



2023-2024 Ski Group Information

Overview: This document lays out pass, trails and parking lot use expectations for ski groups and high school teams at The Trailhead and Wirth Chalet during the 2023-2024 winter season.

If you are interested in buying passes for a group or team, please refer to the Youth & Student Group Trail Use & Discount Agreement below. Please send the signed document to permits@loppet.org

Purchasing Passes: There will be two available methods for ski groups to purchase MPRB ski passes for the 2023/2024 season, both through the distribution of discount codes to purchase through Loppet.org and submission of a Group Trails Use Agreement and order form.

- **School/District/Entity pays:** Passes will be purchased in bulk by school entities, then full discount codes will be rationed/issued by team coaches once approved by Loppet
- **Individual skiers pay:** Discounted passes will be purchased by individual participants using team-specific discount codes distributed by team coaches once approved by Loppet

Pass Pricing:

- All-Access Season Ski Pass; \$60 for each participant & coach
 - Must be ordered and approved by Dec 15, 2023 for group rate

**** IMPORTANT NOTE: Discounts only apply to passes bought after the application process is completed. The Loppet Foundation does not offer refunds, so ski passes purchased before the process is completed will be full price and any discount codes will not apply for that skier. ****

- **Buses & Parking:**

- **Team Drop Off:** Buses may drop off teams in the one-way circle in front of The Trailhead, unloading time is 5 MINUTES
- **Buses During Practice:** After unloading, buses must park off-site (away from The Trailhead and Wirth Chalet) until the end of your group's practice or races.
- **Team Pickup:** Buses may pick up groups in the Wirth Chalet parking lot at the end of practice until 5:15p. The Trailhead circle IS NOT available for team pickup after practices or races.

**When possible, a Loppet staff member will monitor bus drop of and pick up*

Use of The Trailhead & Trails:

- All participants must abide by posted COVID-19 protocols while at or in The Trailhead
- Coaches and skiers can access The Trailhead for warmth and bathroom use
- Coaches and skiers MAY NOT store items such as gear, bags or clothes inside or directly in front of The Trailhead during practices and regular season races
- Corralls will be made available along the chain link fence line in the Lower Stadium for team gear storage during practices
- All skiers must follow Minneapolis Park & Rec Board ski trail rules during practices and open-course races (see Youth & Student Group Trail Use & Discount Agreement)

Available High School Team Practice Times:

High school teams may train as a group from The Trailhead and Wirth Chalet during the following times throughout the season:

- Monday - Thursday - 6:00a - 5:30p
 - High school teams and buses must be DEPARTING by 5:30p
- Friday - 6:00a - 9p
- Saturday - we recommend teams avoid peak weekend hours between 9a and 2

**There are no training time restrictions for teams meeting at Wirth Beach or Chain of Lakes*

***Time restrictions for training sessions may change based on public usage, natural snow, and Covid-19 guidelines.*

Available High School Race Dates & Times:

High school teams and meet organizers can schedule and conduct races on Loppet ski trails during the times outlined below:

December 2023:

- Natural Trails:
 - Monday - Friday until 5:30p
- Snowmaking Trails:
 - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8a - 3:30p
 - Tuesday: 8a - 5:30p
 - Friday: 8a - 9p
 - Saturday: 5p - 9p

January & February 2024:

- Natural Trails:
 - Monday - Thursday: 8a - 5:30p
 - Friday: 8a - 9p
- Snowmaking Trails:
 - Monday: 8a - 3:30p
 - Tuesday: 8a - 5:15p
 - Wednesday: 8a - 5:15p
 - Thursday: 8a - 3:30p
 - Friday: 8a - 9p
 - Saturday: 5p - 9p

To schedule a race, please send your inquiry and permit application to permits@loppet.org

- *Snowmaking trails will only be available for high school racing once there is 2.5km of made snow*
- *All courses will remain open to the public during conference ski events throughout the season*
- *If there are limited or poor natural snow conditions, high school meet organizers will need to choose to use Twin Lakes OR Ridgeline/La Squadra/Trail 18/North Finger*

Section Meets in February

- Race courses will be closed to public during Sectional Meets, pending approval of a permit application
- Teams must be done racing so courses can open to the public by 4:30 p.m.
- The Trailhead will make 2/3rds of the Great Hall available to teams on Section days. Guidelines for space use will be distributed closer to the Section dates.
- Grooming requests counter to daily Loppet grooming formats are subject to consideration and approval

Note: Specifics of the policies above are subject to change based on weather conditions, operations improvements and current COVID protocols.

As we approach the 2023/2024 Ski Season, coaches will be contacted to further planning. Please refer to permits@loppet.org for any permitting or procedural questions. Thank you!

Youth & Student Group Ski Pass Discount Application

Providing groomed trails and facilities for skiing in our parks is an expensive proposition. Even in the best of circumstances, skiing in our parks is a highly subsidized activity.

This is even more true when skiers receive reduced price passes. The Loppet Foundation is, however, happy to provide reduced price passes to groups/clubs/teams that pledge to support and seek a better experience for all trail users. The Foundation sees this as an exchange worth making: the Foundation provides reduced price passes and the group/club/team agrees to abide by all the rules of the trails, agrees to act as leaders on the trails, and agrees to abide by our broader facility rules as well. It is a privilege to receive reduced price passes and we expect the groups/teams/clubs that receive them to behave accordingly.

Rules - All groups need to understand and agree to follow these rules of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) Trails. In exchange for receiving lower-priced passes we agree to the following:

- Ski Passes

- We understand that every skier is required to purchase a ski pass and have it available to show or be prepared to verify passholder information at all times while on the MPRB trail system.
- We understand that all coaches/parents/chaperones must be ready to show or verify their pass when accompanying skiers on the trails.
- We acknowledge that failure to verify passes can/will result in expulsion from the trails either for the day or permanently.
- We understand that skiers who fail to verify their season Trail Pass during practice must purchase a Daily Trail Pass. These can be purchased at the Trailhead or online at loppet.org/trailpasses.

Ski Passes & Pricing:

Group prices for season trail passes have increased incrementally over recent years to support and maintain Trails in Theodore Wirth Park. Daily pass prices remain the same. All skiers must be prepared to show or verify their passholder information when using MPRB ski trails.

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- Trails & Group Skiing

- We understand that maintaining ski trails is an ever-changing and difficult task. We acknowledge that our Trail Pass entitles us to use the trails in the condition that we find them.
- We understand that when skiing on trails, all participants in our group will follow the rules of the trails, including skiing continuously in the correct direction, not walking on the trails, and not stopping to coach.
- We understand that walkers are NEVER allowed on the trails - and that walking on the trails is not a reason not to have a pass but is, instead, not allowed at all.
- Teaching Areas & Events - We understand that our Trail Passes entitle us to use the trails for skiing only. Trail Passes do not entitle us to conduct races or coaching activities on the trails. For those activities, we acknowledge that teaching areas are to be used for coaching activities and drills and

a separate special use permit is needed for racing.

- We understand that failure to secure a permit for races may result in the revocation of our passes and/or the loss of reduced-price pass privileges in future years. Teams abusing ski trail privileges, including coaching on the ski trails, will be warned, and if it continues, teams will have ski pass privileges revoked.

- Facilities, Buses & Parking

- We agree that as a term of receiving reduced price passes we will follow busing rules. Our team cannot have a bus waiting in the parking lots while we ski/practice/race. We agree to inform bus drivers that buses are to drop off skiers at The Trailhead and that buses must leave the parking areas after dropping off teams.
- We agree to instruct the members of our group to park in the Wirth Beach parking lot or elsewhere offsite. We acknowledge that individuals from our group parking in the Trailhead parking lots will result in losing skiing privileges or may result in the group not receiving future discounted passes.

- Team Administration Fee Pricing for teams that will have team skiers skiing at Wirth together.

- Teams of 70 and above \$100
- Teams of 30 to 69 \$75
- Teams of 29 or less \$50

- Is this a school or youth group that qualifies for discount passes for its students & youth? Yes No
- Is your group purchasing Season passes? Yes No
- Will your group be practicing as a team? Yes No

Group name _____

Number of Season Snowmaking Trail Passes: for Student Athletes _____ for Coaches _____ Conference
_____ Section _____

Certificate of Insurance - Two Certificates of Insurance must be provided; one listing The Loppet Foundation and one listing Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board as additionally insured with a minimum of \$1.5 million coverage, is required.

- The Loppet Foundation, 1301 Theodore Wirth Parkway, Minneapolis, MN 55422
- Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, 2117 West River Road, Minneapolis, MN 55411

Has the Group submitted a Certificate of Insurance? Yes No Will Send

Person to contact for Certificate of Insurance questions _____

Certificate of Insurance - Name of Group on Certificate: _____

Payment Method - Group passes can be paid for as a group in one payment, or each skier can pay individually. A payment method must be selected and approved by The Loppet Prior to codes being issued.

- Payment will be made by individual skiers using discount code to receive discount pricing.
- Group will be sent an invoice for set number of passes - Once an invoice is paid, group members can use their discount codes to register for the passes online, with no cost to them.

All discount codes must be used by December 15, 2023

Orientation - We agree that at least one coach will attend an orientation tour, in person or virtually, at The Trailhead in Theodore Wirth Park before discount codes will be distributed. More information will be included with your application approval.

Items required by December 15, 2023 to obtain group discount code:

- **Group Ski Pass Discount Application, must be submitted and approved by The Loppet Foundation**
- **Both Certificates of Insurance**
- **A Coach or Group Leader attended an orientation session**
- **Provide preliminary group roster with name & ages**
- **Payment and invoicing information must be confirmed and approved by The Loppet Foundation**

Then:

- **Your Coach or Group Leader will receive a link to a series of single-use pass purchase codes**
- **Coaches and Group leaders will be responsible for distributing single-use codes to group participants. All participants must register individually through the online purchase process.**

Communication - Throughout the ski season we will be sending communications updates. Please list the coaches you would like this to be sent to:

Name: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Contact information for the district/entity responsible for payment (not required if individuals are paying)
Name _____ Phone Number _____ Email _____
_____ Address _____

All applications are subject to approval by The Loppet Foundation. Applicants assume all responsibility for and hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Loppet Foundation and/or the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board against any losses, damages, liabilities, action suits, proceedings, costs or expenses that the Loppet Foundation or the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board may incur or sustain or for which it may become liable (including, but not limited to, personal and bodily injury to, or death of, persons or damage to property) resulting or arising from the permitted event. The obligation to indemnify and hold harmless the Loppet Foundation or the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will survive the termination or expiration of the agreement.

I have carefully reviewed and understand the rules to be followed in exchange for discounted Trail Passes for youth and students. I will comply with these rules and I will communicate these policies with all group staff & skiers and I agree that all group staff will cooperate in the implementation of the policies of the agreement.

Group Name _____

Responsible Group Leader

Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Trailhead Approval (For Loppet Staff Use Only):

Application Completed

Verify Payment Method (Finance Director)

Both Certificates of Insurance Received
Group Leader at Orientation Session

Trailhead Director _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Financial Director _____ Signature _____ Date _____