



The Walnut Ridge School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am excited to share that on March 1, 2019, our school has been invited to participate in the National Winter Activity Center's (NWAC) cross-country skiing program. The NWAC is an organization committed to "improving the lives of youth through winter activity." Please see the attached fliers for more information about the NWAC.

To prepare for our trip, the NWAC staff will visit Walnut Ridge on February 25 to fit each student with boots and cross-country skis. Please provide your child's shoe size and return to school by February 1, 2019. All boots and skis for this event will be provided free of charge from the NWAC.

The schedule of the day will be as follows:

- Arrive to the NWAC located at 44 Breakneck Road, Vernon, New Jersey
- Meet NWAC staff and change into ski boots and skis
- Participate in the ski program for approximately 1 hour
- Snack time provided by the NWAC
- Return back to Walnut Ridge

Important things to know about the day:

- Please dress your child in snow gear (snow pants, jacket, hat, mittens). If you do not have appropriate snow pants, jacket, etc. please let us know and we will make sure there are some extras available for you.
- We will be skiing on **flat surfaces only and will stay at the bottom of the mountain!** Think of it as "walking" but on small skis!
- The NWAC will be prepared with additional staff on our visit
- The students will be divided into small groups of 5-8 students
- Additional staff from Walnut Ridge will attend the trip

If you have any questions about the trip, you are invited to attend an information session on February 6th at 12:15 pm in The Walnut Ridge School's gym. A staff member from the NWAC will be present to answer any of your questions.

Sincerely,
Mr. Piccirillo

STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET
PLEASE RETURN BY FEBRUARY 1, 2019

(A separate permission slip for the trip will be forthcoming)

Student Name: _____

Teacher _____

Shoe size _____

What would you like to know more about the trip (I will make a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section of my next Principal's Blog based on the questions you leave here:

Our voluntary information session is on February 6th from 12:15 pm to 12:45 pm

_____ YES - I will attend the information session

_____ NO - I am unable to attend the information session

NATIONAL WINTER ACTIVITY CENTER

"Making a Difference in the Lives of Youth"



IMPROVING YOUTH HEALTH & FITNESS

CREATING A PASSION FOR OUTDOOR WINTER ACTIVITY

DEVELOPING NEXT GENERATION OF FANS, ATHLETES & ENTHUSIASTS



"The Center", a dedicated youth only outdoor winter activity complex
44 Breakneck Road
Vernon, NJ 07462



The National Winter Activity Center/NWAC, a 501 (c)(3) organization dedicated to improving the lives of the nation's youth through outdoor winter activity.



Elev8, our winter activity program offering youth the opportunity to master skiing (Alpine / Nordic), and snowboarding through multiple levels of learning.

ABOUT ELEV8 PROGRAMS:

Elev8/Learn

This enables participants to master winter skills, embrace the outdoors, develop as individuals, and enjoy increased physical activity. Over (6) sessions they receive healthy meals, mentoring, equipment, and progressive, continuous instruction to support their journey from never-ever to experienced enthusiasts in Alpine and Nordic sports.

Elev8/Compete

For those challenging their skills, Elev8/Compete provides them with the opportunity compete recreationally, inter-scholastically, as well as local, regional and for those whose skill and desire warrant, pursue the highest level.

Elev8 Season: December 26 - Mid March

ABOUT THE CENTER: The National Winter Activity Center or "The Center," located in Vernon, NJ, is the Nation's first 501(c)(3) nonprofit facility dedicated to improving the lives of thousands of youth through winter activity. Through "Elev8", "The Center" offers youth the opportunities to master Alpine, Nordic skiing and snowboarding, shape their development as young men and women, while improving their lives, health, and fitness. The Center serves participants within the tristate area and beyond through partnerships with organizations such as YMCAs, Boys & Girls Clubs, Schools, and other youth serving agencies. Upon acquiring the Hidden Valley property in 2014, The Center has invested more than \$20 million in overall improvements including new lifts, lighting, efficiently controlled snow-making machinery, outdoor plumbing, and renovations to the preexisting lodge. Additional construction of facilities to support growth and Nordic activities is underway

Contact Information

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Elev8 at the National Winter Activity Center Clothing Check-List

In order to provide a safe and comfortable on snow learning environment, all participants are asked to bring/wear the following for each of their sessions:

Clothing/Apparel	✓
<i>Jacket (waterproof)</i>	
<i>Snow pants (waterproof)</i>	
<i>Dress in Layers! – Under Layer (leggings, thermals, long sleeve shirt)</i>	
<i>Sweat pants & Sweat Shirt</i>	
<i>Gloves or mittens</i>	
<i>Face mask (bandana)</i>	
<i>Socks (high socks, not ankle socks, 1 pair only)</i>	
<i>Change of clothes (if desired)</i>	

The Center provides **ALL** participants with:

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| Skis | Snowboards | Nordic Skis | Nordic Ski Poles | Helmets |
| Ski Boots | Snowboard Boots | Mentorship | Meals | Ski /Snowboard Lesson |

For participants who do not have, or do not show up with the required articles of clothing as listed above, The Center has an assortment of donated outdoor winter apparel available for the day.