



2016/17 **SKI CAMP** Schedule

SESSION #	DATES	DAYS
1	12/27/16 - 01/01/17	5
2	01/13/17 - 01/16/17	3
3	02/03/17 - 02/05/17	2
4	02/17/17 - 02/20/17	3
5	03/10/17 - 03/12/17	2 Beach Party

Daily Schedule

Immediately upon arrival, campers should register in the Main Dorm. Car arrival is between 6 and 7:30 with supper at 8:00. The program begins with introductory talks and discussions on various phases of skiing. During the evening, every camper either has rentals fitted or equipment checked. Each day there are morning classes and afternoon classes/free ski on the mountain. Everyone comes back to camp for lunch and relaxation at midday. At 4:15 p.m. on the last day of the session, awards are presented. Parents are welcome to attend this gathering before picking up campers.

TYPICAL SATURDAY SCHEDULE

AM	MORNING	PM	AFTERNOON	PM	EVENING
8:00	Up	12:30	Lunch	6:00	Dinner
8:30	Breakfast	1:30	Ski instruction or free skiing	7:15	Eve Programs
9:30	Boots on	4:00	Back to camp	10:00	Bedtime
9:40	Leave for class	4:15	Cocoa, movies		
10:00	Ski instruction				
12:00	Back to camp				

Accommodations

The ski camp offers rustic and comfortable accommodations for all. Campers are lodged in two dormitory buildings and the supervised by instructors, who are also full-time counselors. This enhances the rapport established on the slopes. Campers are bunked by age and gender in appropriate dormitories. We will do our best to honor bunking requests.

Health Requirements

Please make sure your child is in the good physical condition necessary for skiing. Campers bringing medication must report this at registration. Prescription medicine must be accompanied by written instructions by physician. Children who are ill or show a temperature on arrival will be sent home. Please be careful to note any allergies on the application.

Equipment Guidelines

A ski camper must be well equipped. Skis and poles/board should be suitable to the individual's physique and skiing ability; boots must be sturdy and control giving. Goggles or sunglasses may be needed. Snowblades are acceptable for during class time.

Bindings should be checked for proper release tension before your child comes to camp. We recommend an antifriction device in conjunction with the release bindings and install antifriction devices if they are desired. Retention straps or ski brakes are required on bindings. Inadequate equipment handicaps a camper and could ruin his or her ski weekend. In such case, the instructor may request rentals for which parents will be billed.

THE OTIS RIDGE SKI SHOP

While at camp, we can supply campers with necessities such as gloves, goggles, hats and ski socks. Campers can charge purchases in our ski shop on parents' MasterCard, Visa, or American Express provided authorization is given on the application card to the camp.

RENTAL EQUIPMENT

Rent equipment from top brands like Rossignol and Dalbello - even for the smallest camper. Those requiring rentals are outfitted on their first evening. Proper length skis or boards are selected and boots carefully fitted. Rental equipment is not always compatible with your own boots and bindings. Rental fees per day are:

Skis	\$20/day
Poles	\$5/day
Skis, Boots, Poles	\$25/day
Snowboard	\$20/day
Helmet	\$10/day

Suggested Clothing for a 2-day Session

FOR SKIING

1 pair ski pants
1 ski sweater
1 parka
1 ski hat
2 turtlenecks
4 pairs light socks
2 pair heavy socks
2 pair mittens
underwear (longies)

FOR EVENING

1 jersey or shirt
1 light sweater
1 pair slacks or jeans
1 pair hiking or outdoor boots
1 pair heavy socks
underwear
warm pajamas
slippers
toilet articles
towel and wash cloth

Optional: Insulated sleeping bag. Blankets and sheets are provided.

Warm up pants instead of ski pants are acceptable. One pair of hiking boots or outdoor footwear is essential.

To avoid loss and confusion, please label all possessions.

Labeled items left at camp will be returned at your expense.

Reservations

Tentative reservations can be made by calling the camp office or by email. Applications may be done on-line (preferred method) or by using one of our application forms which you can download from this website. Please be sure that the entire form is filled out completely.

With each reservation, we require at least 50% deposit of tuition if you are registering more than 2 weeks ahead of the session. **Full payment for tuition, bus and rentals must be received at least 2 weeks in advance of the session chosen or at the time of reservation if within 2 weeks** or the reservation may be cancelled. Full payment for tuition, rentals and bus transportation can be made at the time of reservation if you wish. If any session chosen is full, your payment can be applied to another session.

We are happy to make telephone reservations at the last minute if there is space in the session with payment in full at the time of registration. To be certain that you receive the sessions you prefer, please make reservations early since enrollment for each session is limited.

Tuition

ALL SESSIONS at ski camp are **\$125/day**. If paid in full by **11/15/16** the rate is \$100 per day. Tuition covers bed, board, instruction, lift tickets, and supervision, both during and outside skiing hours. Tuition does not include rental equipment, charter bus, taxis or medical expenses, if any of those are required.

TUITION IS DUE AT LEAST 2 WEEKS IN ADVANCE of the scheduled session. Campers not paid in advance will not be registered, although last minute registrants may pay by phone. Payment can be made by Mastercard, VISA, American Express, Discover, or check. Checks should be made payable to: OTIS RIDGE SKI CAMP. To pay by credit card, **all necessary information and the cardholder's signature must be filled in on the camp application.**

If campers are to be authorized to charge items in the ski shop, limits must be put on the application card and a credit card number provided.

Cancellations

If a reservation must be cancelled, please call us immediately. Remember that by cancelling early, you benefit someone on our waiting list who is eager to come, even on short notice. A cancellation of 10 days or more before the session will incur a \$50 cancellation charge. For reservations cancelled within 10 days of arrival, no refund of tuition or bus payments or charges can be made. In case of illness verified by a doctor's certificate however, all of these charges can be credited to another camp session. No Exemptions.

SKI CAMP OFFICE HOURS:

Before Dec. 1: Office hours by chance.. leave a message on voicemail.

Dec. 1 thru March: Daily 9am to 5pm

Ski Camp Office: phone 413-269-4445 fax: 413-269-4650

eMail: info@otisridge.com

www.otisridge.com

Charter Bus Rates

Otis Ridge offers a charter bus service for the NY/CT area. Make reservations through us at 413-269-4444.

New York City	\$65
New Rochelle, NY	\$60
Mt. Kisco, NY	\$55

NYC/CT Charter Bus Meeting Places

New York City	85th & 3rd, SE corner by McDonalds
New Rochelle, NY	Parking lot behind the Radisson, off Exit 1 of I95 (visible from 95). At exit, left on Cedar Street at bottom of hill bear right under overpass, left at next traffic light.
Mt. Kisco, NY	Commuter Lot / Exit 4 off Route 684

NYC/CT Charter Bus Schedule

Be at the bus stop at least 15 minutes ahead of schedule. Busses cannot wait for latecomers. Call the camp office 413-269-4445, if travel plans are changed - even at the last minute.

TO OTIS			FROM OTIS (All Departures)		
Depart	NYC	3:45 pm	Depart	Otis	5:00 pm
	New Rochelle	4:40 pm			
	Mt. Kisco	5:30 pm	Arrive	Mt. Kisco	7:15 pm
Arrive	Otis	7:45 pm		New Rochelle	7:45 pm
				NYC	8:30 pm

Directions by car

From Boston & Springfield

Mass Pike to Exit 2 in Lee. Take Route 20 east to Route 8 south

From Westfield

Route 20, west to Route 23 west to Otis

At Otis

From the intersection of Route 8 and 23, go west on Route 23 for a 1/4 mile

From Albany

NY Thruway east to Mass Pike east. Exit at Lee-Route 20 east to Route 8 south.

From NYC

Sawmill Parkway to 684 north to 84 east to Waterbury, 8 north to Otis.

From Hartford, CT

Route 44 to Winsted, Route 8 north to Otis.

From Merritt Parkway

Exit 52, Route 8 north to Otis.

From Connecticut Turnpike

Exit 27A, Route north to Otis

At Otis

From the intersection of Route 8 and 23, go west on Route 23 for 1/4 mile.