

Minooka Schools Waterski and Wakeboard Club

Purpose

To provide a safe and fun environment to practice and promote the sports of waterskiing, wakeboarding and other towed water sports.

To encourage students to become active in competitive water sports.

To introduce students to the opportunities that exist in waterskiing at a collegiate level. Many colleges have waterski clubs and participate in competitions at the collegiate level. Some colleges offer scholarships. Sponsorships from vendors are also available.

Objectives

A team spirit will be used to promote individual goals and accomplishments. Students have the opportunity to ski with others with similar interest and ability. Instruction will be provided by experienced waterskiers and wakeboarders. Through cooperative efforts with area dealers and pro-shops we hope to provide exposure to professional skiers and instructors as well as the latest developments in equipment.

Methods

A cooperative effort between the Ninovan Ski Club, local volunteers, area boat dealers and pro-shops, other businesses and individuals is being developed to provide the opportunity to as many participants as possible.

Lake Ninovan in Minooka, three miles west of Ridge Road on Minooka Road, is being made available to the club on a limited basis to provide a facility to host the activities. Lake Ninovan is a man-made lake constructed for the purpose of providing a waterskiing environment. The Lake is a half-mile long and approximately 300 feet wide. A six-ball slalom course has been laid out and is maintained in the lake. The lake is 8 to 10 feet deep to help generate the wakes looked for by wakeboarders. Gentle shorelines dissipate the wakes to provide the best environment possible for waterskiing. One boat at a time is allowed to operate on the lake to provide the best conditions and safe environment.

Experienced volunteer boat drivers will be driving the boats used during club activities. Students will NOT be allowed to drive the boats during school club ski time.

Cost and Requirements

Membership in the USA Water Ski Association is required. USA Water Ski is the national governing body of organized water skiing in the United States. Membership provides the participants, lake owners and volunteers with medical and liability insurance. A form is attached from USA Waterski membership information or information can be found at www.usawaterski.org. USA Waterski membership includes a subscription to "The Waterskier" magazine published by USA Waterski

A guest membership in the Ninovan Ski Club to cover lake insurance and other cost of maintaining the facility is required. The cost of a guest membership is \$150.00 per year, this can be payable in 2 payments of \$75.00. Half of the fees collected are used to purchase equipment to be used within the school ski club.

Volunteers and businesses are providing boats, drivers and a limited amount of equipment. We are working with area pro-shops to provide Demo Equipment and discounts on new equipment to the club participants.

The safety of the participants is the highest goal. All participants will be expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. There will be no horseplay or reckless behavior. Students are encouraged to complete a boating safety course such as those offered by The Department of Natural Resources or US Power Squadron.

Execution

The Ninovan Ski Club and volunteer drivers will establish a schedule to minimize impact to resident boaters and skiers. The objective will be to have the entire club participate in club activities as much as practical. Practice sessions will be made available to the participants who will be encouraged to schedule their sessions. Sufficient drivers and volunteers should be available so as not to cause an inconvenience or imposition and to provide backup for inevitable changes in schedule. Practice sessions and volunteer times should be scheduled well in advance to allow resident boaters and volunteers to schedule around the school club activities. Parents are encouraged to observe the participants' achievements.

Participant's level and achievements should be tracked and posted to encourage individual advancement. Competitions within the club and with other clubs should be used to foster a team spirit, gauge participant's level and advancements and to foster individual self-esteem.

School rules and policies will be adhered to during club activities.

Club Rules

Students will follow the rules established by the Ninovan Ski Club Board of Directors in addition to the following rules.

- Membership in the USA Water Ski Association is required,
- Participant waiver and release of liability, assumption of risk and indemnity agreement must be signed and kept on file with club.
- Personal and health information will be kept with the drivers, in case of emergency.
- Participants will respect the rules established by the volunteers, drivers, coaches and boat owners.
- Participants will show respect to each other and themselves.
- Participants are expected to help with getting the boat and equipment ready, stowed and returned to storage.
- Skiers will ski for no more than 15 minutes while others are waiting.
- Courtesy and common sense must be exercised by all lake users.
- Equipment will be handled and stowed with care.
- Respect will be shown to the property owners around the lake.
- Participants will stay within designated areas and not wander into neighboring properties.
- There will be no foul language or inappropriate gestures.
- Participants who violate these rules and guidelines will be asked not to participate.
- The Volunteers, Drivers, Coaches and boat owners have the authority to enforce these rules upon the participants.
- State of Illinois boating and fishing laws must be followed.

Contact Information

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Parents are welcome to stay and watch the skiing activities from the dock.