

# NEW TO THE PROGRAM?

# KEEP UPDATED!

First and foremost, you need to be kept informed on the goings on of the program by signing up for e-mails! Go to the home page on our website at <u>www.skytavern.com</u> and follow the directions to sign up. If you don't have computer access we update our phone message at (775) 323-5125 during our season to inform you if the program is a GO or ON HOLD/NO GO. Visit the website regularly for updates (see Events), news, and pictures. You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter!

There are several orientation meetings that happen pre-season. Attend one! This is a great group of people and no one wants to see a family not get the most out of Sky Tavern. Watch your emails for dates!

#### GO or ON HOLD/NO GO?

GO or ON HOLD/NO GO means simply either the program is happening that day (GO!) or not happening (ON HOLD/NO GO!) due to bad weather, bad road conditions, or both. We do everything within our power to keep the program running every weekend but if it's not safe, we'll call an ON HOLD/NO GO.

# WHAT DAY(S) CAN I GO?

When you sign up as an **adult member**, you and your family have the option to go Saturday, Sunday, or both days! The only requirement is that your children have to take their lessons each day they're there and you as the adult volunteer give some of your time each day to help keep the program running smoothly. **Bus students** sign up for Saturdays OR Sundays. We are working on a way for kids to go both days but not there yet.

# WHAT GEAR DO WE NEED?

You'll need skis & poles ( Sky Tavern teaches every skier except SkyKids with poles!) or a snowboard (with a tether!) with appropriate boots, warm long socks, ski goggles, and waterproof gloves. Helmets are REQUIRED for all, everyone skiing or boarding. We recommend a layered approach to clothing so that depending on how the weather turns, you're covered. Long underwear, ski pants, long sleeve shirt, sweat shirt, waterproof jacket, glove liners, and a warm hat are all good gear to wear and/or bring up because you never know how the weather will be or how it will change!

# HOW DOES THE DAY RUN? VOLUNTEER FAMILIES

When the program is a GO we recommend you be at the lodge by 8:30am. **PLEASE** park in the lower parking lot and follow the attendants' directions. The upper lot is for trainers, ski patrol, disabled persons, board members, and loading/unloading of buses **ONLY**. Go into the lodge to sign in and to register for your volunteer position for the day. We also recommend you set up a meeting place for you and your child to meet after classes are over. It's no fun for a child trying to find a lost parent!

#### BUS STUDENTS

When the program is a GO we recommend you go to your school pick up site by 7:00am the first day with your gear safely stowed in a carry on bag. Don't forget your lunch or money (\$10 is plenty) if you didn't purchase a meal card. The pick up times may change after the first day but the bus supervisors will let you know. Students can stow their gear in the lodge or in our lockers (limited number).

#### Everyone

Be dressed and have all your gear on by 8:45am when classes are forming. On your child's badge there is a level number for which class they should be in. Level 1's go to a Level 1 class and so on. Classes will form right outside the lodge on the snow by the first chairlift (Skyridge). Signs are posted by each class so just look for your level number. Lessons start at 9:00am and end between 11:00am-11:30am. All children are required to take their classes each day they're there. After classes are over, children are free to have lunch and ski or board until the end of the day. Children are only allowed to use the chairlifts with an adult or when they have passed to Level 3P and above.

## HOW DOES THE DAY END? Volunteer Families

Adult members and their families are able to ski until the lifts are shut down at 4:00pm.

# BUS STUDENTS

Bus students are able to ski until 2:30pm at which time they will not be allowed on any ski lifts. At 2:30pm bus students are asked to get their gear together and get to their buses for the ride home. Buses normally return to the school sites by 3:30pm.

#### STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Give us a call in the office at (775) 323-5125 or email us at info@skytavern.com. Please be patient and understand that this is a very busy time for us and there is no staff! We'll do our absolute best to help you in anyway we can! On the hill if you have any questions, just ask our Ambassadors (look for the yellow ? on the back of the blue vests)!