

# Learn to Ski and Ride Program CHAPERONE RESPONSIBLITIES

A chaperone has many responsibilities and should be aware of some of these duties before accepting this position.

- ❖ A chaperone is designated by your program's coordinator and must be 21 years of age or older.
- ❖ A chaperone does not need to be a skier or snowboarder to participate.
- A chaperone's help is needed on bus duty, in the rental shop, and in the lodges, as well as on the slopes. This job involves all students at the area, not just the students from your program.
- ❖ A chaperone that will be on the hill skiing or riding must sign the Release of Liability and be issued a chaperone tag by the coordinator. The chaperone tag is a valid lift ticket. Anyone riding the lift must always have a valid lift ticket on. Chaperones that are not issued chaperone tags are eligible to purchase the discounted weekday parent ticket for \$43.00, or a Parent Frequent User Card (5 weekday uses) for \$200.00
- ❖ Be a good role model for the students. Proper dress, having a valid lift ticket, and following the Snowsports responsibility code and smart style (for terrain park use) are just a few examples of good behavior students will emulate if seen done by their chaperones.

## General Responsibilities

- Know Your Responsibility Code, Smart Style and basic skier/rider etiquette (see back).
- Sign in each week with your coordinator. Please do not have someone else sign in for you.
- No chaperone should expect to ski or snowboard for the first two weeks.
- Make sure all students in your group have their program tags and that the tags are visible.
- Contact your program coordinator for all program information. (i.e.: Cancellations or make-ups.).
- ❖ If a student has lost their tag, escort the student to the Snowsports School Desk for a replacement. Program tag replacement cost is \$10.00.
- Direct students to place their skis or snowboard on outside racks, not on the decks. Students are not allowed to change or leave gear on decks.
- Encourage students who have their own equipment to lock equipment on racks when not in use or use the Free Equipment Check when available.
- Direct students inside the lodges to change into their "ski or snowboard gear".
- Assist in the lodges, helping students to buckle their boots and to make sure students are appropriately dressed. (Helmets, wrist guards, hats, mittens, neck warmer and some sort of eye protection. i.e.: goggles).
- Make sure students have dry socks and their boots are on the correct feet.
- Encourage students who carry phones to shut them off during their lesson.
- ❖ We strongly suggest IPOD's, MP3's, PSP's, Gameboy's, etc., be left at home.
- ❖ Be available before and after lessons to answer questions.
- ❖ It is very important that a chaperone be near the Beginners Area **and** Valley Lodge Area (near the base of the magic carpet) the entire time your students are outside- especially if you are responsible for very young students.
- Direct students to the appropriate lesson area. Snowboarders should meet with their instructors in the same area as skiers.
- Assist in moving students from one lesson area to another. Once classes begin we find a number of student's levels need to be changed, especially in lower level classes.
- ❖ Patrol the slopes. Contact Snowsports/Guest Services at 603-428-3245 if help is needed.
- Supervise all students on or off the slopes.
- Assist young students in finding the restroom.
- Be willing to assist wherever and whenever possible.

You and the students invested a lot in your ski/snowboard equipment so be sure to LOCK IT! If you don't have a lock, you can purchase one in the Finish Line Ski & Board Shop.



It is helpful for students to know their program chaperones. We suggest "setting up" in the same general area in the lodges and some very visible way of identifying participants from your program, such as armbands.

#### Rental Shop Responsibilities

We would appreciate your help and cooperation to help alleviate long rental lines. The larger the program, the more chaperones should be assigned to the rental shop to assist students while your group is getting their equipment. Rental Shop employees will direct you to where you are needed.

- Only students renting equipment will be allowed in the Rental Shop.
- No rentals will be issued without a program tag (Replacement cost is \$10.00). Make sure students have their tags visible.
  - S on the student's tag indicates ski.
  - SB on the student's tag indicates snowboard.
  - R after Helmet: indicates helmet rental.

Note: If you do not see size information on the program tag for equipment, the student is not set up for rentals. Bring the student to the Snowsports School desk to resolve any issues.

- Direct students entering the Rental Shop to pick up their equipment.
- After leaving the rental shop, we suggest you write the student's ski or snowboard number on the back of laminated tag, so students can identify their rental equipment.
- Teach students how to carry equipment properly.
- Direct students up the stairs and help place their equipment in the racks provided.
- ❖ Assist student in finding "misplaced" skis, snowboards, and equipment.
- Direct student to a lodge or a program meeting place to change into their ski "gear".
- Assist students in removing equipment and finding their way back to the Rental Shop, lodges, or program meeting area.
- ❖ Make sure the student returns the rental equipment. Please instruct students to remove boots and have skis/poles or boards in hand *prior* to entering the **valley side of the Rental Shop**.
- Read program tag and ski or snowboard number upon returning equipment.

Coordinators will be notified of any student who does not return their equipment. Habitual offenders will not be allowed to use rental equipment the following week.

If you are using rental equipment make sure all students have their equipment before you get yours.

## Responsibility Code & Smart Style

#### Responsibility Code:

- 1. Stay in control.
- 2. People ahead have the right of way.
- 3. Stop in a safe place for you and others.
- 4. When starting downhill or merging, look up hill and yield.
- 5. Use devices to help prevent runaway equipment.
- 6. Observe signs and warnings and keep off closed trails.
- 7. Know how to use the lifts safely.

#### Smart Style:

**MAKE A PLAN** – Every time you use freestyle terrain, make a plan for each feature you want to use. Your speed, approach and take off will directly affect your maneuver and landing.

**LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP** – Scope around the jumps first, not over them. Know your landings are clear and clear yourself out of the landing area.

**EASY STYLE IT** – Start small and work your way up. (Inverted aerials not recommended).

**RESPECT GETS RESPECT** – From the lift line through the park.

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THANK YOU!!! WE APPRECIATE YOU TAKING YOUR CHAPERONE RESPONSIBILITIES SERIOUSLY. THE CHILDREN AND WE DEPEND ON YOU.

These procedures are subject to change.