



SnowCats

Welcome to the 19th annual **SnowCat Program!** The program is designed for **ANYONE – 7 and older** who would like to have the opportunity to ski or snowboard at Monarch Mountain for reduced prices. Participants must read this information packet carefully, register online and turn in proper forms and payment by each due date!

SCHOOL GROUP RATES:

Junior Lift Ticket (7-12 years)	\$29
Teen Lift Ticket (13-18 years)	\$32
Adult Lift Ticket (19+ years)	\$42
**Lesson (7-12 years)	\$60 - 4-hour group lesson
**Lesson (13+ years)	\$68 - 4-hour group lesson
**Lesson (7-12 years)	\$30 - 2-hour group lesson (level 2+)
**Lesson (13+ years)	\$48 - 2-hour group lesson (level 2+)
Rental - skis, boots, poles, helmet	\$25
- snowboard, boots, helmet	\$25

*A helmet is required for participants 7-18 years old, included in rental.)

**Lesson: First time skiers or snowboarders will be required to attend a 4-hour group lesson (7-12 yrs. - lunch included). All other students, ability levels 2/3, will be required to attend lessons until they are a level 4/5. Helmet included in both 2- and 4-hour lesson packages.

SKI & SNOWBOARD DATES:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! Below is a list of dates scheduled for the SnowCat program. **Due dates for online registration listed below.** Forms and payment due day before trip.

Friday, January 17, 2020 (**Due 1-13-20**)

Friday, February 14, 2020 (**Due 2-10-20**)

Friday, March 6, 2020 (**Due 3-2-20**)

Transportation:

Students, ages 7-18, and SnowCat sponsors will be riding a school bus to the mountain. Students not taking the bus must ride with their parents or guardians. If a student is not returning home on the bus, a consent form must be signed by the parent and the driver must be 21 years of age. Only parents of participating students may utilize school transportation. Community members will provide their own transportation and meet us in the sack lunch area at Monarch by 9:30 or get lift tickets from Group Sales after 9:30.

Cancellations and Refunds:

If you sign up and pay for a specific SnowCat trip and are unable to attend for whatever reason, the money will be applied to the next SnowCat trip; however **all rentals and lessons are non-refundable within 48 hrs. of the trip.** Please be courteous and notify Carrie Smith as soon as possible if you cannot go, especially if you are unable to attend on the morning of the trip, please call (719) 371-8567.

Dress Requirements:

Skiing and snowboarding takes place in outdoor environments at high mountain elevations. Adapting for ever changing conditions can be a challenge. Here are some things to consider in your preparation process: Dress in **wool or synthetic layers** so you have the

option to shed or add clothing as conditions change. Avoid cotton as it gets wet and stays wet. Wear one pair of comfortable **wool or wool blend socks**. Choose **gloves** that are made for winter sports. They should have a water resistant outer shell and light insulating layers inside. Mittens are usually warmer than gloves. **Eye protection** is necessary. Wear sunglasses for clear sunny days or ski goggles for stormy or low light conditions. Having a **stocking cap** available for head and ear protection is recommended. Apply **sunscreen** initially and regularly throughout the day. High altitude rays can find you even on cloudy days. Don't forget the ears and lips, as they are especially vulnerable. **Because SnowCats is a school program, all participants must abide by the school dress code.**

Helmets:

Most participants in the SnowCat program are quickly advancing their skills by experiencing new terrain, jumps, and rails. To help insure the safety of participants, **helmets are mandatory** for SnowCat participants 7-18 years old! Helmets are highly recommended for adults as well. Helmets are included in all rentals but if you only need a helmet it can be rented at Monarch for \$15.

Lunch:

Monarch has two eateries for lunch, the Gunbarrel Cafeteria and Java Stop Coffee Shop. A sack lunch is recommended as the Monarch eateries are expensive. Sack lunches should include a well-balanced meal with a lot of water or liquids and snacks.

Bags/Backpacks:

Make sure you bring a bag or backpack to carry lunches, sunscreen, hats, gloves, goggles, water bottles, and any other appropriate items you feel you might need. To prevent theft, money and valuables need to be kept on you or the bus at all times – do not leave these items in your bag in the lodge.

Extracurricular Code of Conduct / Eligibility:

All middle school and high school students attending SnowCat trips will be expected to follow the guidelines as stated in the Extracurricular Code of Conduct as well as eligibility requirements for each SnowCat trip.

Registering for SnowCats:

Go to the SnowCat website at <https://www.custercountyschools.org/snowcats> and follow directions. To participate in the program, every participant needs to register online for lift tickets, rentals and/or lessons by the due date prior to each trip. Then, submit payment if paying with cash/check and permission/agreement forms to Carrie Smith at the Custer County School office. If paying with a credit card, you will need to call Carrie Smith with credit card information to submit to Monarch. If you only need to ride the bus, you still must fill out the permission form and agreement. Please bring extra money for any last minute "emergencies".

If you have any questions regarding this program, feel free to call Carrie Smith at (719) 783-4924 or (719) 371-8567.

Thank you for your support of the SnowCat Program,
Carrie Smith, SnowCat Program Director

SnowCat Itinerary/Permission Form

The following forms must be filled out and turned in with payment **prior to each trip!**

Itinerary:

Depart: Custer County School **7:00 A.M. (West Parking Lot)**
Arrive: Monarch 8:30 A.M.
Ski/Snowboard: 9:00 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.
Lessons: Check-in at 9:30 A.M - Starts at 10 A.M.
Lunch: 12:15 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.
all students must report to Carrie Smith at lunch
Ski/Snowboard: 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.
Depart: Monarch 4:30 P.M.
Arrive: Custer County School **6:00 P.M. (West Parking Lot)**

Please be prompt when delivering and picking up your child!

Permission Form

_____ has my permission to attend the SnowCat
(Student Name)
ski/snowboard day at Monarch on _____. I understand that Custer County School
(Date of Trip)
and the sponsors only provide discounts and transportation and the participant(s) assume all responsibility and
associated risks at Monarch. My student is registered online with Monarch and attached is the **Custer County
Agreement** (one per person/per season) and appropriate payment. If my child is unable to attend for
whatever reason after signing up, I am aware the payment will be rolled over to the next SnowCat trip and
understand that refunds on rentals/lessons will only be given **if a cancellation is made within 48 hours of
the trip. Lift tickets will always be refundable.**

(Parent Signature)

(Daytime Telephone Number)

(Emergency Contact)

(Emergency Telephone Number)

Circle items registered for online and include total cost next to method of payment:

Lift Ticket: Junior (7-12) - \$29 Teen (13-18) - \$32 Adult (19+) - \$42

Rental: Ski - \$25 Snowboard - \$25

Lesson: Jr. 2-Hr. - \$30 Jr. 4-Hr. - \$60 13+ 2-Hr. - \$48 13+ 4-Hr. - \$68

Total Cost: Check _____ Cash _____ Credit Card – call in info. to (719) 783-4924

Agreement for Assumption of Risk, Indemnification, Release, and Consent for Emergency Treatment

Program: Custer County SnowCats

Dates: 1/17/20, 2/14/20, 3/6/20

IN CONSIDERATION OF MY VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION IN Custer County SnowCats during the 2019/2020 season, I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM BEING ASKED TO CAREFULLY READ EACH OF THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS.

Assumption of Risks:

I understand that skiing or snowboarding, by its very nature, includes certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries. Some of these involve broken wrists, torn ligaments, and/or muscle soreness. The specific risks vary, but range from: 1) minor injuries such as bumps, bruises, cuts, to 2) major injuries such as head injuries, broken bones, to 3) catastrophic injuries including death. **I understand and appreciate the risks that are inherent in the above-listed programs and activities. I hereby assert that my participation is voluntary and that I knowingly assume all such risks. I further understand that I am ultimately responsible for my own safety.**

Hold Harmless, Indemnity and Release:

In consideration of permission to participate in the Custer County SnowCats, I agree, for myself, my heirs, personal representatives or assigns, to defend, hold harmless, indemnify and release Custer County Schools and sponsors, from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes of action of any sort on account of damage to personal property, or personal injury, or death which may result from my participation in the above-listed activity. This release includes claims based on the negligence of Carrie Smith and sponsors, employees, agents, and volunteers, but expressly does not include claims based on their intentional misconduct or gross negligence. **I understand that by agreeing to this clause I am releasing claims and giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue.**

Consent for Emergency Treatment:

I authorize Carrie Smith or sponsor, the designated representative to consent, on my behalf, to any emergency medical/hospital care or treatment to be rendered upon the advice of any licensed physician. I agree to be responsible for all necessary charges incurred by any hospitalization or treatment rendered pursuant to this authorization. I understand that this coverage is not provided to me by Custer County Schools or sponsors.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____