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Ski Utah

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Ski Utah School Program

Organization and Procedures

How To Ensure a Smooth Trip to the
Mountains!

How to Prep for Your Trip

- ▶ 99.9% of the questions that teachers ask me are covered these power point slides.
- ▶ Please look through the information before asking a question that might be answered in these two documents.
- ▶ I understand that the information may be confusing, so by all means, text or email with questions - just please read this info first!
- ▶ Don't forget to look at the teacher resources. The button is at the bottom of the registration page. Just click on the registration URL or paste into a browser.

Fees

- ❑ Fee is \$35 and includes, bus, lift ticket, rentals and lesson. It may be slightly different for Weber and Provo schools.
- ❑ We'll give any child who cannot pay a scholarship. We do not limit the numbers. You will be asked to indicate scholarship numbers on the trip summary **but there isn't a scholarship application.**
- ❑ **Please be sure that children with scholarships are committed. No backing out at the last minute.**
- ❑ Any donation helps - even if it's \$5.

Fees and Trip Log

- ▶ Most schools will be required to send the money collected to the district office. The district office will pay Ski Utah.
- ▶ Check with the district for specific instructions if you are unsure of the policies in your district.
- ▶ Please send the “trip log” with the donations collected when you send those donations to the district (posted on Teacher Resource page).
- ▶ *Schools using Snowbasin and Sundance have a different payment policy at this time. You will have instructions before the trip.*

Registration

- Everyone registers online. Every child must have an application in the system. There are no exceptions.
- You will not be allowed to add the names of students who didn't register online.
- Please do not use the child's school email or your email. It must be a parent email.

Registration

Link for online registration

www.skiutah.com/school

Registration!

- ▶ There will be a spreadsheet generated from the registration site.
- ▶ You will be asked to create a log-in. You will then have access to the SS and can view who has registered at any time.
- ▶ You **cannot** add names to the spreadsheet.
- ▶ There is one column for you to check off payment and paperwork for each child.
- ▶ You may share your personal log-in with the teachers on your team but they will not have one of their own.

Registration

- ▶ Students may choose to ski or snowboard at Park City (both base areas), Solitude, Snowbasin, Sundance, Brighton and Woodward.
- ▶ There may be a limit to the number of snowboarders the resort can handle. I will send that information to you if it's an issue.
- ▶ Alta and Deer Valley do not allow snowboarding.
- ▶ Inform parents if students will have a choice to ski or snowboard or if they are ski only because they are going to Alta or Deer Valley.

Waivers

- ▶ Waivers are still paper! Parents do not sign online.
- ▶ Parents have the option of printing the waiver after they register their child, but many do not have a printer. I suggest you send all the paperwork home.
- ▶ Everyone must have a signed Ski Utah waiver regardless of the resort assigned for the field trip.
- ▶ Brighton, Solitude, Sundance, Snowbasin & Park City (both base areas - same company) and Deer Valley require a separate resort waiver.
- ▶ Snowbird, & Alta do not require a resort waiver - at least not at this time!
- ▶ **Bring all waivers with you when you go to the resort and hand them to a supervisor.**

Rental Forms

If picking up equipment at the resort

- ▶ The rental form is the rental waiver. It is the legal document.
- ▶ Yes, students must sign on the line that says participant!
- ▶ Yes, parents must sign where it says parent or guardian. They cannot sign in the wrong spot and draw an arrow to the correct spot.
- ▶ We pre-set everything ahead of student arrival. If they neglect to put height, weight and shoe size on the registration form, we will need to address that prior to the trip.

Rental Forms

If picking up equipment at the resort

- ▶ Teachers should not and most likely cannot sign rental forms at the ski area.
- ▶ Although height, weight, and shoe size should be on the registration site, parents still need to fill out and sign a rental waiver.
- ▶ Please verify that all of your students have the correct waivers and rental forms before you get to the resort. You can staple all forms together.

Rentals In Town

- ▶ Students renting in town will be given a voucher for a specific ski shop. **Parents must go to the ski shop listed on the voucher.**
- ▶ Teachers will receive vouchers 4-5 days before the trip. **Check them immediately to be sure you have enough.** Contact me if you don't and we'll send a template for you to print extra vouchers with instructions on which shop and how many.
- ▶ You cannot tell parents where they are going until you see the vouchers. Students will not all go to one shop. Several schools will generally be picking up gear at the same time.

Preparation & Teacher Resources

Be Ready!

- ❑ The registration website has support materials for both fitness and cross-curricular lessons. Go to www.skiutah.com/school. Click on the Teacher Resources button at the bottom of the page.
- ❑ Training videos are accessed off this website as well. Update on the way!

Preparation Be Ready!

Two Videos!

One video highlights indoor exercises to practice prior to the trip. The other reviews a first time ski and snowboard lesson. Access them under Teacher Resources. Use them!

Preparation

Pre-ski dry land lessons

- ❑ If you, another teacher, spouse, friend, can teach the dry land lesson to the class, I will send them a lift ticket for helping me out.
- ❑ Due to the ongoing COVID situation, we will not be sending outside help to the schools. You will need to find someone within your system to help you out.
- ❑ The pre-ski/ride lesson can be reviewed under teacher resources and I will offer a training webinar related to the pre-ski/ride lesson.

Preparation: Clothing

- ▶ Parents receive a link that describes clothing options and how to dress for the mountains.
- ▶ There is also a resource (PDF) that describes proper clothing under teacher resources.
- ▶ Review clothing options. Do a dress rehearsal. Bring in your own layers. This can easily be associated with a weather lesson and/or a safety lesson. Apply the information to real life.
- ▶ This is a very important piece. We struggle with children ending up at the ski area without gloves, hats, layers etc.

Preparation: Clothing

- ❑ Again, stress layers as part of a weather lesson. Do a dress rehearsal.
- ❑ Check socks. One pair of thin or medium weight ski socks; soccer socks are a good alternative. Avoid cotton if possible and socks with ribbing. **Avoid anklets.**
- ❑ ***Students should not be boarding the bus without a hat, mittens or gloves and a winter jacket, or getting off the bus in their long underwear!***
- ❑ ***Have students wear their gear, including ski boots if you pick up gear in town. Boots should not go under the bus.***

Terrain

- ▶ This is a **beginner program**. We ski green terrain. We do not ski blue or black terrain!
- ▶ If students are expert skiers, suggest that they learn to snowboard if the resort permits it and if they are expert snowboarders, suggest they learn to ski.

Skier Type Explained (rental form info)

- ▶ Skier/SB Type Code relates only to ski binding settings. Do not confuse it with the skill level listings on the registration form.
 - ▶ Type I - Cautious skiing on easy slopes and all entry level skiers
 - ▶ Type II - Those who are not Type I or Type III
 - ▶ Type III - Fast skiing on moderate to steep pitches

As you can see, we will not have any kids renting equipment in this program who are Type III and very few who would be Type II. **It's safe to put Type I for all students.**

Trip Organization: Teachers

- ▶ We allow 1 ticket/20 students.
This privilege applies only to teachers, administrators, and aides if necessary and does not include multiple parents.
Questions? Need a ticket for the principal? Contact me first.

Trip Organization: Teachers

- ▶ Teachers may take photos and observe classes provided they do not interfere with the lesson.
- ▶ *Adults/teachers are not allowed to participate as a student in the class.*
- ▶ Rentals for Teachers
 - ❖ You may not use student rental vouchers
 - ❖ You'll receive an email sometime before the start of the program with a rental coupon for a discounted rental at shops in town as well as policies for rentals at the ski area.

The Bus

- ▶ All AM schools in the Salt Lake, Granite, Murray and Charter School Districts will be scheduled to leave at 8:30 AM. Buses will arrive by 8:15 AM.
- ▶ If you need a slightly later departure time, then talk to me but you should not leave any later than 8:45 AM.
- ▶ All AM schools in Davis, Tooele and Alpine Dist. will be scheduled to leave at 8:15 AM. Buses will arrive by 8 AM. If you wish to leave closer to 8 AM, talk to me.
- ▶ All PM schools will leave at 11:15 AM unless you tell me that you need to leave a little later, but preferably not later than noon.
- ▶ Do not wait for late children! Be on time or be early.

The Bus

- ❑ You may bring a snack or lunch to eat on the bus, but you must clean up afterwards. Bring a garbage bag.
- ❑ No soda, Gatorade, juice on the bus - just water please.
- ❑ We allow two-three adult chaperons per bus - no charge. For example: a full 57 passenger bus will have 54-56 kids and 1-3 adults
- ❑ Extra chaperons must pay \$20 for the bus, even if there are seats available.

DEPARTURE INSTRUCTIONS

- ▶ Either myself or my assistant will contact you just before your planned departure to make sure that the bus has arrived and you are not experiencing any crisis. ***Please have your cell phone handy and check for a text. It's a good idea to put both our numbers into your cell phone.***
- ▶ In the past, teachers have failed to acknowledge our call, only to frantically get in touch with us 30-45 min. after their planned departure with issues like missing buses, sick kids etc.

Arrival Procedures

- ❑ Please call or text the resorts as instructions indicate on arrival procedures.
- ❑ Call the ski schools whenever you are running late! Please don't leave instructors hanging out for an hour waiting for you.
- ❑ **Please make sure you have phone numbers with you. Do not frantically call me while you are on the way to the ski area.**
- ❑ Ski School phone numbers are on the information/contact sheet. It should be updated before any trips begin and may be updated throughout the season if things change.

Contact Information

- ▶ You can find all contact information under teacher resources. That includes bus companies, resorts supervisors etc.
 - ▶ Please have that info with you when you leave school for your trip.
 - ▶ Do not call me at the mouth of the canyons asking for ski school numbers. It's unlikely you will get a hold of either one of us at that time.
 - ▶ Shayes, my assistant, can also help you with issues, especially on trip days.
- ▶ Jo
 - ▶ Cell: 801 557-6844
 - ▶ Shayes (my assistant for all trips)
 - ▶ Cell: 970 260-5122

Timing: How Long Will the Trip Take?

- ❑ If you get rentals at the ski area, it takes about 30 min. plus 15 min. to return them.
- ❑ If you bring equipment with you, it usually takes about 15 min. to unload the bus and 15 min. to load it after the lesson.
- ❑ Lessons last about 2 hours.
- ❑ Add these times to round-trip bus time of 45-60 min. and you'll have the approximate length of the trip. It's a bit different for each school.

Timeliness!

- ▶ *If you leave late, your time at the ski area may be shortened.*
- ▶ Check ETA times on the spreadsheet and be sure they are accurate within about 15 min. We simply cannot leave ski schools waiting for overly long periods of time.
- ▶ *Do not wait for late students! Be on time or be early.*

Weather

- ▶ I keep very close tabs on the weather. I am generally in contact with mountain operations and ski school at all the resorts should a storm be forecast.
- ▶ **We do not cancel for a few inches of snowfall, but if we think that the trip will be impacted due to severe weather, we will postpone it. It's a guessing game, but if students are going to arrive more than 30-40 min. late, it's probably better to reschedule.**
- ▶ You will generally receive word of cancellation before school lets out on the day prior to the trip, especially if you are getting gear in town.

On a Last Note!

- ▶ You are responsible for knowing contact and arrival information for the resort where you are assigned and that information should be with you when you leave school.
- ▶ *Be prepared. Crisis mode in this program is not acceptable because getting a hold of me or Shayes really quickly is almost impossible.*
- ▶ *Do not call the Ski Utah office for help. You need to call or text me or Shayes. If you wait until the last minute to resolve issues, we may have to reschedule or possibly cancel.*
- ▶ *Please tell parents to contact me or Shayes with questions, NOT THE SKI UTAH OFFICE.*

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Have Fun!

The snow is waiting!