

# Students hit the slopes through advanced PE ski trip

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Students from Shelby County High School recently traded their gym shoes for ski boots as part of an Advanced Physical Education ski trip led by teacher Casey Page. The trip allowed students to learn how to ski while experiencing a lifetime sport that many may not otherwise have access to.

The ski trip is directly connected to Page's Advanced PE class, which focuses on lifetime sports activities that students can continue well into adulthood. According to Page, skiing fits perfectly into that category.

"When I grew up here in Shelby County, there were a lot of out-of-school programs that would take kids skiing, and that's how we all learned," Page said. "Nowadays, there are still programs that take people to the slopes, but most of them focus on tubing. Not a lot of people get the chance, actually, to learn how to ski."

Page explained that skiing is one of the ultimate lifetime activities, with many people continuing to ski into their late 80s and so on. Because he teaches a class centered on lifetime sports and has a commercial driver's license (CDL) that allows him to drive the bus, he felt that this was a great way to put it to good use and provide this opportunity to his students.

"There's a part of me that didn't want to do it, but I knew it would be a great opportunity to learn one of the great lifetime activities," Page said.

While the trip may feel special, it is not the first time students have taken part in it. This year marked Page's sixth time taking Advanced PE students to the slopes. Over the years, nearly 300 students have learned how to ski through the program, with about 50 students attending each trip.

The trip itself includes

professional instruction for all students, many of whom are skiing for the first time. Each student participates in a lesson that lasts about an hour before heading out on their own.

"As most experienced skiers know, friends don't teach friends how to ski," Page said. "You need to embrace the process and get a lesson. It's the key to a fun and, even more important, safe time while on the slopes."

Page emphasized that without proper instruction, students could easily become frustrated and discouraged. This year, however, students pushed themselves, and no one quit early.

"Students all pushed themselves, and I didn't have a single student quit early," he said.

Some students struggled at first and stayed on the beginner, or "bunny," slopes until they felt more confident. Page noted that those students focused closely on the skills and techniques taught by their instructors, which helped them later improve.

One of the most meaningful outcomes of the trip has been students returning to the slopes on their own after the experience.

"I have since had a lot of students return to the slopes," Page said. "I would say over 20 more are already making plans."

There were also plenty of memorable and humorous moments throughout the day. Page shared stories of students wiping out at the top of slopes, falling while trying to get off the ski lift, and struggling to stand back up on steep hills.

"There are always impressive wipeouts," Page said. "I'll be skiing, talking to a student next to me, and suddenly they don't respond. I look back, and they're lying on the ground wiping snow out of their goggles."

Despite the falls, Page believes these moments are part of the learning process and make the experience



even more valuable.

In addition to teaching students a new skill, the trip also helps remove financial barriers often associated with skiing. Thanks to an extremely discounted rate, the trip allows all students in the class to participate, regardless of their financial situation.

"This trip opens it up to everyone," Page said.

Page believes opportunities like this represent what physical education should be all about, giving students the chance to discover activities they can enjoy for a lifetime.

"In my opinion, this is what PE should be about," he said. "A bunch of students getting the opportunity to learn a lifetime activity in a way that they can all find success."

He also credited the school district for supporting the program and recognizing its importance.

"I applaud my district for backing me up on this," Page said. "Students need to find a sport they can do to stay healthy throughout their lives."

Page often reminds his students that long-term health matters more than anything else.

"I always tell my students that it doesn't matter how successful you are," he said. "If you're not healthy, you're not happy. Skiing is just another sport they can fall back on to stay active."





## LEGAL NOTICE

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

A public hearing will be held by the City of Shelbyville at City Hall, 315 Washington Street, on March 5, 2026, at 5:15 p.m., for the purpose of obtaining written or oral comments regarding the proposed use of Municipal Road Aid and Local Government Economic Assistance Program funds for the upcoming 2026-2027 fiscal year.

|  | Municipal Road Aid | Local Government Economic Assistance |
|--|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Balance Carried Forward                            | \$175,000          | \$20,000                             |
| Anticipated Receipts                               | 250,000            | 5,000                                |
| Anticipated Interest Income                        | 2500               | 500                                  |
| <b>Total Resources Available For Appropriation</b> | <b>\$426,500</b>   | <b>\$25,500</b>                      |

**PUBLIC INSPECTION:** The City's proposed budget and proposed uses of Municipal Road Aid and Local Government Economic Assistance funds are available for public inspection at City Hall during normal business hours 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Interested persons and organizations in Shelbyville are invited to the Public Hearing to submit written or oral comments on the proposed uses of **Municipal Road Aid** and **Local Government Economic Assistance** funds as they relate to the City's entire budget.

Any person(s), especially senior citizens, who cannot submit written comments or attend the public meeting, but wish to submit comments, should call City Hall at 633-8000, so that the City can make arrangements to secure their comments.



## LEGAL NOTICE

**CITY OF SHELBYVILLE  
SHELBYVILLE, KENTUCKY  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

**DANIEL FIELD RESTROOM BUILDING PROJECT**  
1145 Washington Street  
Shelbyville, Kentucky

Sealed Bids will be received by the City of Shelbyville, 315 Washington Street, Shelbyville, Kentucky for one publicly accessible restroom building to be located at Daniel Field, 1145 Washington Street, Shelbyville, Kentucky 40065. The project will consist of one restroom facility located within the parking lot near the existing skate park building.

The work to be quoted is described as follows:

Construct a new restroom facility that is 15 1/2 ft by 24 ft. The building will contain (at minimum) both female and male facilities that provide two (2) stalls or a combination of stalls/urinals. The scope of work includes all electrical, water and sanitary utilities, site grading, and temporary erosion control as described in the full summary of work and shown on the attachments.

Specifications may be obtained from City of Shelbyville Public Works Facility, 787 Kentucky Street, Shelbyville, KY 40065, or calling 502-633-1094.

Contractors shall submit their bids to the City of Shelbyville, Attention: Jennifer Herrell, City Engineer, Shelbyville City Hall, 315 Washington Street, Shelbyville, KY 40065.

**Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope not later than 10:00 A.M. local time, Tuesday, March 3, 2026.** Sealed proposals shall be clearly marked on the outside of the container with the Company Name, Address and Project Name.

The OWNER reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids. Contractors are encouraged to utilize local Vendors and Suppliers. The bid shall be accompanied by a certified/cashier's check or bid bond payable to the City of Shelbyville in an amount not less than Five Percent (5%) of the base bid. No BIDDER may withdraw his Bid within sixty (60) consecutive calendar days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Errors and Omissions will not be cause for withdrawal of bid without forfeit of bid bond. Bids may be withdrawn in person prior to the closing date of receipt of bids.

The Owner Reserves the Right to negotiate with apparent successful bidder as necessary to meet the needs of the Owner. The City of Shelbyville reserves the right to accept the bid deemed by it to be in its best interest, not necessarily the lowest bid; the right to disqualify bids from bidders not deemed to be qualified; the right to disqualify bids deemed to be defective, and the right to waive defects in bids where such defects are not deemed significant.

The City of Shelbyville is an EEO Employer and Title VI Minority bidders are encouraged to bid.



**ALLISON BALL**  
AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Dan Ison, Shelby County Judge/Executive  
The Honorable Timothy Mark Moore, Shelby County Sheriff  
Members of the Shelby County Fiscal Court

**Report on the Audit of the Financial Statement**

**Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Excess Fees - Regulatory Basis of the Sheriff of Shelby County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statement.

*Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting*

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the Shelby County Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2024, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws as described in Note 1.

*Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statement does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Shelby County Sheriff, as of December 31, 2024, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

**Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* (GAS), issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Audit Program for County Fee Officials* issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Shelby County Sheriff and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

*Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Shelby County Sheriff on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky, to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

**Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statement**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Shelby County Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and, therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and GAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statement.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and GAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Shelby County Sheriff's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statement.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Shelby County Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we have identified during the audit.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 21, 2025, on our consideration of the Shelby County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, in considering the Shelby County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance. Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses, included herein, which discusses the following report findings:

2024-001 The Shelby County Sheriff Did Not Follow Proper Procurement Procedures For Purchasing Vehicles  
2024-002 The Shelby County Sheriff's Budget Was Overspent For Calendar Year 2024

Respectfully submitted,  
*Allison Ball*  
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Auditor of Public Accounts  
Frankfort, KY

August 21, 2025  
State law requires the Auditor of Public Accounts to annually audit fiscal courts, county clerks, and sheriffs; and print the results in a newspaper having general circulation in the county. The complete audit and any other audit of state agencies, fiscal courts, county clerks, sheriffs, and property valuation administrators may be viewed in the reports section of the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at [auditor.ky.gov](http://auditor.ky.gov) or upon request by calling 1-800-247-9126.

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