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MOUNTAIN LIFE CALVARY CHAPEL

We are beyond excited to share the details of our 1st Annual Vail Christian Academy Ski-a-Thon! The Ski-a-Thon is school-wide community event at Arrowhead Ski Area on Beaver Creek Mountain where students get to ski, snowboard and snowshoe for Jesus while collecting pledges from family and friends for laps and/or miles. Centered around strengthening friendships outside in the beauty of God's creation, the purpose of the Ski-a-Thon is to build relationships within our VCA community, be a light and tap into our greater community to raise \$30,000 to bridge the gap between tuition and annual operating expenses at VCA.

This event will include our entire K-8 community at Vail Christian Academy! Students and families will have other ways to participate besides skiing including selling snacks, tracking laps and decorating race bibs. We'd love for all parents to participate through volunteering, snow sports participation, driving or helping raise pledges.

Here are the must know details for this year's event:

Date: Friday February 26, 2021

Time: 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Drop-off/pick-up at Arrowhead Skier Parking

Lunch: Lunch and awards from 12-1pm. Location TBD

Early Dismissal: Students will be dismissed at 1pm

What exactly is a Ski-a-Thon? It works like this:

Enclosed is your pledge packet! Please read through, complete all forms and return to school next week. Please also visit the Sign-Up Genius to RSVP for yourself and your student!

February 4-25: Students raise pledges for laps (downhill) or ¼ miles (cross country and snowshoe) on the forms provided. Non-skiing/snowboarding/cross-country skiing or snowshoeing kids will also receive pledge packets to raise pledges for the average laps skied and have other fundraising opportunities during the event.

February 26: All K – 8th Grade students get dropped off at the skier parking lot ride at Arrowhead where the students participate in one of the following ways between the hours of 9:00 - 12:00pm:

- Skiing or snowboarding as many laps up and down a supervised run at Arrowhead as they can.
- Cross Country skiing as many linear feet as possible.
- Snowshoeing up and down the uphill path at Arrowhead.
- Tracking the number of laps, selling snacks, serving drinks and joining a scavenger hunt.

Over the course of the next few weeks, we will share more details and logistics including lunch plans, fundraising tips, transportation arrangements, prize sneak peaks and more.

If your child is not racing, he/she will still collect pledges. The amount owed per lap will be calculated by the AVERAGE number of laps skied by an 8th Grader. Also, people interested in supporting the project can give flat pledges, rather than per-lap pledges in-person or online at vailchristianacademy.org. These can be paid at the time of solicitation and the person will not have to be re-contacted.

****After the race, your child's laps will be added up. Then your child computes how much money various donors owe. (For instance, if a donor pledged \$2 per lap and your child skied 20 laps, that donor would owe \$40.)

***Your child then returns to the people who pledged and collects the money and brings it to school.

****There will be awesome prizes for kids in various categories (more to come on that soon)!**

Ski-a-Thon Checklist:

- ___ Register student and participating family at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/invite_vca_ski-a-thon
- ___ Complete enclosed permission form and return to school by 2/11
- ___ Sign-up to volunteer or donate items at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/invite_vca_ski-a-thon
- ___ Start collecting pledges on the enclosed pledge forms!
- ___ Call and email extended family to raise pledges!

A huge thank you to Mountain Life Calvary Chapel, our Title Sponsor, Qdoba West Vail and the Lemon Family, our lunch sponsor and all of the generous sponsors who have already committed to sponsoring bibs and souvenir neck gaiters for all students! It's past the cutoff to be a bib sponsor but there are still ways to have support this first (what we hope to become the first of many) annual event! If you are interested in sponsoring the Ski-A-Thon, please email Shannon at sobrien@vailchristianacademy.org.

Thank you very much for your support in this endeavor. Please feel free to call us with any questions.

Sincerely,

David Lyle and the VCA Board

