

# THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO ANNUAL OVERNIGHT SKI TRIP

It's here! February 3-4 2012



The Infant Jesus of Prague TGIF Program (Teens Growing In Faith) will take a group of high school students on the ski trip to Chestnut Mountain in Galena, Illinois. The trip is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Chicago's Youth Ministry Office. It is well chaperoned and the students ski all night and return to IJP in the morning.

Students will need to be at IJP by 4:30 p.m. on Friday to sign in. Pizza will be served so no sack dinner will be needed for the bus. Buses will depart @ 5:30 pm on Friday and will return to IJP at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Saturday. **(Times subject to change, I will keep you posted)**

**PLEASE BRING A SNACK ITEM (DORITOS, CRACKERS, HOSTESS CUPCAKES, CHOCOLATE, ETC.) TO SHARE WITH THE GROUP AT THE LODGE. WHEN YOU COME IN TO REST AND WARM UP, THESE SNACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE.**

The trip includes round trip coach transportation, IJP chaperones, ski rental, ski lesson, lift ticket, DJ, bonfire, etc.

**TGIF MEMBERS (Pd. TGIF Registration) --- NAME \_\_\_\_\_**

**PARENT'S E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_ \$95 for the entire package with equipment rental (skis or snowboard and boots)** circle ski or snowboard

**\_\_\_\_\_ \$85 for entire package if you own your own equipment**

**Non-TGIF MEMBERS --- NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT'S E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_ \$125 for the entire package with equipment rental (skis or snowboard and boots)** circle ski or snowboard

**\_\_\_\_\_ \$115 for entire package if you own your own equipment**

All money and registration forms must be turned in to TGIF office (or Mrs. Ladner) by Thursday, January 12, 2012. Your friends are welcome to join the trip. Just make sure their money is turned in on time. ***There will be a waiting list so get your money in early!*** Registration will also be at the TGIF meeting on January 8, 2012 after teen mass. You must fill out this form and the attached permission slip with your registration. You can also mail your registration form to:

Mrs. Trisha Ladner

**Infant Jesus of Prague/TGIF**

1131 Douglas Avenue

Flossmoor, IL 60422

The form will also be posted on the IJP website in the TGIF section. Checks should be made out to IJP TGIF. There will be no refunds once payment has been made to the YMO Office. But there will be a waiting list to go on the trip, so we will do our best to sell your spot if something comes up.

Notify Trish Ladner if you are interested in being a **chaperone**. All chaperones must have completed Virtus training, "Protecting God's Children" CANTS, and a Background Check.

(Keep these pages for your information)

## **Some last minute notes and other information!**

**Remember to bring quarters for the lockers, and money to eat – there is a full cafeteria available. Burger, fries and drink, etc. are available for around \$5.00. Bring a hat, scarf and gloves! Bring extra warm socks. Don't bring too big of a bag- it *must* fit in the lockers! Chaperons will not be responsible for your "stuff"!**

## ***Happy Swooshing!***

### ***From the OFC/Youth Ministry Office...***

#### IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Chestnut will provide ski patrol for safety and accident care. If as deemed necessary by SKI PATROL, Chestnut Mountain will provide resort van or ambulance transportation of the injured person to hospital best suited for the injury as decided by ski patrol. This is either Galena Hospital or Dubuque, IA Hospital. OFCYM will have transportation available as deemed needed.

#### PROTECTIVE SKI HELMETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$3.00

Ski helmets are available for an additional \$3.00; ***all participants are encouraged to take advantage of this safety feature.*** Payment made directly to Chestnut Mountain.

#### GROUP LESSONS

Lesson will run from 10:00 pm to 2:00 am. ***We encourage everyone to take them.***

#### BONFIRE

Bonfire with seating located in front of Skier Services Building. Weather permitting, there will be picnic tables set up outside near campfire area for additional seating.

#### MUSIC & DJ

Music & DJ will be provided from midnight to 4:30 am in the Banquet Room.

#### WALKIE-TALKIES (or other electronic communication)

Each group leader will be provided with a walkie-talkie (or other electronic communication) for the event to be used for communicating announcements, general information and emergencies.

#### SECURITY

Security will be provided in all areas of the resort, secure areas will not be open to teens.

#### CAFETERIA ROOM

The cafeteria will be open until approximately 4:00 am with hot and cold foods for sale. Groups are welcome to bring their own food.

## PRIVATE EVENT

The OFCYM ALL NIGHT SKI EVENT is a private event. ONLY groups registered with the OFCYM are able to attend.

## NO SMOKING

No smoking is allowed inside the rental area or banquet room. Youth are NOT allowed to smoke at the event.

## CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN STAFF

The ski area will be fully staffed with Chestnut Mountain personnel including ski patrol, instructors, lift operators and security.

## LOCKERS AND SKI LOCKS

Lockers for change of clothes, etc are located in the rental area. Lockers are \$. 75 and take only quarters.

Skis can be locked outside, we strongly recommend this; you cannot walk around the banquet area with skis on.

## Some **FAQs:**

- 1) Yes, everyone must take transportation provided.
- 2) Chestnut provides ski patrol and accident care, if needed as deemed by ski patrol, vans or ambulance transportation of injured person to hospital provided by resort are vans or ambulance transportation of injured person to hospital best suited for injury as decided by ski patrol. This is either Galena Hospital or Dubuque, IA Hospital (Transportation will be available).
- 3) Non-skiing adults, transportation (\$35.00 RT.)
- 4) Everyone under 21 must purchase a lift ticket; each person under the age of 21 who attends must purchase a lift ticket and submit a complete OFCYM Youth Permission Authorization form. People under the age of 21 may not register for this trip on their own. All participants must fall under the auspices of a parish or school group.
- 5) All chaperoning adults and anyone over the age of 18 must have completed the Virtus Training “Protecting Gods Children”, CANTS and background check process.**
- 6) What if I decide to switch from skiing to snowboarding, you will need to pay \$5.00 to change from one to the other. You can take care of that at the resort on your own.
- 7) Ski/Snowboard lessons from 10:00 pm – 2:00 am, meeting the youth at the top of the hill.
- 8) Cafeteria room with tables and chairs, open from arrival until departure, food available until approximately 4:00 am with hot and cold foods for sale, or you could bring your own (we are).
- 9) Music and DJ will be provided from midnight to 4:30 am in Banquet Room.
- 10) Security in all areas of the resort will be provided.
- 11) Rental building will be staffed.
- 12) All ski/snowboard runs will be lighted and available from arrival until 5:00am. **(5:15 am - 6:00 am departure).**

# OFC YOUTH MINISTRY ALL NIGHT SKI EVENT 2012

## PLEASE SKI SAFELY!!!

- ✓ Dress properly for the cold.
- ✓ Don't wear scarves hanging loose outside one's jacket; a scarf can get caught in the rope tow or lift.
- ✓ Fatigue can be a problem. Everyone should periodically come to the lodge to warm up and rest.
- ✓ Ski defensively.
- ✓ Look out for the safety of those around you.
- ✓ When meeting another skier, the downhill skier has the right of way.
- ✓ At the junction of 2 runs, the person on the larger trail has the right of way.
- ✓ Never ski fast through a crowd of people, near trees, T-bars, lifts, rope tows, and lift lines.
- ✓ All skiers should use common sense on the slopes.
- ✓ There are many hazards such as chair lifts, tow ropes, equipment, and weather and snow conditions.
- ✓ Be aware of the surroundings including other skiers. Anticipate changes in the conditions and the actions of other skiers.
- ✓ Become familiar with the trails and the difficulty of each run.
- ✓ Ski controlled.
- ✓ One should never ski so fast that you cannot stop within your field of vision, which can be limited, by fog, snow, bumps and turns.
- ✓ Ski within your capabilities and always maintain the ability to change directions and/or stop when and where you want to.
- ✓ The key to control is turning. Turning is the chief means of controlling speed.
- ✓ Don't stop in the middle of a crowded slope and any location where you cannot be seen such as under a slope or around a bend. A ski slope has a variety of angles, pitches, bumps, rolls, side hills and snow conditions, so judgment concerning speed is very important.
- ✓ **A LESSON IS INCLUDED WITH THE LIFT TICKET, SO USE IT! YOU PAID FOR IT AND YOU WILL BE A BETTER AND SAFER SKIER.**
- ✓ **HAVE FUN!**