

Parent Information Sheet

Please read this form and keep it for your records

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Snowclub welcomes all abilities of skiers and snowboarders, from TOTAL BEGINNERS to experts. Your child will ski or snowboard with a Whistler instructor at all times. This is a professionally run program and your child's safety is our top priority.

Our school receives a large discount on the normal cost of skiing at Whistler. **This is the cheapest ski/snowboard Whistler trip you will ever find.**

WHEN ARE THE TRIPS?

December 11 (Sunday)
February 5 (Sunday)

January 7 (Saturday)
February 25 (Saturday)

January 21 (Saturday)

HOW MUCH DO TRIPS COST? (all prices include taxes)

Bus, lift ticket, guide	\$88
Bus, lift ticket, guide & ski / board rental	\$106
Optional lunch voucher worth \$18.50	\$16

WHO SUPERVISES?

Each trip consists of seven (includes driver) supervising adults and a maximum of fifty students. Since 2005, lessons have been replaced by mandatory "Tribes" in which students are placed in groups of similar-ability skiers and boarders who are guided around the mountain by a Tribe leader. The goal of Tribes is to provide students with the benefits of an expert guide and to improve safety. The Tribe leaders are there to cater to the students' needs and will take the group to all the best areas on the mountain.

When students arrive at Blackcomb Base 2, they will be divided into Tribes based on their ability. Each Tribe has a maximum of 8 students - the ability levels are defined as follows:

- **Discovery** - first timers / total beginners
- **Novice** - green terrain, 2-7 times on mountain
- **Intermediate** - able to negotiate blue runs
- **Expert** - can handle blue to black terrain

There is a terrain park available to students. Students must not enter the park unless accompanied by a Whistler/Blackcomb Tribe leader. **Teachers do not directly supervise students while they are skiing or boarding.** However, Burnaby North staff will ski runs of each level of difficulty on as many chairs as possible to ensure that a staff member can be found should the need arise. Supervising teachers carry cell phones which Whistler-Blackcomb staff and North students can use to make contact when necessary.

HELMETS & GPS

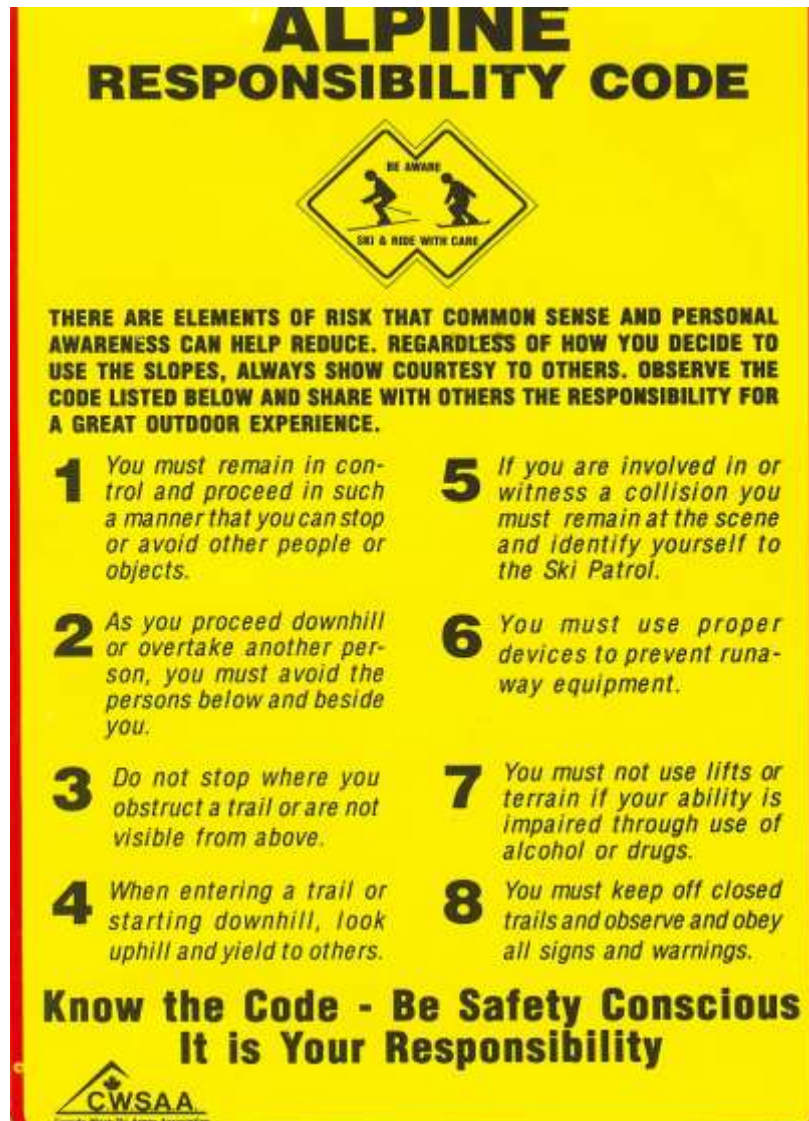
Students are required to wear a helmet. Students may wear their own or use a helmet provided for free by Whistler-Blackcomb. A GPS tracking unit is provided to each student.

Students are expected to:


- Stay in their assigned Tribe. Students may change Tribes at lunchtime if they find that the ability level of the Tribe is not appropriate for them. **They MUST notify their Tribe leader before changing groups.**
- Ski / board with a friend at all times
- Ski / board within the boundaries of the ski hill and respect all closure signs and other instructions
- Ski / board within their own abilities

Parents can:

- Review the Alpine Responsibility Code with their child before each trip




ALPINE RESPONSIBILITY CODE



THERE ARE ELEMENTS OF RISK THAT COMMON SENSE AND PERSONAL AWARENESS CAN HELP REDUCE. REGARDLESS OF HOW YOU DECIDE TO USE THE SLOPES, ALWAYS SHOW COURTESY TO OTHERS. OBSERVE THE CODE LISTED BELOW AND SHARE WITH OTHERS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A GREAT OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE.

1 You must remain in control and proceed in such a manner that you can stop or avoid other people or objects.	5 If you are involved in or witness a collision you must remain at the scene and identify yourself to the Ski Patrol.
2 As you proceed downhill or overtake another person, you must avoid the persons below and beside you.	6 You must use proper devices to prevent runaway equipment.
3 Do not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible from above.	7 You must not use lifts or terrain if your ability is impaired through use of alcohol or drugs.
4 When entering a trail or starting downhill, look uphill and yield to others.	8 You must keep off closed trails and observe and obey all signs and warnings.

**Know the Code - Be Safety Conscious
It is Your Responsibility**



CWSAA
Canada West Ski Areas Association

IN THE EVENT OF INJURY

Injury may occur when skiing or snow boarding and as the Parent / Guardian you are aware of these risks. When skiing/boarding at Whistler/Blackcomb Mountains, the school is not responsible for injuries to the skiers or snowboarders.

!!Students must bring their BC CareCard on all trips!!

If a student is injured on the mountain, they should immediately notify their ski / boarding partner and the Tribe leader. The Tribe leader will notify the supervising teachers, and if necessary, the Ski Patrol. A teacher will meet with the injured student and if necessary, remain with the student at the base of the mountain or at the Whistler Hospital should medical treatment be required. Students must take the official school bus to the mountain in order to be included as part of the school trip. The school is not responsible for students who drive up on their own. They will not be allowed to join the school group for a lift pass, equipment rental, or the bus ride home.

WHAT DOES A TYPICAL DAY LOOK LIKE?

- Students meet outside school at **6 am**
- **We will leave Burnaby North School at 6:15 am** and travel to Whistler via Universal Coach Lines. The bus does not wait for students and it cannot stop along the road to pick up late students.
- We arrive at Blackcomb Base 2 around 8am where we are met by Blackcomb / Whistler instructors.
- Lift tickets and lunch vouchers are distributed and students are divided into Tribes.
- Students are also given an information card that lists the supervising teachers' cell numbers and instructions of what to do if a student becomes lost.
- Students are then escorted through the rental shop and fitted with gear.
- Typically students are on the mountain by 9am.
- Students may leave their possessions in the bus, but they will not have access to it until 3pm. Alternatively, they may store possessions for free at Base 2. Lockers can also be rented on the mountain.
- Students ski / board with their Tribe until 3pm. They stop for lunch at a time agreeable to the Tribe.
- Students return to the bus at 3pm, a head count is taken and the bus departs at 3.30pm. **If a student returns to the bus late, they may be liable for any costs associated with the late return of the bus.**

WHAT SHOULD A STUDENT BRING?

- **BC CareCard**
- Water-resistant jacket and pants, neck tube, hat and gloves
- Dress in layers i.e. fleece, thermal underwear, T-shirts
- Wear proper ski / board socks
- Goggles and / or sunglasses
- Money for a lunch and snacks after skiing or boarding

FOOD & SNACKS

It is recommended that all students eat an energy-packed, nutritious breakfast prior to skiing or boarding. If students do not wish to eat at home prior to meeting the bus, it is recommended that they bring a snack to eat once we arrive at Blackcomb Base 2. Food and beverage services are very limited at Base 2, consisting of hot drinks and snacks available from vending machines.

HOW TO BOOK A SEAT

- **The majority of seats on the trips will be sold on the main sign-up day.** This takes place in the Gallery at 11.35am on Thursday, November 17th.
- If space is still available, you may book a trip by bringing completed application form, medical history form and cheque to Mr Montgomery in the Career Programs office (room 116a).
- If a particular trip is full you may go on a waiting list.
- Your son / daughter will receive a receipt confirming that they are booked on the trip

HOW TO PAY

Option 1) CASH (a receipt will be issued)

Option 2) CHEQUE – Post-dated OK.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I PAY THEN CANNOT GO?

- Contact Mr Montgomery asap – office number 604 296 6875 ext 604025 / cell 604 836 2872
- If there is a waiting list for that trip and **someone wants to go**, your place will be offered to that person and you will **receive a full refund on March 3, 2017.** Refunds will not be provided before this date.
- If you cannot find a replacement **AND YOU CANCELLED MORE THAN TWO WEEKS BEFORE YOUR TRIP** you will forfeit the cost of the bus (\$30).
- **IF YOU CANCEL WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF THE TRIP DATE** you forfeit a \$45 Whistler-Blackcomb fee and the cost of the bus \$30.
- **If you are a NO SHOW on the morning of the trip, there is NO REFUND AT ALL.**

IMPORTANT RENTAL INFORMATION

Rentals agreement: The boot/binding systems being rented will not release at all times or under all circumstances, nor is it possible to predict situations in which they will release and therefore the systems are no guarantee of safety.

The student shall take full responsibility for the care of the rental equipment and **agree to replace at full retail value.**

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