



Vashon Ski School



DISCLAIMER / WAIVER OF LIABILITY / RELEASE

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

By accepting these documents, I hereby acknowledge that in consideration of myself and/or my child(ren) being allowed to use Vashon Park District (VPD) facilities, arranged transportation, and/or participate in any VPD-sponsored activity identified herein, including Vashon Ski School, I **ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISKS, INCLUDING RISK OF INJURY OR DEATH**, associated with our use of said facilities and/or participation in said activities. I further agree on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors, assigns, and personal representatives, to waive and **RELEASE** any and all rights and claims for damages, including attorney fees, I now, or may hereafter have, whether known or unknown, against the Vashon Park District, Vashon Park District commissioners, officials, employees, and agents for any injuries suffered by me or my child(ren) in connection with the use of VPD facilities or participation in any VPD-sponsored activity identified herein. I acknowledge that I have carefully read this **WAIVER OF LIABILITY** and fully understand that I am waiving any right that I may have to bring a legal action or to assert a claim against Vashon Park District in connection with the use of District facilities or participation in VPD sponsored activity stated herein.



Let it Snow!!!

Registration Packet for Winter 2024

January 6, 13, 20, 27 & February 3, 10

- Bus loads Saturdays, 8:10 am at VHS*
- Bus loads in WS at 9:15 cross from the lower Lincoln Park parking lot at Fauntleroy Way SW & SW Trenton Street.*
- Parents pick up in WS at 5:30 PM at Lincoln Park lower lot, Vashon parents pick up at 6:30 PM at VHS*
- Bus fee is \$225 (\$206.99 + \$18.01 WA sales tax)
- Lessons and rentals are the sole responsibility of the participants
- For lessons contact [Ski Masters](#)
- For passes and rentals contact [The Summit at Snoqualmie](#)
- [On-line Registration](#) opens Wednesday, August 23rd
- Mail completed forms to Vashon Park District - PO Box 1608
- For more information email questions to: ewyatt@vashonparks.org or call 206-463-9602

**All times subject to change with WSF winter schedule updates*





Vashon Ski School Code of Conduct



The VISD Student Code of Conduct applies to all VPD activities.

The following items are required to participate in Vashon Ski School:

- Approved safety helmet must be worn by students/adults while skiing or snowboarding or during any Vashon Ski School on-slope activity.
- Daily Ticket or Season Lift Pass must be worn at all times while on the mountain whether skiing, snowboarding or just hanging out.

The following items and actions are prohibited while participating with Vashon Ski School on the Bus, on the Ferry, and on the Mountain:

- Loud talking, shouting, screaming, shoving, fighting, or throwing things.
- Bodily hygiene that constitutes a nuisance to others.
- Dressing inappropriately for weather conditions.
- Not following the Skier/Snowboarder Responsibility Code as set forth by the ski area.
- Verbally or physically harassing or threatening others.
- Sexual misconduct or harassment (i.e., exposure, offensive touching)
- Stealing or damaging property.
- Use of tobacco (including vaping products), alcohol, or non-authorized medicines or drugs.
- Possession of any weapon or firearm, whether real or a facsimile.
- Skiing or snowboarding outside of ski area boundaries or in areas marked as closed, off-limits, or out of bounds.
- Leaving Summit West and going over to Summit Central or Alpental without signing out or notifying a Board Member or Chaperone.
- Leaving the Ski, bus, or ferry areas, either alone, accompanied with a friend or an unapproved parent or guardian. This includes crossing the main road to the gas station, store or hotel restaurant, which are off-limits.

Students are not allowed to ride with unauthorized drivers without prior parental consent and chaperone approval. Failure to follow this protocol may result in student expulsion.

Violations are subject to disciplinary actions or immediate termination at the discretion of the Vashon Park District. Upon termination, all fees paid will be forfeited. Students will be escorted back to Vashon by Chaperones, their parents, or police.

If we suspect a ski school student has a banned substance, any backpack or other carry-on bag will be confiscated and turned over to the parent at pick-up. The student will be required to sit at the front of the bus with a chaperone for the duration of the trip home.

Important: The Summit at Snoqualmie does not allow the transfer of passes. They will ban anyone caught using another person's pass and void the pass without a refund. They consider such use theft.



Refunds, Disclaimer, Release, and Waivers

Vashon Park District Refunds: We must set our fees based on projected ridership.

Therefore, refunds will be issued only if requested no fewer than 7 business days prior to the program start date (January 6, 2024) OR in the event of documented medical reasons or significant family emergencies. All refunds will be assessed a \$29 processing fee.

CANCELLATIONS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER OR OTHER CAUSE: VPD will attempt to reschedule the makeup ski date(s). Participant fees are based on season membership numbers to cover the cost of bus rental, therefore no refunds in part or full will be granted if the registrant cannot attend the makeup date(s). Purchasers of individual trips may be granted a refund in full if they cannot attend the makeup date(s).

Disclaimer: In consideration of the Vashon Park District allowing my participation in this class, I hereby consent to such participation, acknowledging the risks involved and assuming all such risks. I agree to release, indemnify, and hold the Vashon Park District, their commissioners, coaches, instructors, volunteers, organizers, agents, and employees, harmless from and against any and all claims, actions, suits, losses, liability, costs, expenses, and damages of any nature whatsoever, including costs and attorney's fees in the defense thereof, for injuries, sickness, or death, which are caused by, or arising out of my participation in any portion of the program or any activity incidental thereto, provided, that nothing herein requires me to release, indemnify or defend for injuries, sickness or death caused by or arising out of the sole negligence of the Vashon Park District, their commissioners, employees or agents.

Photo Release:

I hereby give to Vashon Park District, its designees, agents, and assigns, perpetual, non-exclusive, royalty-free, and unlimited permission to use, publish and republish reproductions of my own or my children's likeness (photographic or otherwise), with or without identification of me or them by name, in print, electronic, or any other medium, including but not limited to our web site and in any publicity or other materials.

Consent (parent or legal guardian if the above individual is a minor)

I consent and agree, individually or as a parent or legal guardian of the registered *participant*, to the foregoing terms and provisions.

Registrant Name (Print)

Signature

(Parent/guardian if participant is a minor)

____/____/____
Date



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LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

On behalf of myself, I acknowledge with my digital acceptance at registration, my participation or my child's participation, in the Vashon Park District Ski School Program, that there is an inherent risk of potential exposure to infectious diseases, including but not limited to COVID-19/Coronavirus. The risk of potential exposure cannot be eliminated. Vashon Park District, will on its behalf, follow governing rules as dictated by State and local governments.

On behalf of myself, the Participant, my heirs and dependents, personal representatives, assigns, and insurers, I now voluntarily and knowingly release and hold harmless the Vashon Park District, its commissioners, officers, employees, volunteers, agents, successors in interest, insurers, contractors, suppliers, vendors, assigns, and any persons or entities with which/whom Vashon Park District is affiliated (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "VPD"), from any and all liability, lawsuits, or claims for injuries, death, or property damage resulting from, arising out of, or in any way connected with Participant's participation in the activities and programs (collectively "Claims"), including but not limited to Claims arising out of or in any way related to any emergency medical care administered, any illness or infection or disease, and COVID-19 or Coronavirus related health issue or exposure. This waiver and release shall apply even in the event that such personal injury, death, or property damage is caused or contributed to in whole or part through the passive or active negligence of the VPD (with the exception of sole, active negligence).

I agree to defend, hold harmless, and indemnify the VPD from and against any and all Claims (including attorney's fees) arising out of, or in any way related to Participant's participation in the activities and programs, any actual or alleged negligence of myself or Participant, any emergency medical care administered, any illness or infection or disease, and/or COVID-19 or Coronavirus related health issue or exposure.

I HAVE READ THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE IN ITS ENTIRETY. I FULLY UNDERSTAND AND RECOGNIZE THAT THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE IS A LEGALLY BINDING DOCUMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY EXECUTING THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE, I AM VOLUNTARILY ASSUMING THE RISKS DESCRIBED HEREIN, AND WAIVING MY LEGAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH.

Registrant Name (Print)

Signature

(Parent/guardian if participant is a minor)

____/____/____
Date

Concussion Information Sheet

A concussion is a brain injury. Concussions are caused by a bump or blow to the head. Even a “ding,” “getting your bell rung,” or what seems to be a mild bump or blow to the head can be serious. You can’t see a concussion. Signs and symptoms of concussion can show up right after the injury or may not appear or be noticed until days or weeks after the injury. If your child reports any symptoms of concussion, or if you notice the symptoms yourself, seek medical attention right away.

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF A CONCUSSION?

If your child has experienced a bump or blow to the head during an athletic activity, look for any of the following signs and symptoms of a concussion:

Signs Observed by Parents or Guardians

- Appears dazed or stunned
- Is confused about assignment or position
- Forgets an instruction
- Is unsure of the game, score, or opponent
- Moves clumsily
- Answers questions slowly
- Loses consciousness (even briefly)
- Shows behavior or personality changes
- Can’t recall events prior to hit or fall
- Can’t recall events after hit or fall

Symptoms Reported by Athlete

- Headache or “pressure” in head
- Nausea or vomiting
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Double or blurry vision
- Sensitivity to light
- Sensitivity to noise
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
- Concentration or memory problems
- Confusion
- Does not “feel right”

HOW CAN YOU HELP PREVENT A CONCUSSION AND WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU THINK YOUR CHILD HAS A CONCUSSION?

- Ensure that they follow their coach’s/Adults’ rules for safety and the rules/code of the sport.
- Encourage them to practice good sportsmanship at all times.
- Make sure they wear the right protective equipment for their activity (such as helmets, padding, shin guards, and eye and mouth guards). Protective equipment should fit properly, be well maintained, and be worn consistently and correctly. Learn the signs and symptoms of a concussion.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU THINK YOUR CHILD HAS A CONCUSSION?

- Seek medical attention right away. A healthcare professional will be able to decide how serious the concussion is and when it is safe for your child to return to sports.
- Keep your child out of play. Concussions take time to heal. Don’t let your child return to play until a healthcare professional says it’s OK. Children who return to play too soon-while the brain is still healing-risk a greater chance of having a second concussion. Second or later concussions can be very serious. They can cause permanent brain damage, affecting your child for a lifetime.
- Tell your child’s coach about any recent concussion. Coaches should know if your child had a recent concussion in ANY sport. Your child’s coach may not know about a concussion your child received in another sport or activity unless you tell the coach.
- Up-to-date info on concussions at: <https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/index.html>

Ski School Bus FAQ Sheet



Is the Ski School bus fee all-inclusive?

No. This program covers only the transportation and ferry costs of \$206.99 + tax. Lift tickets, lessons, and gear are the responsibility of each participant.



Lessons: Discounted ski lessons are available through Ski Masters. You will be sent codes for these once you have registered for the bus. **Space for lessons is limited and they fill up quickly. We cannot offer refunds if you fail to register before lessons fill up. Ski Master's ski and snowboard lesson registration begins September 5th.** <https://skimasters.net/registration>.

Lift Tickets: Lift tickets can be purchased through [The Summit at Snoqualmie](#) and all tickets must be purchased online. Most bus riders opt for the season LTD pass, but day lift tickets are also available. Tickets tend to sell out, so be sure to have your pass before going to the Summit. Single-day lift tickets go on sale in October.

Will my child be supervised at all times?

No. We are only able to provide direct supervision on the bus. We encourage your child to ski with a friend, if possible, as we cannot guarantee direct supervision on the slopes. We will have phone chargers on the bus for kids to charge their devices if needed. Please make sure our contact numbers are on their phones and they know whom to call.

Can I buy a single trip?

Yes. Single trips are \$40 + tax.

How do I get on the lift?

The bus will arrive at the Summit mid-morning. Ski Masters lessons start at 12:30. We strongly urge you to purchase a season lift pass for ease of use. All single lift tickets must be purchased at the Summit ticket window online prior to arrival.

What is the schedule?

Ski School dates are on the following Saturdays: January 6, 13, 20, 27, and February 3, and 10. If needed (and possible) we will do a makeup trip on March 2, 2024.

(All times subject to change)

Departures: Vashon - Ski Bus will leave Vashon High School at 8:25 AM. Loading begins at 8:10 AM for the 8:55 AM sailing.

Departures West Seattle - Bus will pick up WS riders at the Fauntleroy Way SW & SW Trenton bus zone, across from the lower Lincoln Park parking lot, closest to the ferry at 9:15 AM. Note: times may change, depending on WSF's winter sailing schedule.

Returns - The bus leaves the Summit at 4:00 PM and will load onto the 5:50 PM boat back to the island. Parents pick up in WS at 5:30 PM, at VHS at 6:30 PM.

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Where can I get gear?

Participants are responsible for providing their own equipment. The Summit at Snoqualmie offers daily and seasonal equipment rentals. See [The Summit's website](#) for more information. Other retailers like Mountain to Sound Outfitters also offer rental packages.

Discount Season Gear Rental



[Mountain to Sound Outfitters in West Seattle](#) will again offer Vashon Ski School kids 10 percent off on season ski gear rentals. Please show them your ski school receipt to receive the discount.

The Mountain to Sound annual ski swap is October 14-15, 2023 at the West Seattle VFW Post 2713, located at 3601 SW Alaska Street (across the street from Mountain to Sound Outfitters!)

Can I ride home with friends instead of taking the bus?

Maybe. Due to liability issues, we must have written permission from a parent or guardian *prior* to morning departure. Chaperones have the final say and any student who leaves without permission is subject to termination from Ski School without refund.

Is food available?

Food is available at the Summit. Most students bring their lunch, but eating on the bus is not encouraged to mitigate the risk of Covid-19.

What if I am late back to the bus?

The bus is on a strict timetable to meet up with the ferry in West Seattle. Anyone not back to the bus at the designated time will need to ride home in the chase car. In such occurrences, there will not be cell phone privileges and the aid car drivers choose what plays on the radio. If gear will not fit in the chase vehicle, participants will need to leave their gear in rental lockers. VPD does not assume responsibility for lost or stolen gear.

If multiple riders are late and cannot fit in the chase vehicle, parents will need to drive to the Summit to retrieve their child. Multiple infractions may result in expulsion.

Ski School Bus FAQ Sheet

Infractions

Anyone caught using banned substances, including but not limited to, alcohol, tobacco or vaping, marijuana, etc. will be subject to expulsion without refund. Qualified suspicion may result in student(s) having to sit at the front of the bus under close supervision.

What if I am sick?

The short answer is to stay home. If you test positive for COVID-19 or have a known exposure, report this to us immediately so we can take appropriate action. Please review Washington State's guidelines for quarantine (exposure to COVID-19) and Isolation (tested positive for COVID-19) at the Washington State Department of Health website:

<https://doh.wa.gov/emergencies/covid-19/isolation-and-quarantine-covid-19>.

Where can I see the current condition at the slope?

Summit and conditions for Snoqualmie Pass on Interstate 90 can be seen on [the Summit's website](#) page for conditions & cams.



Who operates the bus?

We charter the ski bus through First Student, the same company that provides bus service to Vashon Island School District.

Can I ride the bus with my child?

You can either pay to ride the bus as a participant or join our volunteer list to be a chaperone. We are offered a total of 4 chaperone/aid car lift tickets per bus. To volunteer as a chaperone, please call Eric Wyatt at (206) 463-9602 or send an email to ewyatt@vashonparks.org.

