

Mad River Glen Seasonal Children's Program

Our Ski School's Goal is to Inspire a Passion for Skiing and Mad River Glen.

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Seasonal Program Schedule & Prices

All prices are for the entire season
December 26, 2009 to March 21, 2010

	Before 10/15	After 10/15
Full Weekend Program	\$650	\$750
Saturday or Sunday Only (Not available for Junior Race)	\$425	\$525
Lunch Option for Full Weekend (Lunch available <i>ONLY</i> for Rockin Robins, Chipmunks and Panther groups.)	\$180 (\$100 One Day)	Same

Both the Registration and Ski School Children's Liability Forms must be completed and submitted with payment before October 15th in order to receive Pre-Season Discount. All forms must be completed and payment submitted prior to any child skiing in a program.

- Lift tickets and Season Passes need to be purchased separately.
- The program begins on December 26th and runs every weekend through March 21nd.
- There are no make-up days when Mother Nature causes a cancellation. There is the potential for 13 weekends of lessons. Even if you only come to half of those, the program is still 50% off the daily rate. A value that we are truly proud of.
- Program fees cover the weekends. Holiday weekdays and other additional days can be purchased at 25% off the daily rate. Reservations are necessary.
- IN an effort to promote safer skiing practices, we recommend that kids wear helmets.

Seasonal Program Options

ROCKIN' ROBINS:

This program is for children 4 to 12 years old who have never skied before or need a refresher on fundamental skills. This program has a small instructor/student ratio (usually 1:3) so your child can get the attention they need to be “**mountain ready**” as quickly as possible. We do not take kids up the mountain until they can turn and stop on their own.

CHIPMUNKS:

This program is for children 4 to 6 years old who can ride the Sunnyside Double Lift. There are several levels of Chipmunks *(see levels below) based on the terrain they feel comfortable on. We focus on safety, fun, adventure, skill development and group dynamics. This program has a low instructor/student ratio (usually 1:6).

PANTHERS:

This program is for children 7 to 12 years old who can ride the Sunnyside Double Lift. There are several levels of Panthers *(see levels below) based on the terrain they are comfortable skiing. We focus on safety, fun, adventure, skill development and group dynamics. This program has a comfortable instructor/student ratio (usually 1:8).

The Chipmunks and Panthers are divided into different groups according to ability.

GREEN:

Your child can stop, link turns, and skis primarily in a wedge.

BLUE:

Your child skis primarily in a wide track parallel on blue and green marked trails and reverts to a wedge on steeper terrain.

PURPLE:

Your child skis primarily in a dynamic parallel on blue and green trails and in a wide track parallel on black marked trails.

DEVELOPMENT TEAM:

This program is for children 7 to 12 years old, who are skiing most trails in a relatively **dynamic parallel** and comfortable with speed. They will work on mountain skills such as bumps, trees, steeps and carving. This group needs to be self sufficient; they need to be able to get lunch on their own, go to the bathroom alone, and be able to find their parents on their own after lessons. They must be able to ride all of the lifts (including the single chair) without an adult. The Development Team is an excellent preparation for the Freeskiing and Racing Teams.

TELE TEAM:

This program is for the kids that love to Telemark ski. Ages 7 and up, who are able to ski down from the top of the Sunnyside double chair are welcome. This group needs to be self sufficient; they need to be able to get lunch on their own, go to the bathroom alone, and be able to find their parents on their own after lessons. They must be able to ride the Sunnyside double chair without an adult.

FREESKIING TEAM:

For the all mountain ripper that wants to bring their skiing skills to a new level of expertise. They will work on bumps, jumps, steeps, trees and all snow conditions. They will also work on mental skills such as goal setting, teamwork, concentration, perseverance, and sportsmanship. There will be a girls group available on Saturdays, a boys group on Saturdays and coed group available both Saturday and Sundays. Ages 7 and up are welcome. This group needs to be self sufficient; they need to be able to get lunch on their own, go to the bathroom alone, and be able to find their parents on their own after training. They must be able to ride the all the lifts (including the single chair) without an adult. In order to ski with the Freeskiing program the kids have to be skiing in a **dynamic parallel** on ALL terrain.

Very Important Information!

Season Long Orientation:

For the 2009-2010 ski season, we are asking all new season long children and their parent(s) to join us for a quick orientation on the first day of the program. For Saturday participants, orientation will be on December 26th. For Sunday participants, the orientation will be held on December 28th. If your child will be skiing both days, feel free to join us on either day. The orientation will go from 9:00am to 9:30 am in the Kid's Room in the Basebox.

Days & Times

Parents should bring their kids to meet their instructor at 9:30 am. You will be greeted by your instructor at the Kids Ski School Meeting Place located next to the base of the Sunnyside Double Chair. Our classes run from 9:30-11:30 and 12:30-2:30. If your child participates in our lunch program, we get the pleasure of having them from 9:30-2:30. Classes meet and dismiss at the Ski School Meeting Place. Children should be picked up each day at the Kid's Ski School Meeting Place by a designated adult.

*** Development Team, Freestyle Team and Tele Team meet at **9:30 am and ski until 2:30 p.m.** They will meet at the Flag pole.

Confirming Your Space:

We need you to contact us either by **email or phone** that your child **will not** be with us on their assigned day(s). You may call, email or give a quick hello at the desk to let us know your child is with us for their assigned day.

If You Are Late: Please meet at the Ski School Meeting Sign by the Sunnyside Chair for your class to come from their first run.

Choosing The Right Group For Your Child

Stamina:

All day groups ski for four hours. The minimal amount of time our groups ski is for two hours (9:30-11:30 or 12:30-2:30). We do incorporate breaks, but keep in mind this can be a long stretch of ski time, especially for the younger skiers. At the beginning of the season, the younger skiers may not be able to endure a full day. We may ask you to pick up your child after lunch if they are fatigued.

Comfort:

We do our best to have the same children ski together from week to week. In addition, we will assign the same coach to a group for the season. Illness or other conflicts may require a coach change. If your child misses days, they may fall behind. Keep us informed on how your child feels in their group.

Fit:

We constantly assess your child's progress. If we feel they have improved enough to "move up," we will have him/her join the next level group. So when thinking about the best group in which your child will fit, be conservative. It is easier to "move up" than to "move down" and a slightly less advanced group can still work on very important fundamentals further strengthening your child's ability.

Lift Ready:

Lift ready means your child can stop independently and link turns. Our policy is to have all the Chipmunks ride with an adult (ski instructor, patrol, or volunteers from the lift line). For the Panthers, unless we hear from you that you have concerns about their lift riding ability, we will probably pair them up with another child.