

2009-2010 TEACHERS'S GUIDE TO *EARN YOUR TURNS*

A PROGRAM TO REINFORCE READING, WRITING, AND RESEARCH SKILLS

*** WHAT IS THE *EARN YOUR TURNS* PROGRAM?**

Earn Your Turns is a program in which all fourth graders can enhance reading, writing, and research skills while having fun discovering New Hampshire's extensive skiing history and heritage. It was created in 1997 by the NH Association of School Principals and Ski NH.

*** WHAT ARE THE RULES?**

The rules are simple: fourth graders do some research on the history of skiing or snowboarding in New Hampshire and then share what they have learned. How they share their newfound knowledge is up to them and you. Students can write a story, draw a picture, make a model, or summarize their research in any way that would be appropriate based on your school's standards. We simply ask that the project meet your school's curriculum guidelines for a satisfactory assignment, but the final decision on qualifications to earn the passbook is up to you.

*** WHAT IS IN IT FOR MY FOURTH GRADERS?**

Fourth graders who successfully complete this program will be rewarded with a passbook offering a free lift ticket or trail pass for each of Ski NH's 36 member alpine and cross country ski areas, a \$5 "learn to ski or snowboard" package, savings on lessons and equipment rentals, and savings on lift tickets, trail passes, lessons and equipment for parents and siblings.

*** WHAT IS IN IT FOR ME?**

In addition to the satisfaction of encouraging your fourth graders to get active in the outdoors this winter, we offer a perk for you as well. To thank you for your efforts in coordinating this program, we offer, for you or someone else of your choosing, a free pair of lift tickets or trail passes at the Ski NH resort of your choice. You may also request an additional pair of tickets for an aide for larger groups of more than 20 participating students.

*** HOW DO I SIGN UP MY STUDENTS?**

Once your class or interested students have successfully completed the assignment, fill out the participation form and fax it to us (603-745-3002) or email it to Kim@SkiNH.com and we will send each student a Ski NH *Earn Your Turns* passbook!

*** WHAT KIND OF PROJECTS ARE APPROPRIATE FOR MY STUDENTS?**

We want the students to be creative, so that's why we are leaving it open-ended. Last year, students built models and dioramas, wrote reports, interviewed grandparents who skied and even produced a play on the history of skiing in New Hampshire. One class did a group quilt, each student adding a piece. You may also want to pick a "theme" for your class guidelines. Or, if this is an individual project, encourage your student and his/her parent(s) to develop a project that supports your other efforts in the classroom.

*** WHEN DOES THE PROGRAM BEGIN?**

You can get your class started right away! We will start sending the passbooks out in early December and continue through February. Please submit their names to us by December 11, 2009, if you would like your students to receive their passbooks by the December vacation period. We have learned over the years that it is helpful to mail the passbooks directly to the students' homes; that way, if they happen to be on school vacation, they will receive their passbooks as quickly as possible. If you would prefer the books to be mailed to you at school for distribution, just indicate so on the Participation Form next to the students' names. *Please remember that we do not sell or provide these addresses to anyone.*

*** WHERE CAN I FIND RESOURCES RELATED TO THE HISTORY OF SKIING?**

Check out the *Free Skiing for Kids* section of Ski NH's website, www.SkiNH.com. The ski areas themselves are also valuable resources. Give them a call or visit their websites; you can find links to all of them through www.SkiNH.com.

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