



**PARKS &  
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# 2018 Ski & Snowboard Club

Brandon School 3rd - 12th Graders

All students will be delivered to Mt Holly  
from their school. All students will return to  
Brandon Middle School at 9:30 pm.

**\$130 per student (\$140 nonresident)**

Includes Student Ski or Student Snowboard  
Patch Program I.D. Card, 5 lift tickets, and  
transportation to and from Mt. Holly.



January 12th, and 19th, February 2nd, 9th, and 23rd

March 2nd will be reserved for a make-up date

\$50 transportation only for students with Mt. Holly season passes

**Non Ski Club members can purchase a Student I.D. Card for  
the Ski or Snowboard Patch Program for \$22**

**Registration deadline: Friday, January 5th, 2018**

Non Brandon Township residents add \$10 nonresident fee per program registration.

**Registrations received after the deadline will be charged a \$10 late fee.**

All fees are required at time of registration.

Dates and times are subject to change. Visit [cancellations.com](http://cancellations.com) for program updates.

Registration forms can be found online at [brandontownship.us](http://brandontownship.us). We accept cash or check only.

# SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB

Brandon Township Parks & Recreation's Ski & Snowboard Club is designed exclusively for Brandon School District students in 3rd to 12th grades. A bus picks participants up at Brandon High, Brandon Middle, Harvey Swanson Elementary and Oakwood Elementary after school on five Fridays. Students are transported with a volunteer chaperone to Mt. Holly to enjoy an evening of skiing and snowboarding before arriving back at Brandon Middle School at 9:30 p.m.

The club registration fee includes round-trip transportation to and from Mt. Holly, five lift tickets and a Student Ski or Student Snowboard Patch Program I.D. card. Students with Mt. Holly season passes pay only \$50 for transportation with the club (no I.D. card or lift tickets).

## Registration

Register in person at the Brandon Township Parks & Recreation office, as students will receive their choice of student discount I.D. cards immediately. Registrations are not accepted without payment in full. Registrations received after the deadline will be charged a \$10 late fee. Students who are not registered through Brandon Township Parks & Recreation MAY NOT share transportation with the club.

## Transportation

All students must use club-provided bus transportation to and from Mt. Holly unless other arrangements are made at the time of registration or the Ski & Snowboard Club Site Director has received a signed written permission from the child's parent or legal guardian in advance. After school on the Ski & Snowboard dates, students are permitted to change in the school restrooms (not locker rooms). Boots must be carried through the halls and can be put on at school entrance/exit areas. After changing and retrieving equipment, students check in with the Ski & Snowboard Site Director at the school entrance/exit. Students must remain with the site director until boarding the bus.

The Brandon School District Student Code of Conduct applies at all times, as well as the following Ski & Snowboard rules:

- Students must be ON THE BUS by designated departure times both after school and at Mt. Holly.
- Students who will not be riding the bus back to Brandon Middle School from Mt. Holly must remit a signed permission slip from a parent or legal guardian to the club site director PRIOR TO boarding the bus after school.
- Students are not allowed to leave the bus after checking in with the site director.
- No more than two students per seat on the bus.
- Ski equipment must be stored in the cargo area of the bus
- ALL STUDENTS will be returned to Brandon Middle School at 9:30 p.m. on club meeting dates. Each student must have a ride waiting at the Middle School by 9:30 p.m.
- Skiing and snowboarding equipment must be taken home at the end of each evening, as students will be unable to enter school facilities after returning from Mt. Holly.

Payment for equipment rental, grading patches and food are the responsibility of each student and payable directly to Mt. Holly on each club date.

MT. HOLLY  
13536 South Dixie Highway  
Holly, Michigan 48442  
Snowline 1-800-582-7256  
Main office 248-634-8269  
skimtholly.com

## **Arrival at Mt. Holly**

Current slope and weather conditions are announced upon arrival at Mt. Holly. A clearly-marked table in the cafeteria serves as a designated meeting area for the club. A site director will be available to students at this location throughout the evening. Site directors allow experienced skiers to hit the slopes first. Renters, first-time skiers and first-time snowboarders must remain with the site director until it is determined that their equipment is properly adjusted and they know the facilities, rules and guidelines well enough to function independently.

## **Departure from Mt. Holly**

Ski & Snowboard Club students are paged over the Mt. Holly PA system at 8:45 p.m. However, students are expected to be on the bus and ready for departure by 9:00 p.m. regardless of whether the page is heard or not. The bus departs Mt. Holly no later than 9:10 p.m. in order to ensure a 9:30 p.m. arrival at Brandon Middle School. The bus is not able to wait for students beyond the designated departure time. It is the responsibility of each student to be on the bus by 9:00 p.m. If a student fails to report to the bus on time, the site director will call the parent or legal guardian, who will be required to pick up the student at Mt. Holly. Failure to report to the bus by 9:00 p.m. may result in suspension from the program without refund.

## **Student Patch Program ID Cards**

Upon club registration, students chose either a Student Ski or Snowboard ID Card. The Student Ski ID Card comes with two free ski lessons and patch grade. Additional ski lessons are available for purchase at Mt. Holly at a discounted rate of \$9.50 each. The Student Snowboard ID Card comes with one free snowboard lesson and patch grade. Additional snowboard lessons are available for \$19 each. Patches cost \$2.50 and are available at Mt. Holly. Participants in the Mt. Holly Student Program enjoy discounted equipment rental fees. Ski rentals are \$20, snowboard rentals are \$20, and helmet rentals are \$10.00 per visit with the student discount card. If your child is renting equipment, Mt. Holly's Rental Disclaimer Form must be signed by a parent or guardian and sent with the student on the first club date. Forms are available at Mt. Holly or Brandon Township Parks and Recreation upon request. Parents must send equipment rental fees with students on each club date.

Student ID Cards are also good for standard student discounts Monday through Friday (non-holidays) from 3:00 p.m. to closing time. During Christmas break, students may present their student discount cards for \$5.00 off the cost of an "All Areas" lift ticket. The student program does not operate, student lessons are not given, and student lift tickets are not sold during holiday breaks at Mt. Holly. Student ID Cards MUST be presented at Mt. Holly to receive the \$5.00 discount. If a student loses or misplaces his/her student ID card, a new card must be purchased from a Ski & Snowboard Club Site Director or from the Brandon Township Parks & Recreation office at a cost of \$22 each.

**Each student must present a Student I.D. Card in order to receive a lift ticket on club nights.**

## **Refunds**

If a session becomes cancelled due to school closure or Mt. Holly slope closure, partial refunds based on unused lift ticket costs shall be mailed to participants ONLY if Brandon Township Parks & Recreation is unable to schedule a makeup date. Refunds are not issued for absenteeism, vacations, etc. Prorated lift ticket refunds may be issued for a participant who is unable to ski due to injury ONLY if a parent notifies the Brandon Township Parks & Recreation office prior to the first refunded ski club date. A doctor's note must be provided before a refund is issued. Refunds are not issued for past club dates under any circumstances. If a student has been dismissed or suspended from Ski & Snowboard Club, Mt. Holly or Brandon School District for any reason, a refund shall not be issued. I.D. cards are not refundable nor are they replaceable.

## **Parents Can Ski or Snowboard Too!**

Parents are also invited to ski with our club at a discounted rate. Just purchase the Adult Group I.D. Card for \$22 from either Brandon Township Parks & Recreation or from one of our Ski & Snowboard site directors. The Adult I.D. Card provides ten punches good for \$5 off the cost of an "all areas" lift ticket. These \$5 discounts can be used at Mt. Holly any day throughout the season. On club nights, lift tickets are only \$20 with the Adult Group I.D. Card. The discount cards are not available to purchase at the Mt. Holly ticket window.

## **Rules**

Mt. Holly rules must be strictly followed at all times. Note that both skiers and snowboarders are required to attach all earned patches to their jackets or other highly visible clothing. Students are only allowed on hills for which they have earned patches. Failure to follow the rules may result in dismissal from the program with no refund. Please note that students dismissed due to rule infractions may not be allowed to participate in future ski club events.

## Student Ski Patch Program

To participate in the student program you must have a student ski I.D. card. The card allows students to ski at reduced rates Monday-Friday from 3pm-close (non holiday). There are two lesson tickets attached to the ski I.D. card. Additional lesson tickets may be purchased at the ski school desk as needed.

The student ski program consists of seven lessons. Lessons are about 50 minutes long and start on the hour at 5pm, 6pm and 7pm. (Early in the season and late in the season we may not offer a 5pm or a 7pm lesson if there is little or no demand). Please make sure beginners take their lesson at first available time.

Lessons provide students an opportunity to earn the ability to purchase proficiency patches. Patches must be sewn on jackets, pants or turtlenecks. Patches MAY NOT be sewn on hats, gloves, goggles or scarves. The entire patch set must be sewn on, not just the highest patch attained. **Patches are purchased at the ski school desk after the lesson and cost \$2.50 each.**

At the bottom of each chair lift there are signs designating the patch necessary to board the lift. **Each student is responsible to make certain they are on the appropriate hill and riding the correct lift.**

Each lesson includes a review of "Your Responsibility Code" and other safety issues, a review of the previous lesson, the current lesson's new maneuver and the issuance of a grade. The issued grade indicates whether or not the student is allowed to purchase the lesson-appropriate patch. No grade is given at the introductory lesson.

**FIRST LESSON:** First time skiers. Introduction to skiing, walking, sliding, riding the rope, stopping. After the lesson skiers may use the beginner wondercarpet and ropetow areas for practice. There is no grading and no patch earned for the first lesson.

**SECOND LESSON:** Yellow patch may be earned. Maneuver - wedge turn. Goal - turning on beginner terrain. Students are taught to make turns using a gliding wedge. To earn a patch a student must make a controlled series of linked wedge turns. Yellow Patch skiers may ski advanced beginner terrain which includes a beginner chairlift.

**THIRD LESSON:** Brown patch may be earned. Maneuver - wedge christie. Goal - improving the wedge turn, learning to match the skis and control the skid at the end of the turn. The wedge turn will be reviewed, introduce matching and skidding skis and ski at a slightly higher rate of speed. To earn a patch a student must make a series of controlled linked wedge christie turns on intermediate terrain. Brown patch skiers may ski advanced beginner terrain and some intermediate terrain.

**FOURTH LESSON:** Blue patch may be earned. Maneuver - wedge christie II. Goal - match skis early in the turn (above the fall line), active weight transfer, improve skidding for better edging. The wedge christie is reviewed using narrow wedge and we teach active weight transfer and steering to encourage early match and controlled skid. To earn a patch the student must make a series of controlled wedge christie II turns on advanced intermediate terrain.

**FIFTH LESSON:** Red patch may be earned. Maneuver - parallel turns. Goal - start turns with skis parallel, finish turns using angulation and some carve. The wedge christie II is reviewed and we teach the student to steer parallel skis to initiate turns. Finishing the turn with more carve and less skid. Ski poles should be used for balance, as a timing device and to help the flow of movement. Red patch skiers may ski all intermediate terrain and most advanced terrain.

**SIXTH LESSON:** White patch may be earned. Maneuver - medium radius parallel turns. Goal - parallel turns with little skidding or chatter and show proper pole use. Parallel turns are reviewed with emphasis on edging and pressuring the skis.

**SEVENTH LESSON:** Black patch may be earned. Maneuver - short radius parallel turns and moguls. Lesson will concentrate on quicker, more active movements, turning in the fall line and then an introduction to mogul skiing. Black patch skiers are expected to be expert skiers and may ski the entire area.

## Student Snowboard Patch Program

The Mt. Holly and Pine Knob snowboard patch program is similar to the ski program but snowboarders have their own patches and will not be allowed on the lifts or hills with skier patches (for safety reasons).

To participate in the student program you must have a student snowboard I.D. card. The card allows students to snowboard at reduced rates Monday-Friday from 3pm-close (non holiday). There is one lesson ticket attached to the card. Additional lesson tickets may be purchased at the ski school desk as needed.

The student snowboard program consists of four lessons. Lessons are about 50 minutes long and start on the hour at 5pm, 6pm and 7pm. (Early in the season and late in the season we may not offer a 5pm or a 7pm lesson if there is little or no demand). Please make sure beginners take their lesson at first available time.

The Mt. Holly and Pine Knob Snowboard Program is similar to the Mt. Holly and Pine Knob Ski Program. Snowboarders, however, have their own patches and will not be allowed on the lifts or hills with the skier patches (for safety reasons).

Lessons provide students an opportunity to earn the ability to purchase proficiency patches. Patches must be sewn on jackets, pants or turtlenecks. Patches MAY NOT be sewn on hats, gloves, goggles or scarves. The entire patch set must be sewn on, not just the highest patch attained. **Patches are purchased at the ski school desk after the lesson and cost \$2.50 each.**

At the bottom of each chair lift there are signs designating the patch necessary to board the lift. **Each student is responsible to make certain they are on the appropriate hill and riding the correct lift.**

Each lesson includes a review of "Your Responsibility Code" and other safety issues, a review of the previous lesson, the current lesson's new maneuver and the issuance of a grade. The issued grade indicates whether or not the student is allowed to purchase the lesson-appropriate patch. No grade is given at the introductory lesson.

**FIRST LESSON:** First time snowboarders. Introduction to snowboarding, stance, skating, skate and glide, edging and gliding on the flats. Straight glide, fall line sideslips, skidded traverse, and straight glide to a stop on the slope. The goal is to perform a straight glide to a stop and an elementary turn. Students may ride the beginner ropes and wondercarpet areas after the lesson.

**SECOND LESSON:** Yellow patch may be earned. Review of the first lesson, garlands, and fan exercise. The goal is to perform a basic skidded turn crossing the fall line, connected by skidded traverses. Yellow patch riders may ride on beginner and advanced beginner terrain which includes a beginner chairlift.

**THIRD LESSON:** - Brown patch may be earned. Review of all previous lessons as needed. Garlands, fan exercises, rhythmic turns, traverse and sideslipping and board in lanes exercises. The goal is to perform linked skidded turns showing rhythmic turns. Students may ride on the green, yellow and brown patch hills.

**FOURTH LESSON:** - Black patch may be earned. Review of the previous lessons as needed. Carved traverses, flat terrain tipping, garlands, cross-over - cross-under exercises and angulation exercises. The goal is to perform rhythmic, linked, carved turns of varying radii under complete control with no traverses between turns and a very quiet upper body. Students may ride the entire area.

## Emergency Situations

In the case of an injury at Mt. Holly, the student or attendant shall page the club site director. If deemed necessary, the site director will call the parent/guardian and request that they pick up their child at Mt. Holly. If the parent cannot be reached directly, the student will either be kept in stable condition and brought to the school at regular departure time or will be sent to a hospital by ambulance - depending on the nature and extent of the injury. The parent/guardian is responsible for all treatment, ambulance and hospital costs incurred as a result of the student's injury. Parent/guardian contact information is taken directly from the student's Ski & Snowboard Club registration form.

## Cancellation Protocol

[Ski & Snowboard Club cancellation determinations are made at 2:00 p.m. on club meeting dates.](#)

- If both Brandon School District and Mt. Holly slopes are open as of 2:00 p.m. on club day, Ski & Snowboard Club meets as scheduled.
- If classes in Brandon School District are cancelled on club day for any reason, Ski & Snowboard Club is cancelled for that day. Students are expected to go home via their regular mode of transportation whenever school closes early.
- If Mt. Holly's slopes are closed as of 2:00 p.m. on club meeting day, Ski & Snowboard Club is cancelled for that day. An announcement will be made at each school and students will go home via their regular mode of transportation.
- Parents are NOT notified of club cancellations by the recreation office. Parents are encouraged to call the Mt. Holly Snowline or visit the Mt. Holly website for current slope status. Mt. Holly updates this information frequently throughout the day.
- Equipment must be picked up directly from the school or left over the weekend. As ski and snowboarding equipment is not allowed on Brandon School District regular transportation route buses.
- In the event of a cancellation, rescheduling information will be given to students once a new date has been confirmed by the recreation office. Make-ups are typically scheduled for the first available Friday that school is in session after the originally –published club dates.

## Contact Information

Additional Ski & Snowboard Club Registration Packets can be downloaded or printed from the Brandon Township Parks & Recreation section of the Brandon Township website.

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A department of Brandon Township, Brandon Township Parks & Recreation is located in the Brandon Township Municipal Building located at 395 Mill Street, P.O. Box 929, Ortonville, Mi. 48462-0929. Office hours are non-holiday Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For after-hours convenience, use the bright blue "Brandon Recreation" drop box on the back of the building anytime.