

Pierce Family Ski Club

Join in
the Fun!

**All
Ability
Levels Are
Invited!**



www.birmingham.k12.mi.us/PierceSkiClub

Welcome to the Club!

Welcome to the Pierce Family Ski and Snowboard Club! Skiing is a great sport and family activity and we hope that your family's involvement is the start of a life-long love of snow sports. This club is for skiers and boarders of all skill levels so both beginners and advanced skiers will enjoy participating.

Pierce will hold their Ski Club Nights at Pine Knob on Thursday evenings in January & February. Pine Knob instructors teach, test and grade each student according to his/her abilities. Pine Knob's patch program determines which slopes each student may ski (an overview of the patch program is in this packet). This patch program was designed by Pine Knob with safety in mind. All Pierce students will need to take a ski or snowboard lesson during our first trip of the season in order to earn the proper patch. Once patches are earned, students will be allowed to ski and snowboard.

Membership Dues and Costs for ages 7+

(*under age 7 welcome, but purchase lift tickets at the window)

One-Time Fees:

All Ski Club members must pay a one-time membership fee per student and adult.

Membership Dues* \$20.00

* Student Membership benefits include: two free ski lessons or one snowboard lesson; discounted lift tickets; and discounted ski/board rentals. Adult Membership benefits include discounted lift tickets and rentals.

Ski-Club Nights:

Thursdays in January/February the Ski Club meets at Pine Knob Ski Resort. Costs per student may include:

Lift Ticket \$20.00
Ski Rental (opt.) \$20.00
Board Rental (opt.) \$20.00
Helmet Rental(opt.).....\$10.00
Lesson Patches.....\$2.50

Snacks/Food Varying*

families can pack their own snacks/dinner. Pine Knob has a cafeteria where food can be purchased. Students must bring their own money, in cash, to pay for food.

Non-Ski-Club Nights:

Student Members of the Ski Club may use their Membership Card to get discounts on skiing/boarding Monday through Friday from 3 pm until close*:

Adult Members of the Ski Club will receive \$5.00 off regular lift ticket prices.

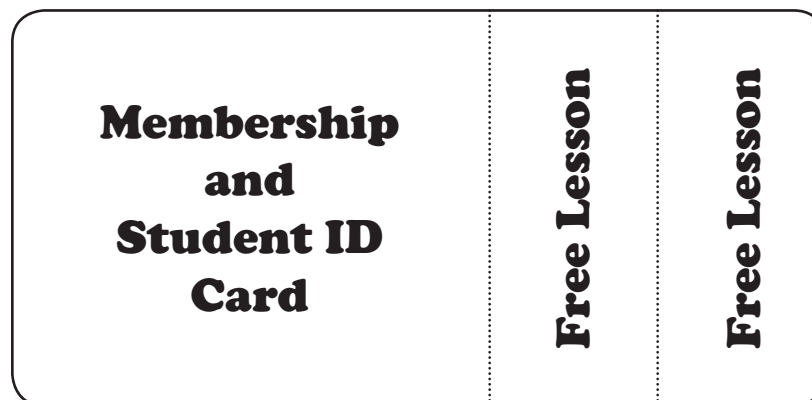
* See the Pierce Ski Club Membership Card for details and restrictions. Or visit Pine Knob's website at www.skipineknob.com.

Your Membership Card

All Ski Club members will receive a Membership Card for use during the ski season. Lost membership cards will not be replaced.

Your Membership Card identifies you as a member of the Pierce Ski Club and makes you eligible for all ski and rental discounts provided by Pine Knob.

Bring it with you each visit to Pine Knob.



Two Free Ski Lesson or one Board Lesson Tickets are attached to the Student Membership Card.

Tear them off, one-at-a-time, and give them to the Pine Knob instructors when you take your ski or snowboard lessons.

How it Works

Become a Member



- Complete Membership/Lift Ticket/Rental Order Form
- Complete Permission Form
- Complete Rental Agreement (opt.)

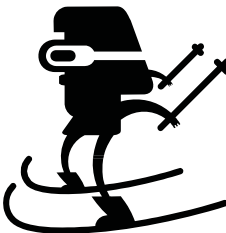
Ordering Lift Tickets



Select dates and prepay for tickets. Consider your order carefully, no refunds by Pine Knob or Pierce Ski Club unless closure by Pine Knob

Get to Pine Knob and Ski!

On the Thursday of Ski Club Night:



- Meet advisors at the Pinery Cafe at Pine Knob after 5:00 pm
- Pick up your membership cards, lift ticket(s) and rental forms (opt.) from Pierce advisors
- Get your rental equipment (opt.)
- Head to flags for your ski lesson
If you pass to the next skill level, bring the patch voucher into the Ski School and get your patch

Head on Home



Important Dates

Ski Night #1*

January 18- Starting at 5:00 pm
Pine Knob Resort

Ski Night #2*

January 25- Starting at 5:00 pm
Pine Knob Resort

Ski Night #3*

February 1- Starting at 5:00 pm
Pine Knob Resort

Ski Night #4*

February 8 - Starting at 5:00 pm
Pine Knob Resort

*Make up date is Feb 15 Ski Club will be cancelled if of Pine Knob Ski Resort is closed due to weather conditions.

For Help or Information

If you have questions regarding the Ski and Snowboard Club, email:

Ingrid Haddock
IHaddock@birmingham.k12.mi.us

Pine Knob Website:
<http://www.skipineknob.com>

Lessons and Pine Knob's Patch Program

Lessons run every hour at 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00 and last approximately 50 minutes. Students will take their free lessons the first two Ski Club Nights. The lesson stubs from the Membership Card are needed to receive instruction. Additional lessons may be purchased directly from Pine Knob.

Students must be able to follow instructions and stay with the instructor (~7 years old). Patches must be sewn on jackets or pants. Patches may not be sewn on hats, gloves or goggles. The entire patch set must be sewn on, not just the highest patch attained. At each chairlift there are signs designating the patch necessary to board the lift.

Ski Patches

- Yellow
- Brown
- Blue
- Red
- White
- Black

Some kids have more athletic talent than others. Parents and students need to be reminded that just because they ski "black diamonds" up north or out west, does not mean they are performing the skill to receive a red, white or black patch.

Snowboard Patches

- Yellow
- Brown
- Black

Learning to snowboard at the beginner level requires quite a bit more strength and endurance as well as having a higher frustration level than learning how to ski. Generally it is easier for young kids to learn to ski. We recommend that beginner snowboarders be at least 10 years old for the snowboard patch program.

The snowboard learning curve is different than the one for skiers. Snowboarding is harder to learn but easier to become proficient and skiing is easier to learn but may take years to become expert.

Transportation

Families provide their own transportation. Carpooling can be arranged between members.

Equipment Rentals

Students who wish to rent equipment may do so on a weekly basis. A Rental Agreement should be handed in with your Membership Agreement.

What to Wear

According to a recent Mount Holly newspaper,

"Both skiers and snowboarders should wear: one pair of synthetic socks, long johns or fl eece pants with nylon windproof snow pants. A synthetic blend turtleneck or long sleeved shirt with a sweater of fl eece over it, along with a water proof parka. Gloves or mittens should be waterproof and able to stand the abuse of a tow rope. Mittens are generally warmer than gloves. A hat is better than earmuffs and headbands. HELMETS are always good and are HIGHLY recommended. Skiers and snowboarders should dress in layers so they can shed clothing if they become overheated. That happens often to skiers and snowboarders."

Students are responsible for all of the clothing and gear and should take inventory of their belongings before returning to Pierce.



Pierce Family Ski Club Order Form

All Forms and Payments Due January 12th

Family Name _____

Family email _____

Adult Membership Names:

Student Membership Names:

_____ Ski or Snowboard (circle)

_____ Ski or Snowboard (circle)

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Pricing (Students 7 years and older)
 Membership Cards (Student/Adult) \$20
 Lift Tickets \$20
 Ski Rental \$20
 Snowboard Rental \$20
 Helmet Rental \$10

Membership Card Order	Quantity	Price @ \$20		Total
Adult Membership Cards				\$
Student Membership Cards				
			Total Membership Cards	\$

Lift Ticket/Rental Order (Choose 1-4 dates)				
January 18	January 25	February 1	February 8	
Lift Tickets ____ # @ \$20	Lift Tickets ____ # @ \$20	Lift Tickets ____ # @ \$20	Lift Tickets ____ # @ \$20	
Ski Rentals ____ # @ \$20	Ski Rentals ____ # @ \$20	Ski Rentals ____ # @ \$20	Ski Rentals ____ # @ \$20	
Snowboard Rentals ____ # @ \$20	Snowboard Rentals ____ # @ \$20	Snowboard Rentals ____ # @ \$20	Snowboard Rentals ____ # @ \$20	
Helmet Rentals ____ # @ \$10	Helmet Rentals ____ # @ \$10	Helmet Rentals ____ # @ \$10	Helmet Rentals ____ # @ \$10	
Total 1/18	Total 1/25	Total 2/1	Total 2/8	Total Lift/Rental \$

Consider your order carefully, absolutely no refunds by Pine Knob or Pierce Community Education (except for weather closure by Pine Knob) Checks made to "BPS Councils"

Total Membership + Lift/Rentals Amount: \$ _____



Rental Agreement Form – Parent/Guardian please read carefully before signing.
PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION PRIOR TO THEIR CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM.

Ski/Snowboard Club - School Name: _____	
Participant Name: _____	Male (circle) Female
Address: _____	
City: _____	State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Height: _____	Weight: _____ Age: _____ Shoe Size: _____ Skier Type: I II III (Circle One)

AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

1. I agree upon behalf of my child that he/she will accept for use as is the equipment to be rented to him/her and that I will accept full responsibility for it's care while it is in his/her possession.
2. I will be responsible for the replacement at full retail value of any equipment to be rented to my child, but not returned to the shop, in reasonable condition.
3. I understand that my child must return all rental equipment by the agreed date(s) in clean condition to avoid any additional charges.
4. I agree that an authorized designee or I will ensure that my child receives instruction on the use of his /her equipment and fully understands its use and function before each use at each session of the multi-week ski program.
5. I have made no misrepresentations on this form concerning my child's height, weight, age or skier type in applying to use the equipment.
6. I agree that at each session I or an authorized designee will verify that the visual indicator settings recorded on my child's multi-rental form agree with the numbers appearing in the visual indicator windows of the equipment on said form.
7. To the extent permitted by law, I agree to hold harmless and indemnify the ski shop, at ski resort, its operators, and its owners, agents and employees, as well as the equipment manufacturers and distributors and their owners, agents and employees from any loss or damage, including, but not limited to, any that result from or arise out of claims for personal injury, death or property damage related to the use of the equipment to be rented to my child.
8. I understand that there are inherent and other risks involved in the sport of snow skiing or snowboarding, for which the rental equipment is to be used, that injuries are a common and ordinary occurrence of the sport, and I freely and voluntarily assume those risks on behalf of my child
9. I understand that a ski-binding-boot system will not release at all times or under all circumstances where release may prevent injury or death, nor is it possible to predict every situation in which it will release, and it is, therefore, no guarantee of my child's safety.
10. To the extent permitted by law, on behalf of my child, I hereby agree to release from any legal liability the ski shop, the rental shop, at ski resort, its operators, and its owners, agents and employees, as well as the manufacturers and distributors of the rental equipment and their respective owners, agents and employees, from any and all liability for damage and injury or death to my child, myself or to any personal property resulting from the selection, installation, maintenance, adjustment or use of the rental equipment and for any claim based upon negligence, breach of warranty, contract or other legal theory, accepting full responsibility upon behalf of my child and myself for any and all loss or damage, injury or death which may result.
11. This agreement is governed by the applicable law of this state or province. If any part is determined to be unenforceable, all other parts shall be given full force and effect.
12. If I do not agree with the 11 stated above, I will not rent the equipment.

Skier/Boarder Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____