

PROGRAM INFO

For the 23/24 Season the Intramural Program is available in a 5 week package presented at a greatly reduced rate from regular daily prices. The program is being streamlined to simplify registration for Parents, Schools, Ski instructors and Tussey Mountain Office staff. Lift tickets are valid from 3pm-9pm and will be stored and validated through our new RFID card system. Each school's start time will vary, based on transportation availability and staffing of Advisors/Chaperones. Registration and payment for the program will be available at the ticket office but it is strongly encouraged that parents purchase online through our new estore, using the following link, specifically created for our programs.

<https://estore.tusseymountain.com/programs>

Tussey Mountain will provide each student with an RFID card that will be scannable in the ticket office, rental shop, at lessons, and when loading at the lift. It will only be valid on the assigned day of the purchased pass (for example, Monday, Tuesday, etc.). This card will hold all rental equipment information as well as all lesson information. Students will receive an envelope as in past years: the envelope will contain a single RFID card on which all information will be digitally assigned. If the card is lost the Tussey Mountain ticket office staff will be able to refill a new card based off of the child's guest account in the ticketing system for a \$5 fee. Advisors will be provided a report for what products students have purchased. Parents will also have direct access to their child's guest account to verify the accuracy of the information on the RFID card. If a parent or school has any questions or finds any discrepancies, please email us at **(info@tusseymountain.com)**

Each school or family is responsible for providing their own transportation. RFID cards will be refillable each year, so participants may keep them and simply refill them for the program next season, but the cards will not have any value unless reloaded with other tickets/lessons/rentals after the program's completion.

BADGES/RFID CARDS

Badges have changed for the 23/24 season. Thanks to our new RFID ticketing system, all lift access, lesson information, rental information, and parent contact information will be stored in the cloud and is scannable at any location on the mountain. Pass holders will be included with all RFID cards if students and/or their chaperones would like the RFID cards worn in a visible place. However, RFID cards can be kept in jacket pockets with zippers for safekeeping and should they be kept away from any cell phones, wallets, or keys to prevent damage to the digital information. Again, cards are reusable so any subsequent purchase through Tussey mountain will be loaded on the same card automatically. If cards are bent or broken they will need to be replaced with an associated \$5 fee. Students will not be able to use their lift passes on any other day, other than the one assigned to them: if caught doing so at a scanner, they will be refused lift, rental, and lesson access that day. Students arriving late no longer have to report to the office since no tickets will be printed, and they will be able to receive their rentals upon arrival.

LESSONS

The first week of the IM program, January 8th-12th, lessons are for never-ever skiers and snowboarders and those still learning on the beginner slope. These lessons will be 90 minutes. Starting the week of January 15, all lessons will be one hour long and will be offered to all ability levels. Lessons must be used on the assigned day of the program or during the makeup days at the end of the program. Learning to ski or to snowboard can be similar to swimming. Students have to expect a learning curve, so maintaining class pace with the entire group is ideal. Any unused lessons or missed program days can be redeemed the week of 2/14-2/16 or 2/19 and 2/20.

When registering your child, parents will be asked a number of questions to help us place each student in the appropriate level for lessons.

What is the Participants Ability Level?

- Never-Ever
- Novice (Comfortable in the beginner area)
- Intermediate (Comfortable on green slopes and beginning to link "S" turns)
- Advanced (Comfortable on blue slopes and linking "S" turns)
- Expert (Comfortable on all terrain and exploring freestyle and other techniques)

Years skiing/ snowboarding?

Lesson curriculum is designated by color. Students should remain in a level (at the same color) until they have demonstrated an ability to complete the skills at that level. On the following page is the lesson level chart and some brief descriptions of what to expect out of each level. **Students may need to take several lessons at the same level, before moving to the next level.**

	Color	Terrain	Description of Student's Abilities/Lesson Focus
	Red	Little Bear	It's your first time skiing or riding. You're learning the basics, like how to stop and turn.
	Orange	Little Bear	Not your first time, but you're still getting comfortable with stopping, and you are working on turning more confidently.
	Yellow	Little Bear	You are able to link turns, and to navigate beginner terrain in a controlled and safe manner.
	Green	Deer Run	You're getting comfortable with faster speeds, and are linking turns with varied sizes and shapes. Skis are starting to match at the end of turns.
	Blue	Deer Run, Utah via Chicken Ridge	You can confidently ski or ride Deer Run, and are ready to try blue terrain. You can make short fast turns, and your skis are mostly parallel. Snowboarders are starting to explore riding switch.
	Purple	Utah, possibly Tuscarora	You ski or ride the whole mountain comfortably and are working on advanced techniques, such as carving.

EQUIPMENT RENTAL

Equipment Rental information will be recorded at the time of purchase/registration. Skier/Boarder height, weight, shoe size and ability level are all entered at the time of purchase. All data is stored in our system and will be matched to the child's account so that we can keep record of rentals used and what equipment is needed.

If changes need to be made, the student or advisor must let the rental staff know and we can adjust our records to fix the issue. **Students must return all of their rental equipment to the Rental Shop before they leave.** Their personal items will not be returned until all rented items are returned. If you have lost an item, please report it to the Ticket Office. **Tussey Mountain also offers a yearly ski/board swap sale, where you can purchase new or used gear at this sale. Ski Swap will be held November 3rd & 4th and is open to the public. Gear sells quickly, so we recommend that people shop early during the sale.**

MEAL CARDS

New this year, participants in the program will receive their own meal card (with an initial value of \$0 balance) in their envelope. These cards will be reloadable online by parents so that they can know exactly how much money is in their child's account. To refill the cards you may go to the following link and look up your card number and add funds via credit card. You still may add funds to your card in the cafeteria if you wish to pay with cash. You can not add funds online to any of the meal cards from previous years.

<https://www.toasttab.com/tussey-mountain-301-bear-meadows-road/findcard>

Meal Cards are NOT the same as Tussey Mountain Ski Gift Cards and can only be used in the LODGE for food and drinks during the winter season. Meal cards cannot be used in the Fun Centre or Ticket Office for purchases.

You can still use a meal card from the previous year. If you have the card number, we can add more funds to that card but it is highly recommended to use the new cards after using up the balance on your old cards.

Meal cards can be used for any food from the cafe as well as snacks, bottled beverages, and other food/drinks items offered in the Cafe. We try to keep our prices adjusted so that kids will be able to get a meal for \$10-\$12 a night.

SEASON PASSES

Students with a Tussey Mountain Season Pass are still able to register for the IM program and purchase lessons at the program rate. Season passes do not include RENTALS or LESSONS. If a student with a season pass would like to participate in the program there is a \$0 option at registration that requires them to have a season pass to purchase and will allow us to add them to the school group roster.

STORAGE

Each school will have a designated location for the students' belongings. The designated location will be determined before the start of the program. Tussey Mountain is not responsible for any lost or stolen items, and we recommend that students not bring expensive or irreplaceable items. Guaranteed storage can be found by renting a seasonal locker through the Ticket Office for \$200 (while quantities last). Locker renters must supply their own lock.

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER 1ST, 2023:

DEADLINE FOR DISCOUNTED RATES

DECEMBER 8TH-18TH, 2023:

PACKAGES DELIVERED TO SCHOOLS

JANUARY 8TH-12TH, 2024:

IM PROGRAM STARTS. LESSONS ARE FOR FIRST TIME STUDENTS AND THOSE STILL LEARNING ON THE BEGINNER SLOPE (RED/ORANGE LESSON LEVELS). LAST WEEK TO PURCHASE IM PACKAGES.

JANUARY 15TH-19TH, 2024:

LESSONS FOR ALL LEVELS BEGIN (RED THROUGH PURPLE).

FEBRUARY 13TH-16TH AND FEBRUARY 19TH-20TH, 2024:

MAKE UP LESSON DAYS. THESE ARE THE LAST DAYS FOR LESSONS. LESSONS CAN BE TAKEN ON ANY DAY THIS WEEK AT NORMAL LESSON TIMES. STUDENTS MUST CHECK IN AT THE OFFICE TO BE ASSIGNED ANY MAKE UP LESSONS ON THESE DAYS. LEFTOVER LIFT PASSES CAN BE USED ANY DAYS THIS WEEK.

Some deadlines and start dates for your group can be flexible.

PLEASE CHECK WITH TUSSEY FOR APPROVAL.

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(for questions about pricing, registration, missing cards, technical difficulties)

DEREK@TUSSEYMOUNTAIN.COM

(for questions about lessons, lesson levels, instructors)

INTRAMURAL RATES

<u>5 Week Packages</u>	Early Rate (By Nov 30)	Late Rate (Dec 1)
Lifts Only	\$140	\$160
Lift w/ Rentals	\$285	\$305
Lessons Only	\$110	\$110
Lessons w/ Lifts	\$250	\$270
Lessons, Lifts, Rentals	\$395	\$415
Season Pass Registration	\$0	\$0

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What if my child has another commitment on the night his/her school comes out?

A: Students may come on a different night other than their school, but they indicate that when registering and **always** come on that night of the week. They may not come on a different night each week.

Q: What happens if my child forgets or loses his/her RFID CARD or Meal Card?

A: If your child forgets his/her RFID, or cannot find their RFID CARD the advisor or chaperone must bring the child into the ticket office where we will issue a new RFID card for a \$5 card replacement fee, This card has all of the same benefits and is essentially identical to the original. Meal cards will not be replaced unless we are able to cancel the lost card.

Q: My child did not attend all the weeks of the program. What happens after the school program ends?

A: After February 20th, 2024, the IM Badge, lessons, and rentals will expire. Please ensure that your child attends the make-up days that are offered at the end of the program

Q: What happens if school is canceled on the day my child is supposed to come out?

A: If school is canceled, students may still come out and use their badges to ski/snowboard. They must check in at the ticket office to have their attendance recorded before they ski/ride on the mountain. However, make-up days need to be verbally approved by Tussey Mountain in advance. Trips are good for the regular school times of 3-9pm (If you are part of a group that has arranged a different block of time with Tussey Mountain, please include that time on all sign-up forms). Lessons will be given at regular times - 4:30 and 5:45 pm. If students choose not to come, the school often schedules a make-up day and the students can use their badges then.

Q: Do I need to sign my child up for lessons?

A: There are packages available without lessons. **However, since Tussey Mountain offers lessons for all levels of skill, we recommend them.** Students can take lessons to improve their skills or feel more comfortable with specific techniques. We encourage teachers and parents to help foster a positive attitude toward lessons. Unused intramural lessons will become void after February 20th, 2024.

Q: What does my child do with his/her personal things while skiing or riding?

A: Students are not allowed to use the seasonal locker room, unless they have rented a locker for the season. Seasonal rentals are available for \$200 on a limited basis. They are large enough to contain multiple sets of equipment, jackets, and backpacks. Designated locations will be assigned to schools for students' personal items. This will be determined before the program starts. **Tussey Mountain is not responsible for lost or stolen items. We encourage students not to bring valuable items with them, if at all possible.**

Q: Can younger siblings or parents ski with their child?

A: Yes. Packages are sold to family members at the same rates but should be purchased at the same time as the school package. **Children younger than third grade and adults can purchase a lift and/or rental package but may not participate in lessons.**

Q: Where do I pick my child up at the end of the night?

A: **In the interest of safety we will have designated pick up locations for each school; these pick up locations will be in/around the Lodge.** There are often many children here on school nights and it may be difficult to find your child without a meeting point. We suggest that children new to the sport or to the mountain come out with their families over winter break to familiarize themselves with the facility.

Q: What is the Lost and Found procedure?

A: Lost and Found is located in the Ticket Office. The Rental Shop and Lodge turn all found items into the office at the end of the day. Please understand that many times when things are lost, it can take 24 hours or more to find the item and turn it in to the Ticket Office. If your item is not immediately located, the Ticket Office staff will record your contact information and item description and make all attempts to have it returned to you. If your child has a cell phone, please encourage him/her to keep it in a ZIPPED, inside pocket, to avoid losing it.

Q: Can I use my meal cards outside of the IM Program?

A: Meal cards can be used anytime in the lodge during the winter season to purchase food and drinks. **They cannot be used in the Ticket Office, Fun Centre, or any Amphitheatre events for purchases.** The cards are not refundable and not transferable. Please keep track of your card's number in case it is lost or stolen. If you have the number, we can close the card and issue another one with the same amount of funds.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Tussey Mountain
PO Box 885
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Location:

Rt. 322, across from Mountain View Country Club
One mile up Bear Meadows Road
One mile East of Boalsburg

STAFF:

Please contact Tussey for any questions about sales, payment, or IM program information.

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