



MEMORANDUM

TO: PROSPECTIVE POWDERHOUND SKI & SNOWBOARD INSTRUCTORS

FROM: ALICE BUSCH, THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

SUBJECT: 2021-2022 Therapeutic Recreation Ski & Snowboard Programs

DATE: November 2, 2021

The Spokane Park and Recreation Department's Therapeutic Recreation Ski & Snowboard Program will be held on Mt Spokane. We will start off the season with an informational meeting for new instructors wanting to learn about the entire TRS ski program volunteer opportunities. **Tuesday, November 30, 2021 6:30 pm at Park Operation located at 2304 E. Mallon.** We will outline the program, go over expectations, fill out paperwork, and meet a few returning instructors.

This is a great opportunity to encourage new people to come learn about the programs.

The Powderhound program teaches people ages 6 + with developmental disabilities to ski or snowboard. Meeting location is the Yurt at Lodge 1. Season dates are Saturday, January 22th through March 5th. We will have no skiing at Mt. Spokane on February 5.

The program will be divided into a morning and afternoon sessions.

Mandatory Instructor Clinics :

The on snow training will occur **Jan 15-16, 2022 9am-4pm** meeting at the Yurt located 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 ensure 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 *Saturday morning* session volunteers will meet at 8:45 am to receive a lift ticket and need to be at building no later than 9:00 am for a staff meeting, assignments, equipment check, warm - up run, etc...and teach lessons 9:30- 12 noon then do paperwork, put away equipment etc.. till 12:30pm.

If volunteering for the *Saturday afternoon* session please meet at 12:15 pm for pre-lesson meeting and teach lessons 1- 3:30 pm then put away equipment, do paperwork, etc. until 4 pm. Instructors teaching one lesson a day will be able to ski free during non-lesson time. At the end of three weeks the half-day instructors will earn the ability to purchase one incentive lift to line ticket for \$15 if new instructor a value of \$70. If instructors choose to teach two lessons a day for

3 weeks, they will be able to purchase an incentive ticket for each full day. Do not sell these incentive tickets or you will be dismissed from the program immediately. They may be used for friends or family. Spokane Parks and Recreation will be paying for the daily tickets used while you are instructing.

Anytime not teaching (free skiing) the volunteer instructor will NOT be covered as a city volunteer under workman's compensation.

Returning instructors are encouraged to purchase a season 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 the mountain once the volunteer registration process has been completed.

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.

Our last day, Saturday March 5 will our 2nd annual Powderhounds Cup. We will have courses set and time both students and instructors. There will be prizes and great food. We will be looking for sponsors so please let us know if interested or have someone we can contact.

We appreciate Washington Special Olympics, however at the time of planning there was not enough information regarding competitions. The decision has been made to not participate in 2022.

A firm commitment to the program is ESSENTIAL! 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 \$55 for new and returning instructors not buying a season pass. A \$20 discount will be given to those returning 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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