



MEMORANDUM

TO: PROSPECTIVE POWDERHOUND SKI & SNOWBOARD INSTRUCTORS

FROM: ALICE BUSCH, THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

SUBJECT: 2018 Therapeutic Recreation Ski & Snowboard Programs

DATE: October 4, 2017

The Spokane Park and Recreation Department's Therapeutic Recreation Ski & Snowboard Program will be held on Mt Spokane beginning Saturday, December 30 through February 24. We will have no skiing on February 17 and February 10 we are planning a special ski day at another mountain tbd . Washington Special Olympics competition will be in Wenatchee March 2 -4, 2018 and a regional competition Sunday February 4, 2018 at Mt. Spokane. The Powderhound program for people with **developmental disabilities** includes lessons for people who want to leisure ski /snowboard and those who want to compete in Special Olympics.

Mandatory Instructor Clinics will be held prior to the start of the program. The first will be an informational dryland meeting for all new instructors in the **Powderhound** program on **Thursday November 30 from 6:00- 8pm** at Corbin Community Activity Center, 827 W.Cleveland. We will outline the program, go over expectations, fill out paperwork, and begin discussing the progression of teaching skiing/snowboarding.

The on snow training will occur **Saturday December 30 & Sunday December 31, 2017 9am-4pm** at Mt Spokane Lodge 1. These Clinics will help teach new and returning instructors the skill progressions and new teaching techniques. We will be observing your ability to work with people, your ability to ski, and your ability to teach to insure a quality program. Instructors are asked to commit to volunteering the entire 6 week program so that we can have consistency with the instruction of our students.

During the program you will receive a lift ticket from the Ski Coordinator at 9:00 a.m. each Saturday. You may free ski between 9:00 a.m. and the start of your instructor's meeting, which is generally 10 a.m., and after your lesson (generally 3:15pm) until mountain closing. **This time is considered free skiing, and you are NOT covered as a city volunteer under workman's compensation, nor are you covered by Special Olympics.**

Veteran instructors are encouraged to purchase a seasons pass for Mt. Spokane at \$100 plus tax.

The mountain is offering this amazing deal to help support our TRS ski programs. Passes will be good at the start of the season. The season pass helps to keep the costs down for the program as Spokane Parks and Recreation will be paying for the daily tickets used while you are instructing. Please notify Alice or Roger if you are interested. The passes can be purchased at Inlander Snow Show November 5 or at mountain once the volunteer registration process has been completed.

New instructors and non-season pass returning instructors after every two days of teaching will earn the ability to purchase one incentive lift to line ticket for \$10.....a value of \$50. Do not sell these incentive tickets or you will be dismissed from the program immediately. They may be used for friends or family.

The mountain has also given us instructor rates for the daycare. This is 50% off their regular prices. Please notify me if you will need these services especially for the training weekend.

A firm commitment to the program is ESSENTIAL! Attending the local Regional or Winter Games in Wenatchee is not a requirement but if you are interested please let the Coordinator know right away. Please let the Ski Coordinator know in advance if you are unable to teach. **Don't wait until Saturday to call if you know in advance.** Many people meet at the dryland & on snow clinics and set up car pools.

Please use the attached registration form, fill out the background check and attach your payment option with checks made payable to the Spokane Parks and Recreation.

Volunteer Registration fee is \$40.

A \$20 discount will be given to those veteran instructors with a season pass.

We hope this year's program will be the BEST ever, and we are looking forward to a fun and exciting ski season. If you have any questions, please call Powderhound Coordinator Roger Schramm 999.8586 or me at 625-6245. See you on the mountain!!

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