



IMPORTANT INFO

WELCOME! Thank you for registering for the Snowrider Program. We want everyone to have an enjoyable time so please take a moment and read through this important information. We've had a great turnout, and we're expecting a full bus again this year

"A LA CARTE" RIDERS

We may have a few seats available for "a la carte" riders. If someone you know is interested in riding the bus, they must pre-register at SWPRD by the Tuesday prior to travel at www.swparks.org. A la carte riders must be at least 13 years old (unless they're accompanied by a parent) and experienced on the mountain. The cost is \$55 per trip. You can register online or using the a la carte form.

YES, YOUR SEAT IS TRANSFERABLE (HOW AWESOME IS THAT?!)

If someone will be taking your seat on the bus, that person **must** have a completed registration or A La Carte form in order to ride the bus, this form is their ticket on the bus. They also must be 13+ years old. SWPRD will not coordinate seat transfers.

THE SEASON & KEY DATES

Dec. 15 Early Registration Fee Deadline

Jan. 7 First day of SnowRider!

Jan. 16 Holiday Weekend – SnowRider runs as usual

Feb. 11 Last day pizza party: SnowRiders are encouraged to bring \$5 to contribute to the pizza party if they can.

We cannot guarantee 8 consecutive weeks, but we do guarantee to provide services within normal ski season January–March or return the unused portion of your fee.

BUS SCHEDULE

All times are approximate and dependent upon traffic, ferries, and punctuality of riders.

5:20AM** _____ **Departs Coupeville** The Park & Ride at the SW corner of the intersection of Hwy 525/Hwy 20/Wannamaker Rd./Race Rd.

6:15 AM** _____ **Departs Clinton** at Ken's Korner parking lot, generally between the Bagel Bakery and Les Schwab

6:30 AM _____ **Ferry**

7:15 AM** _____ **Departs Everett** Eastmont Park & Ride 9029 El Capitan Way, Everett

9:00 AM – 4:00PM _____ **Snow Play!!!**

4:30 PM** _____ **Departs Stevens Pass Promptly!** Or at time chaperone states.

6:00 PM _____ **Arrives Everett** Approximate time.

7:00 PM _____ **Ferry departs Mukilteo** We attempt to catch the 6:30PM, but usually don't make it due to traffic, etc..

7:20 PM _____ **Arrives South Whidbey** Approximate time.

8:00 PM _____ **Arrives Coupeville** Approximate time.

****Please be at the buses at least 15 minutes prior to departures. Participants must be responsible to be on time when the bus leaves the mountain.** If for some reason they miss the bus, they'll need to contact CLANCY'S SKI SCHOOL for instructions. Or call Carrie at (206)910-1343. Parents will then be contacted to arrange pickup.

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

This program is available to all ages; unaccompanied youth must be ages 12+. The majority of participants are age 14-17. Participants must be self sufficient, able to care for themselves and carry their equipment to and from the bus. We recommend that younger kids sign up with a friend. We require ages 12 and under and beginners to take lessons. Remind your child that the chaperones are there to help, if they have any problems or questions just ask any chaperone or Clancy's Ski School employee or check in at First Aid. A la carte riders must be experienced riders or sign up for lessons. This is a great opportunity for parents to ride along and help acclimate their kids to the program.

CANCELLATIONS & LATE BUS

The bus will only be canceled if Stevens is closed or if the mountain is deemed unsafe or other extreme circumstances. If this happens you will be contacted by your chaperone or will be told at your pickup point. We will also attempt to provide updates via email, our voice messaging system, and Facebook. You can check the highway report at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/passes/stevens>.

SNOWRIDER HOTLINE

If bus is being cancelled or running late, that information will be posted on our hotline and changed as needed. Please call (360)221-6798.

LIFT TICKETS

You will purchase tickets on the bus. You must bring **cash in the exact amount** of the ticket and purchase these on the bus. Daily ticket prices are \$40 for ages 7-15; and \$60 for ages 16-69. This includes a discount group rate and sales tax if tickets are purchased on the bus.

LESSONS

The Snowrider program will be using **CLANCY'S SKI SCHOOL** for our lessons. Clancy's is located in the Pacific Crest Lodge. If you have any specific questions for the ski school, you can reach them at 425-348-3622 or www.clanc.com. **We require that beginners and participants 12 and under** take instruction, though they do not have to sign up for Clancy's. Clancy's offers six weeks of lessons, starting January 9.

EQUIPMENT & CLOTHING

Please mark all your gear, with a name and phone number. If you lose something contact your chaperone. **Snowboards MUST have leashes on them.** Participants are responsible for their own gear and any electronics or clothing brought on the bus. Each participant must have up to date equipment including, boots, skis or snowboard, poles, ski break device, or leashes, and bindings, which have been specifically adjusted to fit the skiers or boarders boots. All equipment must be in good working condition and checked by a ski shop tech before program starts. Warm ski gear and goggles are a must! For safety reasons we highly recommend ALL participants wear helmets. Participants should have a ski parka, ski pants, top and bottom thermal underwear, warm shirt, sweater, hat, warm socks, and ski gloves. We recommend that youth bring a backpack for items during the day (no access to bus during the day). It is recommended that participants have dry clothing to change into for the trip home. Other items you may wish to bring include a watch and lunch or lunch money (enough for a long day!). Food and drink can be purchased at the day lodge.

THEFT

We are not liable for any damaged or stolen property. We highly recommend leaving unnecessary valuable items at home, and keeping cash and credit cards on your person. A money belt would be a useful item, and only cost around \$6. PLEASE REPORT SUSPECTED THEFT of equipment to chaperones immediately. We will notify the police and they will be invited onto the bus to handle the situation. This may cause a serious delay. Make sure that you mind your possessions so there is no accidental confusion.

LOST & FOUND

Forget something on the bus? Email Carrie at programs@whidbey.com, along with a detailed description of the item(s) missing ASAP, and we will attempt to locate them. These items are usually dropped off at the Park office for pick-up. Don't assume that your missing items will be brought on the bus the following week.

SWANKY COACH

You can still expect a very nice restroom-equipped coach, DVD equipped. Participants are welcome to bring **G or PG** movies to watch on the bus.

STOW YOUR STUFF

There is no access to the bus during the day; you will need to carry everything you need for the day with you to the mountain & use a locker. Passengers will load and unload their own gear from the bus. Storage compartments will be labeled by bus stop. No boots in the overhead storage compartments please. **DO NOT LEAN SKIS OR SNOWBOARDS AGAINST THE BUS.** You will be charged for any damage to the bus if you do so.

CHAPERONES / HOSTS

We provide chaperones for each trip. If you're an adult, think of them as a host, available to answer questions and help you out. If your child has a problem or question, they can contact a chaperone throughout the day. The best way to get help quickly is to check in with a Clancy Ski School employee if they need help. Chaperones check in regularly at Ski Patrol/First Aid, and one can often be found upstairs in Granite Peaks Lodge (the middle lodge) at lunch time. Keep in mind that your child will be unsupervised for the majority of the time on the mountain. We do not require them to check in at lunch.

YOUTH: ALTERNATE TRAVELING ARRANGEMENTS

If your child's travel arrangements are altered in any way from those listed as the pickup and drop off locations given to us, they **MUST** have a note signed and dated from their parent, with details on alternate arrangements, including a name of who will pick them up and your phone number. This includes being dropped off at Mukilteo or staying at Stevens' Pass with a parent or friend. Parents must accept full responsibility for any alternate arrangements.

YOUTH: CUSTODIAL CONCERNS

Please notify us, and provide documentation, if there are any custodial concerns for your child, or if there is someone who is specifically prohibited from picking up your child. We do not typically check ID's of the folks picking up kids, so communicating clearly with the office and your day-of chaperones will help ensure the safety of your child. Part of signing up for Snowrider is acknowledging that your child is independent and responsible enough to make good decisions and look out for themselves on the mountain.

PHOTOS

Throughout the season we may take photos of the participants for our website or press release. If you do not want you or your child's photo published please let us know. We encourage the participants to share their photos, if you have any fun photos of the Snowrider program that you would like to share please email them to programs@whidbey.com.

ACCIDENTS, INJURIES AND EMERGENCIES

Parents/guardians/emergency contacts will be contacted in the event of an emergency. Make sure to provide an emergency number where someone can be reached. In the event of an injury where a participant cannot be transported by other means, you may be required to pick up your child at the mountain.

LINKS

South Whidbey Parks & Recreation District: www.swparks.org

SWPRD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/South-Whidbey-Parks-Recreation-District/253748642322?ref=hl>

Stevens Pass: www.stevenspass.com

Clancy's Ski School: www.clanc.com

Weather: www.atmos.washington.edu/data/zone_report.KSEW.html

COMMUNICATION

If you have not already, **please provide an email address**, as this is the best way for you to receive updates and information on the program. **It's also important that you check your email prior to trips for any updates or cancellations.** If you have any questions please feel free to contact me by email programs@whidbey.com, my office (360)221-6788, or call me on my cell (**emergencies only, please!**) at (206)910-1343. This letter will be posted on our website after the program starts.

IN A PICKLE?

If your SnowRider is having some kind of trouble up on the mountain and calls you, contact the chaperone directly if possible. If you can't reach a chaperone, then contact the Program Coordinator, Carrie, at (206)910-1343. Please reserve this phone number for urgent matters only.

RULES

Please take the time to read and fully understand the rules below. Every rider must provide a signed copy of the rules, acknowledging that they have read them and will abide by them. **Riders must also bring a signed copy of the code of conduct, found in the following pages, on their first day riding the bus.**

We look forward to another great season!

Sincerely,

Carrie Monforte - Program Coordinator

South Whidbey Parks & Recreation District

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Please make sure your child reads and understands the rules for the Snowrider program.

We expect to have an excellent year together! For the safety and enjoyment of everyone, there are some rules & expectations that participants must obey. Please remember that any misconduct deemed serious enough by the coordinator or head chaperone could result in expulsion from the Snowrider Program without refund, as well as the District's disciplinary procedures.

RULE #1: We have a Zero Tolerance policy for alcohol, tobacco, drug use & inappropriate behavior on the bus.

On the Bus:

- > Please be sensitive to the serious job the bus driver and chaperones have in making your trip as safe as possible. Without these chaperones and drivers, this program would not be possible. **ALWAYS SHOW RESPECT TO THE DRIVER, CHAPERONES AND FELLOW PASSENGERS.**
- > You are not allowed to return to or ENTER the bus while at the Pass until the announced return time and there is a chaperone present.
- > Please keep the bus clean. Clean-up groups will be formed by chaperones.
- > For safety reasons, glass containers will not be allowed on the bus.
- > Please remain on the bus while the driver installs or removes chains.
- > No lighters or matches on the bus.
- > Please remain seated and reasonably quiet while bus is moving.
- > Bus windows are never to be opened at any time.
- > Please keep all windows clear, do not obstruct with gear, signs or your body.
- > To prevent expensive damage, please keep off seat backs and avoid placing or leaning equipment on the seats or against bus.
- > Please keep your skis and poles fastened together when loading.

On the Ferry:

The ferry is a public environment. Please do not infringe on the rights of the general public with excessive noise or movement. i.e. running, yelling or climbing across furniture. WSF can *and will* limit our access to the upstairs.

At Lessons:

Skiers and boarders are to attend all 6 lessons. They need to be mindful of time and not be late. Morning classes leave the meeting area at 10am, afternoon classes leave at 1pm. Plan on showing up at the lesson meeting place 10 minutes early.

Public Displays of Affection

Being overly physically affectionate creates an environment that makes everyone else uncomfortable. Inappropriate public displays of affection will not be tolerated. This behavior may result suspension from the program. SnowRiders are expected to show good taste and conduct themselves respectfully at all times.

On the Mountain: KNOW THE CODE, IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Be aware that there is a minimum \$1000 fine for rescue attempts in out-of-bounds areas, that you will be responsible for. This includes anything beyond the orange posted signs stating ski area boundary. Regardless of whether you ski or snowboard, always show courtesy to others and be aware that there are elements of risk that can be reduced with common sense and personal awareness.

- > Ski/ride under control and in such a manner that you can stop and avoid other people and objects.
- > When skiing or riding and overtaking another person, avoid the people below you.
- > Do not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible from above.
- > When entering a trail or starting downhill, yield to other skiers and snowboarders.
- > All skiers and snowboarders shall use devices to help prevent runaway skis and boards.
- > Stay off closed trails and posted areas and observe all posted signs.
- > Prior to using any lift, you must have knowledge and ability to load, ride and unload safely.

Skiing safely is everyone's responsibility!

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- You are not allowed to ENTER the bus while at the Pass until there is a chaperone present.
- Keep the bus clean. For safety reasons, glass containers will not be allowed on the bus.
- Bags or gear that does not fit into overhead must be stored in luggage compartments under the bus. No ski boots or wet items allowed in overhead compartments.
- Remain on the bus while the driver installs or removes chains.
- No lighters or matches on the bus.
- Please remain seated and reasonably quiet while bus is moving.
- No skis or boards will be leaned against the bus at any time.
- Bus windows should remain closed. Please keep windows clear, do not obstruct visibility.
- To prevent damage, please stay off seat backs and avoid placing equipment on the seats.
- Please keep your skis and poles fastened together when loading.
- Be polite on the ferry. Please do not infringe on the rights of the general public with excessive noise or movement. i.e. running, yelling or climbing across furniture.
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"I, the undersigned, will follow the above rules and guidelines."

Participant Name (Print) _____

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

