Dear Snow Sport Enthusiast:

We are pleased that you have chosen SKIBACS Ski and Snowboard School for snow sports instruction in the coming 2019/2020 season. We are looking forward to a great winter, and we hope that you are also!

Enclosed is your confirmation package with important information. Please read this carefully so that you will understand what you will need to make your mountain experience as enjoyable as possible.

If you have any further questions, Please feel free to contact us.

Thanks,

Michael Drake
SKIBACS Ski and Snowboard Chairman

Included:

- Confirmation Information
- Discount Rental Information
- Discount Ski Pass Information
- Class Schedule and Class Assignments
- Cancellation Policies
- Maps
- Best Practices for Winter Sports

Confirmation Information:

Your receipt was your confirmation when you registered electronically. If you sent in your registration by mail, your receipt should have been sent to you. Please contact SKIBACS at (206) 400-7542 if you did not receive it.

Equipment

All students must arrive at the lesson with their own equipment, ready to use. Instructors will assist new skiers and riders on how to put on the equipment, but we cannot make equipment adjustment, such as boot to binding fitting adjustments, or binding release settings, etc. on the hill. This is the responsibility of the student (more info below and on the last page).

Rental Information:

Rental options exist around town at certain ski shops that may rent by the day, and in the past, some shops have rented equipment for the season. The availability, rates and shops vary considerably, and SKIBACS has not been in a position to keep track of this dynamically changing market, nor favor any one shop (our members are spread out all over the Puget Sound basin). However, one consistently available option, has been for members to use the rental shop at the ski area. On line registration can speed things up considerably (www.summitatsnoqualmie.com). You do not want to be late for your lesson when standing in a long line (common on first week of lessons in January).
Summit at Snoqualmie

The ski area rental cost varies with age, and the typical deal is to get a Ski or Snowboard Rental Pass. GET THE RENTAL SEASON PASS versus the one day at a time rental. This pass will be a one-time fee, but you can pick up and return your equipment to ski/ride for as many days you wish at the ski area thru-out the season.

Rates for 2019/2020 Season are:

- Teen and Adult (13+) $160
- Youth & Senior (7-12 & 62-69) $140
- Child (0-6) $120

If you are a beginner, this is an affordable way to get started. Your equipment can be reserved for each week, so following weeks it will be set out waiting for you for a quick pick up. However, the first time there is some sizing and fitting to do, which takes time. So for those renting, we usually recommend at least an hour or more pad before lesson meeting time (longer on busy weekend days) for that first lesson.

Buying Equipment

Certainly, having your own equipment is a real time saver, and you can get equipment that matches your anatomy and needs. It’s flexible for going to other ski areas, and one less worry. The caution if you are a beginner, is matching equipment to your needs. The wrong skis or board to start off on, can slow/limit your initial skill development. For example, beginners usually start on skis a bit shorter…then add a little length as they progress. Once folks become intermediate, the choice might be to get a bit longer ski…or perhaps also a bit wider ski underfoot. And boots. Ski boots that are too large might feel comfortable when you put them on in the shop, but your feet will swim around inside the boots no matter how tightly you clamp the buckles. This also will adversely affect your skill advancement. And too small a boot can be painful. Just say no to skiing in pain. Your instructor can help discuss your options generically.

Some folks will look for non-profit Ski Swaps. Usually in the October to November timeframes, different organizations sponsor used equipment sales. Often a good option….kids grow, after-all, so being able to sell and buy can help one thru those growth spurt years.

If you do rent, and find you really are hooked on Snowsports, most ski and snowboard shops have end of season clearance sales of perfectly new equipment, that they usually start to put on sale in the mid to late February time periods. These are often the best sale prices of the year. So one tactic could be to rent, then buy for the remainder of the season (even if you don’t ski much the end of the season, you’ll unlikely get a better deal at the start of the next season).

Lift Ticket or Passes

Lift tickets are required to ride or use any ski lift. These are NOT included in your lesson price, and must be procured separately. There are two general options, buying ‘day’ tickets, good for the day you are skiing, or ‘Season Passes’ good on multiple days throughout the season.

Day Tickets

The ski area policy is that everyone ‘must’ have a ticket to use any of the lifts at the ski area. The most traditional is the day ticket. The rates vary with age, and the time of day one wants to ski. You buy them at a ticket window, which you see when you walk up to the main Summit Central base lodge buildings courtyard. Sometimes no line, sometimes a line (so plan some time in your schedule for this so you won’t miss the start of your lesson).

You can check out the Summit at Snoqualmie website for latest ticket prices. If you buy a day lift ticket, you will probably get a better price buying ahead of time ‘ON LINE’. But due to that process, it is less predictable to say exactly what the savings will be vs walking up to the window at the ski area. Which will in all likelihood,
be your most expensive option. Example window prices for last season prices were $79 for a 9 am to 10 pm Saturday lift ticket for ages 13 to adult. A 7 to 12 youth on a Friday night is $50. A ‘Jetster’ (students age 5 or 6), pays $15 for an all day ticket.

If you are a never (ever) ski (or snowboarded) before beginner……we don’t start you on the chairlift on your first lesson. Don’t buy a full regular ticket. Instead, buy a Magic Carpet ticket for $15. You start there, then move to a beginner chair ticket ($50 for ages 13+ for 9 am to 10 pm last season) after some lessons (two to four is typical, depending on how much you practice outside of lessons). Your instructor will tell you at the end of each lesson, as to what level of ticket to buy for the next weeks’ lesson.

**Season Passes**

Day tickets sound complicated? The deal SKIBACS recommends is the Discounted Season Passes, which come in a selection of options. Advantages? No waiting to buy ticket lines, go straight to class and ski or ride. No worries about second guessing if you need the right day ticket level. But the biggest advantages is…you pay the one set fee, and it’s good for as many days as you want to ski/ride. Our lessons run 6 weeks. But hey, we hope you are learning to ski to have fun…there is a LOT of skiing to be had after lessons are done (or even before they start in December). And your pass is good for as many days as you wish during the season. Feel like skiing a partial day, or a mid-week night on a whim…just go.

Compared to day lift tickets, the ‘break even’ is just above, or just below, the 6 weeks of our lesson series (assuming you are at a level where you buy a regular day ticket every time). There are a bunch of variations of passes to consider. We suggest the L-T-D for SKIBACS students, as we are based at Summit, Central. The Unlimited Pass is good at Alpental (across the highway up a side canyon) on weekends. But that part of the ski area, fun as it is, is steeper, and not as convenient (but a lot of fun for those who like that flavor of terrain).

The XPASS is relatively new. It’s like the old nights only pass…but is actually also good during the daytime, Monday thru Friday (non-holiday…oh, and not good at all between Dec. 22 to Jan. 1, MLK and President’s Day).

What’s this snow guarantee thing? It’s like buying insurance of we have a ‘bad’ snow year. If the snow does not materialize (e.g. if the ski area does not reach at least 100 days of operations), if you pay extra fee (insurance), you will be given a deal where you get some credit back on your season pass proportional to how many days they were able to open for the season (details on the website…we had a terrible year a few years ago….we only got in 1 or 2 lessons before the snow disappeared…).

NEW THIS SEASON!!!! Price increase in the season pass bought after December 15th!

So how much are these season passes? And how do you sign up?

**Season Pass 2019.2020 Private Ski School Prices – Without Snow Guarantee**

**BEFORE December 15, 2019**

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Prices above are before applying WA Sales Tax

**Big S Season Pass 2019.2020 Private Ski School Prices – With Snow Guarantee**

Snow Pass Guarantee varies with the pass, from $8 to $50 extra, depending on the pass.

Late sign up will add from $10 to $40, depending on the pass.
The Unlimited Season Pass is valid at all Summit base areas, **INCLUDING** Alpental, for the 2019-2020 winter season. No restrictions. It also offers discounts on other services, plus some deals at some sister ski areas. So you might want to look into their details a bit closer to see if those extras ‘tip’ the decision for you.

The L-T-D Season Pass is valid at all areas, **EXCEPT** Alpental on weekends for the 2019-2020 Season. The L-T-D pass also includes a $10.00 lift ticket discount on weekend Alpental tickets (one per day, passholder only).

**How do I get a Season Pass again?**

At the end of this confirmation letter, is an instruction page provided by the Summit at Snoqualmie. Click on the link provided to get the on line instructions Snoqualmie Pass form for Season Passes FOR SKIBACS STUDENTS. Our rates are the lowest you will find (better than the general public rates on the website for the ski area...those are current general market rates...our rates are discounted back to the pass prices from the summer.

These season pass deals are valid for ‘enrolled students’ only.

### 2020 Lessons Schedules:

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**Class Assignments and First Day**

Your class assignment is indicated on your electronic receipt. On the first day of class, please go to the sign at the ski school meeting area that corresponds to your class. The instructor at this sign will provide further information. The ski school meeting area is identified on the attached map. If you feel you have signed up for the wrong level or wish to change (before or after your first class), please feel free to discuss this with the instructor or available ski school supervisor. We will find the class that best fits your needs. **Please give yourself plenty of margin to arrive on time the first day**, it’s suggested you attempt to arrive at least 15 minutes early.

The signs we use for the first day of lessons, correspond with the skill levels. Again, go to the sign that corresponds to your skill. If you ski’d some since signing up, and think you are a bit higher…go ahead and go to the next level sign up. Beginners never ever ski or ride, go to Level 1 sign.
If you miss the first week….there will be different signs, assigned by class numbers (1 to 30+). The numbers are randomly assigned, and have nothing to do with your skill level. Go find the Supervisor (ask any instructor), and they will be able to get you in the right class.

Parents, be sure to ask the instructor what the class number will be for the following week….your kid may not remember, and all the instructors sort of wear the same parka and look the same (to a young one). Also: Parents with Children in lessons, be sure to introduce yourself to your child’s instructor first before leaving. Also, we will need you to pick-up your child promptly at the end of the two hour, fifteen minute long lesson. We will not ‘release’ younger children to ski on their own.

One final thing. We strive for a fun experience for all, in a group lesson setting. Safety is also of a prime concern to us. If a student is not following the directions of the instructor, or disrupting the experience of the other students in the class, we reserve the right to cancel the remaining lessons for that student, and will issue a pro-rated refund for remaining lessons.

Cancellation of Lessons

The weather conditions in the mountains may force us to cancel class. If we have enough advanced notice we will try to post lesson cancellations recorded on the SKIBACS receptionist line, 206-400-7542. Please call before leaving, even if the weather looks good down in town. Cancelled classes will be made up the week following our last normally scheduled class. Also, do not ‘assume’ classes are cancelled, if it is raining and storming in town. Often, it may be coming down as snow at the mountain, and we love skiing while it’s snowing. Again, simply call beforehand or sign up to use our Rained Out account. Also, at times, the road closes, or conditions change too close to the lesson start time for us to get notice out. We apologize in advance for not being able to notify you in these cases, but be forewarned that this is a mountain sport, and that unfortunate circumstance comes with the territory.

Rained Out:

This is a great, easy to use service, where we can send the quickest status for lesson changes to your cell phone.

Go to the website:  www.rainedout.com
Search for our organization SKIBACS
Toggle on our name when you see it come up. It will send you a text or e-mail with a code to complete, then when inputting this, you will be taken to a page where you can select the day(s) you are signed up for lessons. Subscribe on the day that you have lessons on, and you are good! After that, when SKIBACS sends out a notice of a change relative to normal lessons (we do not like to SPAM folks if we can avoid it, if everything is on per normal plans. We prefer to use this service more for ‘exceptions’, like a delay in lessons 30 minutes due to a blocking accident on the road, or DOT avalanche blasting, or well…it’s raining hard at our ski area location, we’ll reschedule).

Enrollment and Refund Policy

Personal cancellations must be submitted in e-mail or writing to SKIBACS at Mail Stop OF-KA (or to SKIBACS at PO Box 68125, Seattle WA 98168). A prorated refund, (less $35 handling fee for members, $45 for Guests) may be obtained, considered effective as of the date the notice is received.
Location

To be clear, SKIBACS operates out of Summit at Snoqualmie **CENTRAL**.

Snoqualmie ski area is actually several ski areas that are apart from each other. Each year, some folks go to the wrong area, usually Summit, West. So if you see a gas station nearby, or a hotel….those are over by Summit, West. Keep driving south/east on the Route 906 access road for another mile or so, and you’ll come up on Central.

**Look for CENTRAL sign.**

**Maps & Directions:**

![Map of Summit at Snoqualmie - Summit Central Base Area](image)

**Summit Central** is located on Snoqualmie Pass. Take Exit 53 off of I-90; turn west (right) to a "T" intersection, then turn south (left).
Best Practices for Winter Sports Activities in the Mountains:

General Clothing Principles
Weather in the mountains changes quickly, so always be prepared. Keep in mind that the weather can range from below zero to very warm, from sunshine to snow or rain, thus dressing in layers allows the best flexibility. Cotton clothing should be avoided, and in no case should anyone wear cotton gloves, hats or socks. Yes, this is the Pacific Northwest…we’ll ski/ride even if it’s a light rain.

Suggestions:
- Base Layer: thermal, long sleeved underwear; fabrics that wick sweat away from the body is best.
- Insulating Layer: turtleneck or sweater with lofting properties like wool or polypro fleece.
- Outer Layer: wind- and rain-proof pants and parka (consider carrying an additional cheap rain slicker if it’s really soggy).
- Extremities: water resistant gloves or mittens, wool hat and socks, well-fitting goggles.
- Bring: Sun-block and sunglasses.
- Parents – the little ones lose heat much faster than adults, therefore well-covered extremities (head and hands – NO cotton gloves) are essential to keeping them warm overall. Generally, layering is the key for everyone.

Equipment
We expect students to come to class with properly selected and adjusted equipment. Your instructor will teach students, particularly beginners, how to put on the skis and snowboards. However, your instructor will not be equipped to make adjustments to your equipment. This is particularly true of binding adjustments. If you have a persistent problem, your instructor will send you to the area shop. The shop will probably charge a modest fee. If your skis or snowboard have not been tuned (bases waxed or edges sharpened) for a long while, this can, depending on the conditions, seriously hamper your success on snow. Please make an effort to visit a shop to have this taken care of. It can also be a good time to have your bindings properly checked and adjusted if you have not done so recently.

Snowboarders – please be sure to check that you have a leash (all boards must have a board runaway preventive device) with you board and/or boots. Also, a stomp pad (a small piece of rubber glued onto the board right in front of the back binding) is a necessity. Do not leave the shop without one mounted to your board. Some studies have correlated a reduction in number and severity of wrist injuries while snowboarding with wearing wrist guards. Although not required for lessons, it’s left to the individual to decide upon this level of protection.

Parents – we allow children to use ski poles in our lessons, although the instructor may have the poles set aside at certain times so that the children do not improperly rely on them.

Helmets – we encourage the use of helmets. Although not a requirement for lesson, falls and collisions are a reality of our mountain sport, and reducing the chances of a concussion is an unarguably good thing. Besides, ski/snowboard helmets take the place of ski hats, keeping heads warm and dry on snowy days.
Transportation Readiness

- Make sure your car is in good working order before leaving home.
- Always be fully fueled when heading up-hill.
- Carry approved traction devices, even if you have an all- or four-wheel drive vehicle. All wheel drive vehicles in WA state with tires having a M+S stamp (mud and snow - considered traction tires) on the sidewalls, may proceed without chaining up (although you may be expected to have chains in the vehicle). One major question….have you confirmed your chains are the correct size for your tires, and do you know how to put them on?
- Have a window scraper and snow brush.
- Change windshield wipers yearly. Make sure windshield washer fluid is topped-off.
- Check coolant mixture to ensure adequate anti-freeze protection.
- A couple of blankets provide comfort when the car is cold, if stuck in a road closure (happens often on snowy years, if the close to blast for avalanches), you won’t have to sit and idle for long periods to keep warm.
- Your best tool: plenty of time and patience. Always leave extra room in your schedule in case weather conditions cause traffic delays. You do not want to be rushed when driving in slick conditions.
19/20 SKIBACS STUDENT Login Instructions

This information is for SKIBACS SKI SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY.


2. Group Name: SKIBACS

Password (Case Sensitive): SNOW20

3. Click on the appropriate pass product.

4. Click on “ADD TO CART”

5. Click on - ASSIGN GUEST
   Assign Guest  THIS is REQUIRED!

6. FORMER GUESTS/PASSHOLDERS – Enter passholder’s First and Last Name and click LOOK ME UP.

For NEW PASSHOLDERS please SKIP TO #9 on this sheet.

7. On the next page, enter your BIRTH DATE (mm/dd/yyyy). Click VERIFY.

8. Click on - UPLOAD A PHOTO if you don’t have one. We ask that photos are close-up, head shots with no hats, goggles or sunglasses. Click on CONTINUE.

Skip to #11 on this sheet.

9. NEW PASSHOLDERS - click on CREATE NEW GUEST/PASSHOLDER

10. Enter passholder information in all fields with an *. Click SAVE. UPLOAD A PHOTO. Click CONTINUE.

11. Please read and ACCEPT the liability release. Click CONTINUE.

12. To purchase more passes click on CONTINUE SHOPPING. If you are finished selecting passes click on PROCEED TO CHECKOUT.

13. Enter purchaser information and credit card information. Click on FINALIZE SALE.

14. You will receive an email confirmation shortly. If you are ordering before we open, your pass will be mailed. If you order on the day you are coming up, come on by Summit WEST Guest Services and we will print your pass and hand it to you on the spot. (PLEASE do not go to Central or Alpental).

Of course, we prefer that you order it early so you don’t have to wait in line. Have a safe and fun winter!

Questions? Email us at summitstore@summiti90.com

www.summitatsnoqualmie.com