



Dear Riverstone Grade 6 and 7 Parents,

This winter, grade 6 and 7 students will be able to participate in ski and snowboard lessons at Bogus Basin Ski Resort. Building upon a winter education programs in elementary school, students will now have an opportunity to learn and build upon their skills as skiers and snowboarders. The ski and snowboard school at Bogus Basin provides excellent instruction and will help students of all ability levels progress in the sport of skiing and snowboarding. Lessons will take place 3 times every 2 weeks starting the last week of January.

Transportation is provided to the resort by bus. Students will **bring a sack lunch** they can eat as they arrive at the resort in order to gain energy for the next couple hours on the slopes. It is important that your student be prepared to be outside and have contact with the snow. Please insure your student has proper clothing that will keep them warm and dry. Bogus Basin also provides ski and snowboard rentals should your student need them. In the coming weeks, I will be asking students for their shoe size, height, weight, and skiing/snowboarding ability in order to make the rental process quicker on the mountain. The form can be viewed [here](#) or the [Riverstone Resource Page](#). Please ensure this form is filled out no later than **Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**.

For those students who will be bring their own ski/snowboard equipment, please note there is not a long-term storage location for equipment. Equipment will have to leave school upon completion of the trip. During the day, students can keep their equipment in the hallway, or in my office prior to departure. Students are responsible for their own equipment and need to keep track of it before, during, and after the lessons.

Please see additional information below regarding preparing for your students ski and snowboard outing. Please look over the “what to bring” section; should you need to purchase any items, I have provided a list of outfitters to help you shop. Riverstone has a small selection of winter clothing for students to use if needed.

Please take time to view the following document: [Bogus Basin Life Sport Program](#). On December 13, 2017, the form titled *Bogus Basin Life Sports Registration Form and Release Agreement 17/18* was sent home with your student. This form can also be found on [Riverstone’s Resource Page](#) under Outdoor Education. Please return to Derek Wright, no later than **Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**. If you need any assistance in filling out the form, or have questions regarding skier type, please call Derek at 208-954-2149.

If you have any additional questions or concerns please reach out to Derek Wright, Outdoor Education Coordinator at [dwright@riverstoneschool.org](mailto:dwright@riverstoneschool.org).

Sincerely,

Derek Wright  
Outdoor Education Coordinator



## Grade 6 and 7 Ski/Snowboard Lessons Details

### Schedule of Activities

<b>Dates:</b>	<b>Fridays – January 26, February 9 and 23</b>
10:15AM	Load bus and depart for Bogus Basin Ski Resort
11:30 AM	Eat lunch, grab ski or snowboard equipment ( <b><i>Please bring Sack Lunch</i></b> )
12:00 PM	Lessons begin
1:50 PM	Lessons end, return equipment and depart for Riverstone
3:05	Return to Riverstone

### What to Bring

*\*Please no cotton, as it does not retain heat when damp from snow or sweat, it can lead to a very cold skier*

- Snow pants- water resistant pants are a must
- Winter jacket- water resistant and insulated
- Thick wool socks or ski socks that reach mid-shin (cotton socks get wet and become cold)
- Other warm layers
  - o Long underwear for a base layer
  - o Fleece or mid-layer for warmth underneath jacket
- Gloves or Mittens- quality hand wear is essential, make sure these are waterproof, a second pair never hurts to bring if first one gets wet
- Hat- very important your head stays warm
- Ski Goggles
- Winter sports helmet (*optional but highly recommended*)
- Ski or Snowboard with boots and poles (*optional*)
- Lunch- Students will be hungry and burning lots of calories!**
- Water Bottle to hydrate before and after skiing, students can grab water from lodge during breaks
- Sunscreen- even on a cloudy day the reflection from the snow and UV rays is 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