



Dear Riverstone Grade 4 Parents,

This winter, Riverstone Grade 4 students have an amazing opportunity to take their classroom outside and up to our local ski resort, Bogus Basin and participate in an educational program called SnowSchool. Students will travel by bus to the resort, please let Ms. Fitz or Ms. Smackey know if you would like to attend a session. As students will be spending a majority of the time in the snow, it is important your student stays warm and dry during their time up at Bogus Basin; SnowSchool provides snowshoes. Please make sure your student brings a sack lunch and a snack. On the next page you will find an assumption of risk form, please sign and return to Ms. Fitz or Ms. Smackey.

If you have any additional questions please reach out to Derek Wright, Outdoor Education Coordinator at dwright@riverstoneschool.org or 208-954-2149.

Grade 4 SnowSchool Field Trip Details

Schedule of Activities

Dates: January 18 and 25, February 1 and 8

Bus will depart Riverstone at 8:45 AM and return at 3:15 PM. SnowSchool is in session from 10 AM – 2 PM

What to Bring

- Snow pants- water resistant pants are a must
- Winter jacket- water resistant and insulated
- Snow boots- must be **waterproof**, no Ugg-like boots or
- Backpack – A hiking backpack with shoulder straps, no cinch-type bags
- 2 pairs Thick wool socks (cotton socks get wet and become cold, extra pair for after lunch)
- Other warm layers (long underwear, fleece, wool sweater etc)
 - Layering is key during winter, wear 1-2 insulating layers underneath waterproof layers. If your student gets hot or cold, they can remove or add a layer.
- Waterproof Ski Gloves - quality hand wear is essential! Bring 2 pairs, one for the morning one for after lunch!
- Glove liners – not required, but recommended, keeps hands dry and warm
- Winter Hat- very important, make sure it covers the ears.
- Lunch- Students will be hungry and burning lots of calories!**
- Water- hydration is important in winter in order to keep warm. Bring a water bottle!
- Sunscreen- even on a cloudy day the reflections from the snow and UV rays are strong.
- Sunglasses- a bright day on snow can be hard on the eyes

Winter Gear Purchasing Options

New Winter Clothing

REI Boise

8300 W Emerald St, Boise, ID 83704
208-322-1141

Sierra Trading Post

530 E Sonata Ln, Meridian, ID 83642
208-898-0261

Quality Used Winter Clothing

Outdoor Exchange

1405 W Grove St, Boise, ID 83702
208-297-7002

Backcountry Pursuit

671 S Capitol Blvd, Boise, ID 83702
208-429-1124

**WINTER EDUCATION PROGRAM WARNING, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND
RELEASE OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.
THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER OF CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS.**

The person who is participating in education programs at Bogus Basin Recreation Area in association with Boise State University and the State of Idaho shall be referred to hereinafter as "PARTICIPANT". "THE UNDERSIGNED" means only the PARTICIPANT when the PARTICIPANT is age 18 or older **OR** it means both the PARTICIPANT and the PARTICIPANT's parent or legal guardian when the PARTICIPANT is under the age of 18. THE UNDERSIGNED agree and understand that participation in winter education programs and summer camps including, but not limited to, winter field activities, snowshoeing, snow pit observations, digging in the snow, hiking, jumping and traveling to and from activity sites (hereinafter collectively the "ACTIVITY") can be **HAZARDOUS AND INVOLVES THE RISK OF PHYSICAL INJURY OR DEATH.**

THE UNDERSIGNED agree and understand that there are risks associated with strenuous physical exertion and with participating in the ACTIVITY and that falls, **INJURIES AND/OR DEATH** may result from engaging in the ACTIVITY. THE UNDERSIGNED agree and understand that risks include, but are not limited to: changing weather conditions, hidden obstacles, varying condition of trails, collisions, contact with wild animals, poisonous reptiles and plants, equipment failure, uneven, varying or rugged terrain, improper use of equipment, slipping, falling, falling rocks and debris, natural and manmade obstacles or hazards, ramps, jumps, the condition of the PARTICIPANT, dehydration, and high elevation. THE UNDERSIGNED acknowledge and understand that the description of activities and risks listed above are not complete and that all activities, whether or not described, may be dangerous and may include risks which are inherent and cannot be reasonably avoided without changing the nature of the ACTIVITY. By signing this release, THE UNDERSIGNED recognize that property loss, serious injury and death are all possible while participating in the ACTIVITY.

RECOGNIZING THE RISKS OF THE ACTIVITY, THE UNDERSIGNED UNDERSTAND AND EXPRESSLY ASSUME ALL RISKS OF THE ACTIVITY, WHETHER OR NOT DESCRIBED ABOVE, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, INHERENT OR OTHERWISE.

In consideration of allowing the PARTICIPANT to participate in the ACTIVITY, THE UNDERSIGNED hereby agree to **ASSUME ALL RISKS** associated with the PARTICIPANT's participation in the ACTIVITY. Additionally, THE UNDERSIGNED agree to **RELEASE** Boise State University, The State of Idaho and Bogus Basin Recreational Association, Inc., its affiliated organization and companies, and each of their respective insurance carriers, agents, employees, representatives, assignees, officers, directors, and shareholders (each hereinafter a "RELEASED PARTY") **FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY** and/or claims for injury or death to persons or damage to property arising from the PARTICIPANT's participation in the ACTIVITY, **including those claims based on any RELEASED PARTY's alleged or actual NEGLIGENCE.**

THE UNDERSIGNED take full responsibility for any injury or loss to PARTICIPANT, including death, which PARTICIPANT may suffer, arising in whole or in part out of the ACTIVITY. By signing this release, THE UNDERSIGNED **AGREE NOT TO SUE** any RELEASED PARTY and agree they are **releasing any right to** make a claim or **file a lawsuit** against any RELEASED PARTY.

THE UNDERSIGNED are responsible for determining PARTICIPANT's medical, physical or other qualifications or suitability for participating in the ACTIVITY. THE UNDERSIGNED represent that the PARTICIPANT is in good health and there are no special problems associated with his/her care. THE UNDERSIGNED authorize any RELEASED PARTY and/or their authorized personnel to call for medical care for the PARTICIPANT or to transport the PARTICIPANT to a medical facility or hospital if, in the opinion of such personnel, medical attention is needed. THE UNDERSIGNED agree that upon PARTICIPANT's transport to any such medical facility or hospital that the RELEASED PARTY shall have no further responsibility for PARTICIPANT. Further, THE UNDERSIGNED agree to pay all costs associated with such medical care and related transportation provided for PARTICIPANT and shall indemnify and hold harmless the RELEASED PARTY for any medical costs and/or expenses incurred therein, or any claims originating therefrom.

