



Aoba – Japan International School

“Learning in itself is a way of life”

January 13, 2010

SKI TRIP 2010 Parent Information Letter

Dear Parents,

In order to properly mark the students' transition from elementary school to middle school, A-JIS has once again arranged for the sixth graders to participate in the annual Sixth Grade Ski Trip. This is an excellent opportunity for the students to share some time together in a relaxed atmosphere outside of the school, watch the stars at night, and observe how the local people in the area enjoy life in a snowy environment. Academically students will be keeping a diary in English and practicing polite Japanese.

Dates: February 24, Wednesday – February 27, Saturday, 2010

Time: Depart A-JIS (by charter bus) at 7:00 AM on February 24, Wednesday

Return: A-JIS at approximately 3:00 PM on February 27, Saturday

Location: Echigo Yuzawa ski area, (Sporea Yuzawa <http://www.sporea.co.jp>)

Cost: No additional charge

(All costs for the ski trip were included as part of the tuition fee of each Gr. 6 student)

Once on the slopes, ski instruction will be given according to each student's ability. In addition, four A-JIS teachers will provide supervision. Attached at the back of this letter is a list of the necessary gear and supplies for the trip. We will have in-school meetings with participating Grade 6 students and teachers. These meetings will provide your children with all the necessary information, and to answer any question's they may have about the activity.

If for some reason your child will not be able to go to the ski trip, the Middle School Office will make special arrangements so that he/she will be able to attend classes with other middle school students and do regular school work. If this is the case, please be informed that the ski trip payment included in the tuition cannot be refunded, due to the school's advance payment and reservation of the ski lodge.

Please fill-out the attached **Ski Trip 2010 Permission Reply Slip by January 18th** to inform us your son/daughter's participation in this truly exciting and memorable activity.

Sincerely,

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Middle School Vice-Principal

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