

STUDENT PROGRAM

2023-2024

Mt Holly



SAFETY & FUN

The Patch Program is designed to help students ski and snowboard, only, on the hills that they can navigate safely and with control. The program is designed with the help of the ski school, ski patrol, and sponsors. Our motto is "Safety, Fun, and Learning."

Student Patch Program ID Cards & Pricing

To participate in the Student Patch program, students must purchase either a Ski or Snowboard ID card from their club sponsor. The ID Card costs \$30.00 and includes two ski lessons or one snowboard lesson. In addition, it entitles participants to ski or snowboard, on a restricted lift ticket, at reduced rates.

- \$30.00 Lift Ticket
- \$30.00 Ski Rental
- \$30.00 Snowboard Rental
- \$15.00 Helmet Rental
- \$3.00 Patches

Additional Lesson Tickets are available from the Ski School:
\$15.00 Lesson Ticket Skiing
\$30.00 Lesson Ticket Snowboarding

- These rates are good Monday – Friday, Non-Holidays, from 3:00 p.m. until close.
- Use your Student Patch Program ID Card at Pine Knob or Mt Holly (details vary by resort)
- There are no ski club lessons on Weekends or Holidays.

IMPORTANT TO KNOW:

THE BIG 3:

1. A student must be at least 7 years old to participate in the student patch group lesson.
2. The student must be able to follow instructions and stay with the instructor.
3. We reserve the right to require a minimum of 4 students per lesson. Please remind your parents and students that all levels of lessons, are not always available.

Our lesson schedule is based on group demand.

PATCHES:

- Experienced students may begin at the level that matches their ability. They do not need to start with the beginner lesson.
- At the end of the lesson the instructor does not bring the student back to a designated area but leaves the student where the lesson ends.
- It usually takes several attempts to pass each level of patch lessons.
- Previously purchased patches are good for current and future seasons.
- Patches are available through the ski school for \$3.00 each.
- Patches must be affixed to jackets or pants with one of these methods:
 - Sewn on
 - Key chain
 - Zip Tie
 - ALL patches earned must be displayed, NOT just the highest patch earned.

WHERE TO SKI & SNOWBOARD

- At the bottom of each lift there are signs that designate which patch is necessary to board that lift. **It is the responsibility of the student to make sure they are on the appropriate hill and riding the correct lift.** Students are responsible for having the appropriate patches before attempting to ride the lifts. **If not, students may be turned away from lifts and will need to walk back to the appropriate terrain.**

PATCH PROGRESSION

SKIING STUDENT PATCH LESSONS

- In each lesson we review the "Responsibility Code" and other safety topics, review the previous lesson, teach the maneuver, and grade students.

The following describes the skills taught at each level and what hill areas can be accessed at both Pine Knob and Mt Holly. All maneuvers must be done in a good stance *without leaning back.*

PATCH COLOR	SKILL ACHIEVED	SKILL ACHIEVED	MT HOLLY ACCESS	PINE KNOB ACCESS
Green	Stop	Link Turns	Rope Tow	Rope Tow
Yellow	Link small & large turns	Turn to a stop	Lift 1	Chair 1
Brown	Skis parallel in second half of turn	Turn to a stop	Lift 4	Chair 2
Blue	Skis parallel in first half of turn	Turn to a stop	Lift 5	Chair 5 or 6
Red	Skis parallel	Pole touch	Lift 6	Phase One
White (Optional)	Larger and faster turns	More and less completed turns	All lifts	Phase One
Black	Small turns	Ski moguls	All lifts	The Wall

SNOWBOARDING STUDENT PATCH LESSONS

- In each lesson we review the "Responsibility Code" and other safety topics, review the previous lesson, teach the maneuver, and grade students.

PATCH COLOR	SKILL ACHIEVED	AKILL ACHIEVED	MT HOLLY ACCESS	PINE KNOB ACCESS
Green	Toe side turn	Heel side turn	Rope Tow	Rope Tow
Yellow	Toe & heel. Turns, link w/ traverse	Turn far enough to stop	Lift 1	Chair 1
Brown	Link turns without traverse	Turn far enough to control speed	Lift 4	Chair 4 or 5
Black	Link carved turns	Short and medium radius	All lifts	Phase One

LEARNING SKIING & SNOWBOARDING

Every student is different so there is a wide range in terms of how long it takes students to move through the patch program. Most students will require several attempts at each level. Conditions also play a role.

If the snow is fresh and light one time, it will be much easier than if the snow is icy or thick and heavy the next time. If a new skier misses a week or two, they will often need a lot of review to catch up, especially at the lower levels.

STUDENT CLUB LESSON PROGRAM

The student program consists of

- Eight levels of lessons for skiers
- Five levels of lessons for snowboarders

Lessons are about 50 minutes long and start at

- 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. at Mt. Holly – Monday Friday
- Please note: Early in the season we may not offer lessons if there is little or no demand. If you sign up online and there are four or less people signed up, the lesson may not go out.

Classes may be cancelled or combined without advance notice.

By enrolling your student in the patch program, you are agreeing to the rules of the program. Parents can not take their child on a lift that they have not earned a patch for – even just to practice! Your child will be instructed to walk back from the lift!

ADULT GROUP ID CARD

An opportunity for parents/guardians and students to ski as a family at reduced rates is available. The \$30.00 Group ID Card provides adults with a discount off the normal lift ticket price ten times throughout the season. The real value comes on Ski Club night when parents get the same rates as the students.

\$30.00 Lift Tickets
 \$30.00 Ski Rental
 \$30.00 Snowboard Rental

Note: ID Cards, lift tickets, and rental forms will only be sold/available through club sponsors and are never sold at the resort ticket windows. To take advantage of this opportunity, contact your club sponsor.



HELPFUL TIPS TO KNOW

KEEP YOUR EQUIPMENT SAFE: *use our free ski and snowboard corral.*

CHILDREN SIX AND UNDER receive half price lift tickets and rentals at all times!

RENTERS – you need to know your height, weight, and shoe size to rent **ski** (skis, boots, poles) and **snowboard** (board & boots) equipment. Helmets are an additional option that you may rent.

SHOW YOUR STUDENT PATCH PROGRAM ID CARD over the holiday vacation and receive \$10.00 off your lift ticket. There are no discounts on rental equipment. (Student lessons are not offered over the holiday dates)

DRESS in warm layers with the outermost layers being waterproof. One single pair of socks are best. Hats, gloves, mittens, and neck gaiters are needed to keep hands, head, and ears warm.

MORE INFO & REGISTRATION:

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Please note that Pine Knob Ski & Snowboard School has a similar yet different patch program. Information and details can be found at www.pineknobskischool.com