



February 6, 2011

Dear Upper School Students and Families,

Our last ski trip of the season will be on **Friday, February 24** to Ski Sundown Mountain in New Hartford, CT.

This is a great mountain for advanced, as well as novice or even first time skiers. They offer group rates and different packages to accommodate all types of skiers.

Ski Sundown offers night skiing from 6pm-10pm. Students participating will leave Unquowa at **4:00 p.m. and return to Unquowa by 11:00 p.m.** We will arrive at the mountain by 5:30 p.m. This will give us enough time to check-in, and struggle into all of our gear and garb! We are looking to take, at most, 35 students. Spots will be allotted on a first come, first served basis!

In addition, we will travel with four chaperones, including myself. One chaperone will remain in the base lodge, so at all times there will be someone immediately available to check-in with in case of an emergency or otherwise. That leaves three chaperones on the mountain, one per 10 students. This does not mean, however, that we will be skiing in groups of 10. This will be an opportunity for students to exercise their independence and responsibility. But students will need to ski in groups of at least 3. This way, in the case that there is an emergency, one student can stay with the injured, and the other can go for help.

Once again, this opportunity is available to *all* upper school students *regardless* of ability level. (Note the package option that includes a lesson and rental equipment.) *Rental equipment does not include a helmet, but **students are HIGHLY encouraged to wear one (suggestion: borrow one from a friend or rent one inexpensively from a local ski shop, such as Kip's in Fairfield.)**

To register, please fill out a permission form, which will include the lift, lesson and rental options. If renting, please also fill out a rental form.

Learn more about the mountain by visiting www.skisundown.com. Feel free to contact me with any and all questions!

Sincerely,

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