



MEMORANDUM

TO: PROSPECTIVE POWDERHOUND SKI & SNOWBOARD INSTRUCTORS

FROM: ALICE BUSCH, THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

SUBJECT: 2021 Therapeutic Recreation Ski & Snowboard Programs

DATE: November 24, 2020

The Powderhound program is for people with **developmental disabilities** which includes lessons for people who want to leisure ski /snowboard or those just needing a buddy. The Spokane Park and Recreation Department's Therapeutic Recreation Ski & Snowboard Program will be held on Mt Spokane beginning Saturday January 9- February 27, 2021 with no program January 30 and February 13.2021. There will be no Special Olympics competition in Wenatchee this season.

Mandatory Instructor Clinics will be held prior to the start of the program. The first will be an informational dryland virtual meeting for all **new** instructors on Friday **December 7th from 7-8pm** . Please email abusch@spokanecity.org for a link. 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 January 9 & Sunday January 10, 2021 9am- 4pm** at Yurt located at Mt Spokane Lodge 1. Due to Covid we are requesting instructors both new and returning select one day of on snow training. **Please come prepared to ski as the lodge will be open for bathroom and purchase of food only.** 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, ability to ski, and ability to teach to ensure a quality program. Instructors are asked to commit to volunteering the entire 6 week program either a morning or afternoon session 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 each Saturday. Morning session time requirement is 8:45am to 12:30pm with the actual lesson time being 9:30am to noon.

Afternoon session time requirement is 12:15pm-4pm with actual lesson time being 1-3:30pm. Anytime you are not teaching a lesson **This time is considered free skiing, and you are NOT 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.

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 \$15.....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 rentals. Please notify me if you will need these services especially for the training weekend.

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 Covid liability form, fill out the background check and attach your payment option with checks made payable to the Spokane Parks and Recreation. Also include a picture of your drivers license.
Volunteer Registration fee is \$50.
Returning instructors w/ a season pass fee is \$30.

We know this year's program will be a bit different with Covid 19 in our midst however 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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