

OFCYM All Night Ski Event
Chestnut Mountain, Galena, Illinois
Friday, February 3rd to Saturday, February 4th 2012

YOUTH PERMISSION FORM

I hereby give permission for my youth _____ (fill in youth's name) to participate in the Office for Catechesis and Youth Ministry ALL NIGHT SKI EVENT to be held at Chestnut Mountain in Galena, Illinois from Friday, February 3rd to Saturday, February 4th 2012.

I hereby release and indemnify the Archdiocese of Chicago, _____ (name of your parish/school) for this event, its staff and volunteers; and the Catholic Bishop of Chicago, a corporation sole, from any and all liability arising from claims of any kind or nature whatsoever from my child's participation in the program. I understand that if my child violates any laws regarding possession of **alcohol or drugs, or rules governing the event**, I will be called and notified about situation and/or arrangements made to send my child home at my expense.

MEDICAL AUTHORIZATIONS

In the event that the undersigned cannot be reached, and in the judgment of the responsible adults or other appropriate staff members accompanying the group, if there is a necessity for immediate examination and/or treatment of my child, I hereby authorize any of the aforesaid personnel to obtain for my child such medical services as are deemed necessary.

I GRANT PERMISSION for the adult chaperones for this event to administer non-prescription drugs as needed for my teen (aspirin, ibuprofen, antacids, etc.) _____ YES _____ NO

I AUTHORIZE THE OFCYM & (NAME OF YOUR PARISH) _____ to use photographs/videos of my child for productions, publications, and etc. YES NO

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name of emergency contact: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone #: () _____

Name of physician: _____ Phone #: () _____

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Policy in the name of: _____ Policy #: _____

Insurance company: _____ ID #: _____

HEALTH INFORMATION

Allergies: _____ Current medication: _____

Other comments: _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Youth signature _____

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INFORMATION, PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES

The OFCYM All Night Ski Event is a fun and exciting event designed for youth groups from parishes and schools. In order for this event to be a safe, positive and successful experience for all, PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION ENCLOSED AND FOLLOW ALL GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES.

EVERYONE UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE MUST PURCHASE A LIFT TICKET. Each person under 21 who attends the OFCYM All Night Ski Event must purchase a lift ticket and submit a complete OFCYM Youth Permission and Parental/Guardian Authorization Form. People under the age of 21 may not register for this trip on their own. All participants must fall under the auspices of a parish or school group.

ALL CHAPERONES MUST HAVE COMPLETED VIRTUS / “PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN,” CANTS, CODE OF CONDUCT AND BACKGROUND CHECK.

OFCYM YOUTH PERMISSION AND PARENTAL/GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION FORM

All participants under the age of 21 are required to submit a signed OFCYM Youth Permission Authorization form. Please use the enclosed original to make copies. Please keep a copy of the form for your records. You must bring these copies with you to Chestnut Mountain in case of an accident.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Chestnut Mountain will provide ski patrol for safety and accident care. If as deemed necessary by SKI PATROL, Chestnut Mountain will provide resort van or ambulance transportation of the injured person to hospital best suited for the injury as decided by ski patrol. This is either Galena Hospital or Dubuque, IA Hospital. OFCYM will have emergency transportation available as deemed needed.

PROTECTIVE SKI HELMETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$3.00

Ski helmets are available for an additional \$3.00; all participants are encouraged to take advantage of this safety feature. Payment made directly to Chestnut Mountain.

BUS LOADING AND DEPARTURE

The number of participants registered per parish/school will determine bus location for loading and departing. Buses will be loading and departing between 5:15 pm – 7:30 pm. As soon as your group registration is received you will be notified of pick- up location and time. Transportation is on coach bus by Lamers Bus Lines. You will be given a group bus pass with the number of (paid) riders on it per your registration.

GROUP LESSIONS

Lesson will run from 10:00 pm to 2:00 am. We encourage everyone to take them.

CHAPERONES

Please encourage chaperones to oversee your teens and ski area in general both on the slopes and in the lodges **FOR BOTH SAFETY AND APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR** (Including the dancing in the dance area). There will be a small area directly connected to the Banquet Room with chairs and tables for the chaperones to enjoy.

BONFIRE

Bonfire with seating located in front of Skier Services Building. Weather permitting, there will be picnic tables set up outside near the campfire area for additional seating.

MUSIC & DJ

Music & DJ will be provided from midnight to 4:30 am in the Banquet Room.

WALKIE-TALKIES (or other electronic communication)

Each group leader will be provided with a walkie-talkie (or other electronic communication) for the event to be used for communicating announcements, general information, and emergencies.

SECURITY

Security will be provided in all areas of the resort. Secured areas will not be open to our group.

CAFETERIA ROOM

The cafeteria will be open until approximately 4:00 am with hot and cold foods for sale. Groups are welcome to bring their own food.

PRIVATE EVENT

The OFCYM ALL NIGHT SKI EVENT is a private event. ONLY groups registered with the OFCYM are able to attend.

NO SMOKING

No smoking is allowed inside the rental area or banquet room. Youth are NOT allowed to smoke at the event.

CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN STAFF

The ski area will be fully staffed with Chestnut Mountain personnel including ski patrol, instructors, lift operators and security.

LOCKERS AND SKI LOCKS

Lockers for change of clothes are located in the rental area. Lockers are \$. 75 and take only quarters. Skis can be locked outside, we strongly recommend this. Skis are not permitted in the banquet area.

EXTRA VEHICLE

The OFCYM will provide an emergency vehicle in the event it is needed.

BUS PASS

Each group will receive a (Group) bus pass with the number of paid riders written on it.

PAYMENT

Payment must be submitted with group registration form on or before Tuesday, January 17th, 2012. Once payment is received you will be able to pick up **your lift, rental and bus passes** or have them sent to you. Parish, school, youth group checks, money orders and cash will be acceptable for payment. NO personal checks will be accepted. ALL TICKETS AND RENTAL PACKAGES ARE NONREFUNDABLE, please make checks payable to the **OFCYM** mail to: **ATTN: Maria (Cooky) Perez-Eraci, All Night Ski Event, 3525 South Lake Park Ave, Chicago, IL 60653.**

Some FAQs:

- Yes, everyone must take transportation provided. *Due to the legalities and safety all participants must abide by the Archdiocese packet including taking the provided transportation*
- Chestnut Mountain provides ski patrol and accident care. If needed as deemed by ski patrol, vans or ambulance transportation of injured person to hospital best suited for injury as decided by ski patrol are provided by resort. This is either Galena Hospital or Dubuque, IA Hospital.
- Non-skiing adults chaperone transportation (\$35.00 round trip)
- Each person under the age of 21 who attends must purchase a lift ticket and submit a complete OFCYM Youth Permission Authorization form. People under the age of 21 may not register for this trip on their own. All participants must fall under the auspices of a parish or school group.
- All adult chaperones and anyone over the age of 18 must have completed the Virtus / “Protecting Gods Children,” CANTS and background check process.
- If you decide to switch from skiing to snowboarding, you will need to pay \$5.00 to change from one to the other. You can take care of that at the resort on your own.
- Bus pick-up will be determined by the size of your group. We are renting 47 and 55 passenger buses. Buses will be leaving between 5:15 pm – 7:30 pm. Since they will be leaving from various locations they will be staggered (arriving at different times). Chestnut Mountain is equipped to handle over 2,400 sets of ski rentals, The Village ski center is 20,000 square feet.
- Ski/Snowboard lessons from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, meeting the youth at the top of the hill.
- Cafeteria room with tables and chairs, open from arrival until departure, food available until approximately 4:00 am with hot and cold foods for sale, or you could bring your own.
- Music and DJ will be provided from midnight to 4:30 am in Banquet Room.
- Security in all areas of the resort will be provided.
- Rental building will be staffed.
- All ski/snowboard runs will be lighted and available from arrival until 5:00am. **Departures are from 5:15 am- 6:00 am.**
- If you will be bringing your own food, please make sure you bring an extra garbage bag to put your garbage in. Although the facility provides garbage cans, they often over flow and it may be better that we bring our own. We can leave the garbage bags there. *We need to clean up after ourselves as best we can.* Thank you so much for your cooperation.
- Please provide your cell number just in case we need to connect before, during, and while traveling to Chestnut Mountain.

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PLEASE SKI SAFELY!!!

- ✓ Dress properly for the cold.
- ✓ Don't wear scarves hanging loose outside one's jacket; a scarf can get caught in the rope tow or lift.
- ✓ Fatigue can be a problem. Everyone should periodically come to the lodge to warm up and rest.
- ✓ Ski defensively.
- ✓ Look out for the safety of those around you.
- ✓ When meeting another skier, the downhill skier has the right of way.
- ✓ At the junction of 2 runs, the person on the larger trail has the right of way.
- ✓ Never ski fast through a crowd of people, near trees, T-bars, lifts, rope tows, and lift lines.
- ✓ All skiers should use common sense on the slopes.
- ✓ There are many hazards such as chair lifts, tow ropes, equipment, and weather and snow conditions.
- ✓ Be aware of the surroundings including other skiers. Anticipate changes in the conditions and the actions of other skiers.
- ✓ Become familiar with the trails and the difficulty of each run.
- ✓ Ski controlled.
- ✓ One should never ski so fast that you cannot stop within your field of vision, which can be limited, by fog, snow, bumps and turns.
- ✓ Ski within your capabilities and always maintain the ability to change directions and/or stop when and where you want to.
- ✓ The key to control is turning. Turning is the chief means of controlling speed.
- ✓ Don't stop in the middle of a crowded slope and any location where you cannot be seen such as under a slope or around a bend. A ski slope has a variety of angles, pitches, bumps, rolls, side hills and snow conditions, so judgment concerning speed is very important.
- ✓ **A LESSON IS INCLUDED WITH THE LIFT TICKET SO USE IT! YOU PAID FOR IT AND YOU WILL BE A BETTER AND SAFER SKIER.**

HAVE FUN!