

HZRPC Snow Club : FAQs – Frequently Asked Questions

What is HZRPC SnowClub?

HZRPC SnowClub is a rec council program – not a school club – for middle school and high school aged students. This program typically runs January – February taking weekly trips from HMS+HHS to SkiLiberty and SkiRoundtop. The club is scheduled to run on Wednesday's with about 3 trips to each resort; occasionally due to weather issues dates might be rescheduled. We also try to go to Whitetail one time each season on a Friday night.

Our coach busses leave HMS+HHS by ~3pm each week and return to Hereford Middle School (HMS) by about 9:30pm. Students are expected to do homework on the buses on the way to the resort so we try to keep talking to a minimum. Chaperones are on the bus to help with homework and control noise. Students are encouraged to pack a 'brown bag' dinner, or heavy snack which they can eat on the bus while doing homework on the way to the resort.

We typically arrive at the resorts by ~4pm. Students then stand in line to get their lift tickets and rentals and then can ski/snowboard as they please until it is time to return to the buses at ~7:45pm. Students are required to ski/snowboard in pairs or small groups for safety. At least one chaperone can be found in the lounge area of each resort in case of any injuries or is needed for any other issues.

What should a first time member know?

All new members are required to purchase a 'lesson' pack and will be required to take a lesson the first week the SnowClub goes to the first resort.

My child has skied/snowboarded for years, do they still need to take a lesson?

YES. It is a club requirement that first year members must take a lesson the first week we go on a trip (it doesn't have to be a beginner lesson, it can be intermediate or advanced).

Parents, please note first year members are actually buying a 'unlimited night-time lessons' for this \$40 additional fee. So if you take your student to the resorts anytime after Jan 3rd they can take a lesson to improve their form/ability. I highly recommend that parents take advantage of this and encourage their student to take lessons on the weekends to improve. Then next year, when they're a returning member, they won't need to purchase the lesson pack.

What am I paying for?

When a student joins SnowClub, they are actually getting a Night Club Card. The Night Club Card is a terrific way to enjoy unlimited skiing and snowboarding every night for one low price. Enjoy unlimited night skiing and boarding at THREE great mountains; Liberty Mountain, Whitetail Resort and/or Ski Roundtop! Members can enjoy all three mountains any night of the week from 4pm - 10pm, and from 3pm on Sundays! Night Club Card Program begins January 3, 2010.

The fees you pay also cover Rec Council fees, snacks, and transportation.

What payment options should I be choosing?

- My student will only go skiing/snowboarding when SnowClub goes – then we recommend just purchasing the standard club membership / Night Club Card.
- My student will go w/ SnowClub plus 1-2 times w/ friends – then we recommend you purchase the standard club membership PLUS the Advantage Option
- My student will go w/ SnowClub plus many times more during season – you probably need to do research to consider either purchasing purchase the standard club membership PLUS the Advantage Option or perhaps a Season Pass + SnowClub fees might work better for you.

See bottom of document for pricing options

I see you have extra optional choices, what are these for?

- Protection Plan: The protection plan is an \$8 fee paid to the ski resorts that covers if you get relocated or if your child gets injured during the season and can not ski for the remainder of the season. Depending on when the issue arises you could receive up to 90% of your Night Club Card fee back. NOTE: this option only applies to the Night Club Card fee, not the HZRPC SnowClub fees.

-\$20 Advantage Option: If you purchase the Advantage Card option with your Night Club Card, you may use the Advantage Card as soon as the snow flies to enjoy 40% savings at Liberty, Whitetail and Roundtop! The Advantage Card discount is applicable all day, from opening day to closing day. No need to wait until January 4th to start having fun on the slopes!

What do we do with my students gear during school?

For students who don't have their own Skis/Boards, but have an extra bag (snow pants, gloves, helmet, etc) that won't store in their locker, they can bring that extra bag on the bus and drop it off at the storage area when they arrive at school.

For kids who have their own Skis/Boards parents will need to drive/ drop off the student at their respective school in the morning. We have a locked storage area at both HMS and HHS where the gear is stored during the day.

After school the students meet and carry their gear to the front of the school and wait for the buses to arrive with the chaperone.

What happens if my child is injured while at the resort?

Each resort has a medical staff on-site. If a student is injured at the resort, often the staff can review and treat the problem. This happens on occasion, but typically the student is usually released to return on the bus with the rest of the club.

Every week we have at least one chaperone per bus drives their own vehicle to the resort.

If a child is injured and needs to go to a hospital, that parent will follow to the hospital.

We've not had any major problems, however, PLEASE make sure your medical / insurance info is correct when you fill out your registration.

I hear there is a SkiClub at HHS, is this club the same?

No, the High School club is different than HZRPC club. The HHS club mostly does longer weekend trips, and HZRPC's SnowClub just goes on weekly trips. Students at HHS can be members of both clubs.

What do I need to bring for registration?

Student's Height / Weight, picture (min size), check/credit card. If the student is available to come to registration that is good in case they have any questions – plus there are forms they need to fill out.

Can we buy a Night Club Card for other family members?

Yes, if there is someone else in your family who wants to purchase a Night Club Card they can do so thru HZRPC SnowClub. They should contact Joyce Kozlowski or come to registration.

What gear do members need?

Night Club Card

Jacket

Gloves or Mittens

Hat / Helmet

Ski Pants

Goggles (important since often they are making snow in the evenings when we attend)

Watch (important so they don't make the bus late)

Snack / Dinner

Money

Non –Renters need: Boots, Skis and Poles or Snowboard

Are students/members required to wear helmets?

No, members are not required to wear helmets on the slopes – though it is highly recommended. HOWEVER, it is an HZRPC SnowClub rule that if a member wishes to Ski/Board in the "Terrain Park" areas, then they must wear helmets. Any HZRPC SnowClub member found in the Terrain Park on club trips without a helmet will not go on the next trip.

What other things should we know?

On the bus...

- If a student rides the bus to the resort, they must ride the bus home. Parents should not pick their student up 'early' at any resort.
- SnowClub provides a small snack for the return trip each week, students should clean up after themselves
- All club members will take a turn cleaning the bus when we return to HMS
- There is a bathroom on the coach bus, but it should be only used for EMERGENCY purposes
- No changing in the bathrooms on the bus

Behavior...

- HZRPC SnowClub is meant to be a fun club, but please remind your student to BEHAVE.

What are the fees for SnowClub?

SnowClub Members:	
Lift Only + HZRPC (returning members only)	\$ 340
Lift / Lesson + HZRPC	\$ 385
Lift/ Lesson / Rental + HZRPC	\$ 420
Optional Purchases WITH Night Club Card:	
Protection Plan	\$ 8
Advantage Card	\$ 20
For those not joining HZRPC SnowClub:	
NightClub Card - Lift Only	\$ 169
NightClub Card - Lift/Lesson	\$ 214
NightClub Card - Lift/Lesson/Rental	\$ 249
Advantage Card - Individual	
Advantage Card - Individual	\$ 89
Advantage Card - Family	\$ 149
Advantage Card / Rental Option	\$ 49
Season Pass	
Season Pass	\$ 399
Season Pass - add'l family members	\$ 299

Here's an example of what an Advantage Card can save:

Lift Ticket Prices for 2009-2010

Ticket <i>Flex tickets begin at time of purchase</i>	Weekend/Peak	
	Window Rate	Advantage Card Rate
4 Hour Flex	\$52.00	\$31.20
8 Hour Flex	\$58.00	\$34.80
Night (5pm to 10pm)	\$38.00	\$22.80
Jr. 4 Hour Flex (Ages 6 to 12)	\$46.00	\$27.60

Based upon weekend rates

4 times w/out advantage	\$208	6 times with advantage (5times+1 free)	\$156
	\$152		\$114
	\$184		\$138