

Learn to Ski/Ride Discipline Guideline

This document covers the important information that you and your child need to know in order to participate in the Learn to Ski/Ride Program. It includes the Discipline Guideline for behavior prior to getting on buses at schools, riding the buses to and from the mountain, being in lessons, behavior on the mountain, in the lodge and respect for all those involved in the program.

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to review this document with their child before the Ski/Ride Program starts.

Important Information

Behavior

- Good behavior is always expected during the program. Children will be respectful to all those involved.
- Any discipline problems or failure to obey the rules could ultimately result in a suspension or expulsion from the program.

Lessons:

- This is an educational/instructional program. All participants are required to be with their assigned group throughout lessons.
- Lessons are mandatory- if a child is **NOT** in lessons, they can be suspended or removed from the program.

Bus Procedures

- School bus rules apply to the Learn to Ski/Ride Program.
- It is the goal to provide a safe environment on buses and to maintain discipline.
- Bus drivers are authorized to maintain appropriate behavior on the bus.
- Riding the bus is a privilege. Children who engage in inappropriate conduct or do not follow the bus rules will lose this privilege. Students will be restricted or removed from transportation to and from the mountain.
- The following are expectations for behavior on buses:
 - Follow directions from bus drivers
 - Respect the property and rights of others
 - Stay in seat until destination
 - Keep hands and head inside window
 - No food or drinks can be consumed on the buses, to or from the mountain.
 - Speak respectfully to and about others
 - Hands, feet & personal property remains to yourself, no hurting others

On the Mountain at Cochran's

- No one ever skis or snowboards alone. The buddy system must be used, or your child must always be with an adult.
- Everyone is to stay on well-marked and groomed trails **ONLY**. Any reports of off trail use will jeopardize your child's continuation in the program.

Children who are registered for With Transportation are responsible for the following:

- Putting on all ski/ride and winter gear at school with help from parent volunteers
- Finding their equipment at the mountain and putting it on
- Knowing whether they are taking the bus or being picked up at the end of the program day
- For those taking the bus, returning all their equipment to the Truck/Trailer at the end of each program day

Discipline Guideline

The Learn to Ski/Ride Program Discipline Guideline has been created to keep all participants accountable for their actions, but at the same time work with children and parents to educate on the consequences of their child's behavior. The Department believes that all participants deserve a chance to learn from and correct unacceptable behaviors. *Depending on the severity of the child's behavior or actions, steps may be skipped in order to maintain the safety and wellbeing of all participants and staff.*

Step One: Interaction between Instructor and Child.

- Instructor will begin with giving a child a warning for unacceptable behavior and explain why behavior is unwanted/dangerous.
- If the unacceptable behavior continues, the instructor will initiate an appropriate "Time Out." Unacceptable behavior will be discussed and acceptable behavior or how they need to change is provided.
- If the behavior continues the Instructor will include the Lead Instructor(s) to come and speak with the child.
- If the behavior is threatening to or harming others or themselves, the child will be separated immediately and brought to the Lead Instructor (s).

Step Two: Interaction between Parent and Lead Instructors & Rec. Dept

- If the child shows no behavioral improvement or escalates during the program, parents will be notified and asked to discuss the situation with the Lead Instructor (s) and Rec. Dept. Staff or they could be asked to come immediately to pick up their child, depending on the severity of the situation.
- Discussion with the parents will be an opportunity to explain the situation that occurred and to work with the parents to put in place any behavior modifications to allow the child to remain in the program.
 - If parents are not responsive to working with the staff for the sake of the child. Parents will be asked to take child home and not return to the program.
 - If parents are open to working with the staff to help the child to be successful, a list of behavior modifications will be worked out and explained to the parents and child.

Step Three: Removal from Program

- If the behavior continues, the child will be dismissed from the program.
- If the Lead Instructor(s) and Rec. Dept. Staff determines that the behavior exhibited is detrimental to the best interests, health, or safety of others, staff, themselves, or the program, the child will be asked to leave permanently.
- Parents will be contacted and required to pick up child immediately.

We, the parents, have reviewed this document with our children in the program and we both agree to the Learn to Ski/Ride Discipline Guideline.

We, the parents, have received the Learn to Ski/Ride Program Information Sheet, found on the registration page of the Rec. website and/or has been sent to us through email. We acknowledge that we have read it over and understand the information for the program and understand our responsibility as parent(s) with children in the program.