

Welcome to Cardinal Cruisers 2019/2020!

We are excited to get to another season of skiing and boarding. With the recent snowfall and Powder Ridge making snow and we expect to begin our season as scheduled on Monday, December 2nd.

If you have been in the club before the format is the same as last year. Please read on for the most important items that we want to communicate to everyone. Then if you still have questions please read the attached Welcome Letter which should hopefully cover just about everything else. And if you still have questions feel free to email me. All the info in this email and more is also available on the website [www.cardinalcruisers.com](http://www.cardinalcruisers.com) as well.

### **COMMUNICATION:**

Please make sure you are getting our communication and reading it. We spend many hours running this club, all we ask is that you spend a few minutes being prepared. If you want any additional emails / phone numbers added to our distribution lists let me know, we will also send short group text messages via Remind about 1-2 times a week, if you are not getting these let me know. As of now about 40 of the Remind invites we sent out HAVE NOT BEEN accepted.

Text messaging is preferable for short messages, otherwise email.

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In addition, Sarah Jensen will assist this year with AES loading / attendance.

We need you to communicate with us when:

1. Your child is not attending club. If your child is sick or has some other conflict, concert, sports, etc. We do not get sick lists from the schools so we rely on parents.
2. Your child who normally rides the bus but is not. A coordinator will take attendance at the AES/AMS bus departure and contact anyone not accounted for. Please let us know if your child will not be riding the bus so we can avoid calling you.
3. Your child is staying past the 8:00pm departure time.
4. You have questions - it's ok to ask! Email is preferred for club related questions.

### **CANCELLATION:**

Any cancellation is communicated to parents via email, text message, Facebook and club website. We will adjust the schedule after cancellations to extend it until 6 club nights are reached. We try to reach the decision to cancel the day before but sometimes this is not possible and we have to cancel the day of club. In this situation your child should follow their usual departure routine.

### **PARENT SIGN-OUT:**

If you pick up your child from Powder Ridge there is a parent sign-out sheet in our room downstairs. Please sign out in person when you pick up your child. We understand that most kids have cell phones and you can text them from your warm car. :) We still prefer you to sign them out to help us with our departure book-keeping.

If someone other than a parent (neighbor, other family, etc) is picking your child up, please let us know ahead of time.

### **TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM POWDER RIDGE:**

2 busses depart Annandale to Powder Ridge, one bus goes from AMS. The other bus starts at AES, then goes to AHS, then to Powder Ridge. A club coordinator takes attendance at AES and AMS. Instruct your AES/AMS child to meet the club coordinator at AES cafeteria or AMS side parking lot. AHS boarding is at the rear school entrance 10-15 minutes after school due to AES boarding time. Busses typically reach Powder Ridge around 3:45pm.

For those bringing their own equipment - please check in with your school office in the morning for daytime storage instructions. Skis and Snowboards should be in a storage bag.

Return bus leaves Powder Ridge at 8:00pm SHARP. Attendance is taken. The return busses will meet at AMS parking lot around 8:20pm for pickup. PLEASE DON'T BE LATE! A coordinator will wait until all kids standing in the cold are picked up. Please contact a coordinator if you would like your child dropped off in South Haven at Mom's Restaurant.

AHS kids that drove to school and took the bus to Powder Ridge may be dropped off at AHS parking lot - please contact a coordinator if your child will be doing this.

Students who miss the bus must be picked up by a parent at Powder Ridge.

Bottom line, if anything other than standard transportation is needed for your child - let a coordinator know please.

### **CHAPERONES / DISCOUNTS:**

Sarah and I appreciate any parent help. We are allowed to have 7-8 parent chaperones each night. Chaperones will receive a complementary lift ticket and rental if needed/desired. Additional information will be sent in a separate email.

For those that do not wish to chaperone but still wish to enjoy some time on the slopes we also offer a Friends and Family discount.

**BEHAVIOR:**

Cruisers is a largely unsupervised activity - we have chaperones on the slopes but generally kids are on their own. Children should be instructed on keeping track of time so they don't miss the departure announcements. Clocks are visible in the huts on the bottom and tops of each lift and on the outside of the main chalet. We also do 3 loudspeaker calls prior to departure but they are easy to miss.

As this is a volunteer run club we have a low tolerance for behavior issues on the bus, in the chalet, or on the slopes. Powder Ridge and M&M Bussing may restrict access and we reserve the right to expel anyone from the club for fighting, vaping/drug/alcohol use, vandalism, theft, etc. Per conversations with the Annandale Superintendent any of these issues will be treated the same as if they happened at any other school event.

Please also see the attached document that covers many other questions we frequently receive and issues specific to things like lessons, rentals, food, clothing recommendations, etc.

Thanks, let's have another great season!

Josh & Sarah