

Black Mountain of Maine launches new Free Program

Black Mountain of Maine, along with the Chisholm Ski Club, RSU10 and RSU56, is excited to announce a new learn to ski and ride program.

The Chisholm Alpine Youth Development Program is a free program designed to teach area youth basic alpine and nordic ski skills as well as snowboarding.

With assistance from Barbara Radmore, RSU 10's after school program director, the program was created to provide students in fourth through eighth grades from RSU10 and RSU56 with additional after school opportunities. The sessions are a great add on to the districts's current Monday through Thursday after schedule. Lessons and rentals are at no cost. Black Mountain is extremely excited to be giving back to the community. The Chisholm Alpine Youth Development Program is open to students who have never been on snow before and is limited to 25 participants.

The objective is to guide students to gain confidence in the sport while having fun, with an ultimate goal of them choosing these healthy activities and continuing to make winter sports part of their life experience.

As interest grows in upcoming years, the number of open slots will increase. Sessions will run for two hours after school every Friday for five weeks beginning March 2nd. For RSU10 students, there will be buses providing transportation for a total of 12 kids to the mountain from Mountain Valley Middle

School, Rumford Elementary School and Meroby combined. RSU56 students must provide their own transportation. All parents will be responsible for picking up their children when the lessons are over. Participants will be allowed to free ski after the lesson but will need transportation home.

Chisholm Ski Club is providing support for the program through their Youth Development fund. Ski and snowboard instructors from Black Mountain of Maine will provide a fun learning environment on the slopes for all participants.

Black Mountain welcomes any volunteers who would be willing to assist with tasks such as leading the kids off the bus and helping them get their gear on and out onto the snow. For more information on the program or to volunteer contact Nolan Miler, Black Mountain of Maine's Snowsports School Director at bmomskischool@gmail.com or by calling his office at 207-364-8977.