

# Andover Ski Program

By M. J. Wittel and Marissa Laro  
AE/MS Fifth Grade Students

*M. J. and Marissa got the scoop up on Ragged about the Andover Recreation Committee's downhill ski program. They interviewed 22 students in different grades about what they really think of the program. The Andover Recreation Committee, Ragged Mountain Ski Area, and AE/MS work together to provide this program to Andover children who are interested in learning to ski or snowboard.*

## Do you think students and staff are following the Eagle Code at Ragged?

Fifty-five percent of the students interviewed said that the younger kids are following it more than the older kids. Thirty-five percent said everyone is following it, and 10% said no one is following it.

## What do you dislike about the ski program at Ragged?

Seventy-seven percent said that they don't dislike anything, and 23% said that people aren't being safe.

## What do you like about the ski program at Ragged?

Eighty-six percent said that they like everything, and 14% said they like being able to ski or snowboard with their friends.

## Do you have any suggestions for next year's ski program?

Fifty percent said they didn't have any suggestions and 50% said that they would like to have lunch up at Ragged and be there all day.

## Would you like more time to free ski or snowboard (without lessons) next year?

One hundred percent of the students interviewed said that they want more time to free ski or snowboard.

After going through the results, we believe that most students would like to have more free time, be there longer, and would like the program to continue in 2007.

By Leighton and Nicholas Terwilliger  
For the Beacon

Well, it was another great year for the Andover Recreation Committee Ski Program. Blessed with five great weeks with warm temperatures, the skiing was great.

The kids arrived at 1 PM every Friday and received a one-hour lesson with the same instructor each week. First time skiers were taught to stop and slow down using a wedge and turning techniques. The kids who could ski the bigger chair were taught about weight shift for the turn, when and where to shift their weight, and what leg does this weight go to. The upper level kids were taught about more edging and weight shift earlier in the turn.

After the lesson the kids went skiing with friends, parents, and instructors to develop what they had just learned. The kids were then on the bus to head home after a great day of skiing.

The kids and their parents would like to take this time to thank Ragged Mountain for the terrain we use, Ed Dansereau of the Blackwater Ski Shop, Howard and Ellie George of the Andover Recreation Committee who organize the outings, all the Ragged Mountain Ski Instructors who helped teach the kids, and all the adult chaperones that helped the instructors.

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## The AE/MS Eagle Code

- Always be respectful**
- Everybody is responsible**
- Make good choices**
- Safety first, last, and always**

# AE/MS Basketball

## Girls A-Team

At home against Laconia Christian on January 25, the Lady Eagles kept the ball rolling in the right direction throughout the game, winning 31-19. Everyone on the team contributed to the score. Great patience goes to Stephanie Nelson who took the time to set up plays and follow through. Zoe Stoddard, Haley Peters, and Mariah Haley came up with awesome rebounds. Great defensive moves came from Elizabeth Stearns and Sophie Viandier, shutting down LC's outside shots. There was great communication and intensity throughout the entire game – great job!

On January 31 the Lady Eagles hosted Barnstead and played a solid game, winning 34-16. Andover got an early 24-8 lead in the first half, allowing the entire team, including some B-Team players, to get a lot of playing time. Hannah Frantz and Mariah Haley pulled down the most rebounds for the team. Kayla Dansereau had a lot of assists, feeding Hannah Frantz who contributed 10 points and Jess West who had 8.

The Lady Eagles had a tough match against the visiting Lady Bears from Newfound Middle School on February 9. The hotly contested match-up went back and forth with each quarter. Jess West's four points helped the team to an 8-6 first quarter lead, but Newfound exploded for 14 points in the second to carry a 20-14 lead into half-time.

After the half, Hannah Frantz netted seven points and defense held Newfound to only two points, ending the third with a 24-22 lead. In the final frame, Katie Smith came out firing with seven points in the quarter, but the Lady Bears tightened up their defense and capitalized from the foul line in the waning seconds to come away with a 36-33 win over the Lady Eagles. Great job, Eagles!

Valentine's Day found the Lady Eagles hosting the spirited Lady Cougars from Kearsarge Middle School in New London. The Lady Eagles were hot, slamming down 15 first-quarter points and jumping to a 24-12 halftime lead. The Cougars held their ground in the third quarter, but the Lady Eagles' spectacular defense held the Cougars scoreless in the fourth quarter. The 43-22 victory improved the Lady Eagles' record to 7-4. Emily Laro and Hannah Frantz torched the hoop for nine points each. Jessica West and Jenn Connor weren't far behind with seven and six points, respectively.

## Girls B-Team

The Girls B-Team lost 19-28 to a much larger Campton team on February 2. Overall, the team played very well, but at times they struggled with rebounding and scoring. The girls never gave up and finished strong with some good outside shooting by Elizabeth Stearns and Zoe Stoddard.

The Girls B-Team lost 17-26 to Campton on February 9. Andover was behind by a sizable amount at halftime

but wrestled their way back into the game. Amy Lamos led the charge with several baskets, including a three pointer. Zoe Stoddard and Elizabeth Stearns also contributed to Andover's score.

Stephanie Nelson did a great job on defense. Sophie Viandier and Haley Peters forced many turnovers. The girls all played with great determination, which made the coaches feel proud.

The Girls B-Team beat Newfound 26-18 on February 13. Andover was behind 14-4 at halftime, but the third quarter was all Andover. It started with a solid defense led by Sophie Viandier and Mariah Haley. The offense was on fire as Kassie Lamper, Emily Laro, and Elizabeth Stearns worked the ball around the court. Elizabeth made two beautiful bounce passes to set up Stephanie Nelson, who scored each time. Emily Laro shot five for six at the foul line. Kassie Lamper stole the scoring show, with 15 points for the game, 13 of them in the second half.

## Boys A-Team

The Boys A-Team dominated Laconia Christian 46-17. The whole team played excellent defense, forcing LC to turn the ball over many times. Andover took advantage with many fast breaks to the hoop. Great Hustle and Sportsmanship go to Josh Bond and Curtis Blodgett.

On January 31 the Boys A-Team matched up pretty well with Barnstead in the first half with a score in favor of Barnstead 9-6. In the second half, Andover struggled on offense and the half ended with Barnstead ahead 24-16. Henry Bendel, Adam Smith, and Josh Wagner did a great job defensively underneath, pulling in some rebounds against a very tall team. Offensively, Henry Bendel contributed eight points, Josh Wagner three, and Josh Bond, Nick Waine, and Tyler Waine contributed two points each. Great hustle!

The Boys A-Team took the court on February 14 looking to avenge an earlier loss to the Kearsarge Cougars, but at halftime the Eagles trailed 24-6. In the second half, the Eagles matched the Cougars basket for basket, showing a great deal of hustle and heart, but ended dropping a hard-fought game 43-23. Adam Smith nailed five of eight from the free throw line and tallied seven points to lead the way for the Eagles. Henry Bendel dropped in four points, as did Nick Waine. Josh Bond contributed as a major play-maker, dishing out several assists and racking up four steals.

## Boys B-Team

Great job to the Andover Boys B-Team in their game on February 2 against Campton. Although the Eagles lost by just a few points, the team played great. The Eagles came alive in the second half, beating the Campton press and then running their own full court press. The defensive pressure forced Campton to turn the ball over and allowed the Eagles to capitalize offensively.

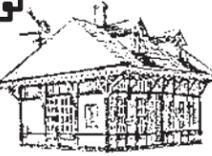
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