may use cash if necessary. This must be returned as quickly as possible!**

If you have any questions, please contact me at East Minico, 436-3178, or e-mail me at [alarson@minidokaschools.org](mailto:alarson@minidokaschools.org) I look forward to another great year of Ski Club!

Sincerely - Aaron T. Larson, East Minico Ski Club Director