



## Mountain Area Ski School 2021-2022

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Dear Mountain Area Parents and Students-

We truly live in one of the most beautiful areas of the state, and Yosemite's Badger Pass Ski and Snowboard Area is right on our doorstep! As winter approaches it is time once again to introduce (or re-introduce) our unique ski and snowboard school opportunity.

The Mountain Area Ski School provides small group instruction for students in grades 4- 8 in skill levels from "I've never skied before" to intermediate and more experienced students (Snowboarding is grades 5-8). This program is a great motivator for students to do their best in school- And it is fun! Only students who maintain satisfactory grades, attendance, and citizenship will be released from school to take ski and snowboard instruction. It **is** a privilege, and is offered to those families who wish to have their children participate. Students not participating in M.A.S.S. will attend their regular classes at school.

The program registration fee is \$25.00. This is a one-time non-refundable fee so be sure your children want to learn to ski or snowboard before you sign them up. In addition to the registration fee there is a school fee each time your child participates to cover deeply discounted transportation, ski equipment, and a Badger Pass lift ticket. Your school will provide further information about signup dates and how to submit applications and fees.

Skis, boots, and poles rental are included in the weekly fee and are available for students at Badger Pass. The Badger Pass rental shop advises us that snowboarders will need to provide their own equipment (see "Snowboarder Gear Requirements on back of this page). Please note that it is the responsibility of the school (or parents) to provide transportation to-and-from Badger Pass Ski Area, and that each child must be covered by school or personal insurance. Check with your school for more information on their transportation options for this year.

Our program will begin on the second Friday following the winter break (January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022) and will continue through Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - weather and road conditions permitting. Covid protocols for students, staff, and MASS volunteers will be consistent with your participating school districts' Covid policies.

Of course, to be successful each year, the MASS program needs volunteers! If you love your snow sport, and have patience and a sense of humor...we need YOU to join this year's volunteer team of instructors! You do **not** need to be an expert skier or snow-boarder to be a M.A.S.S. instructor, you just need to be more experienced than the students you are teaching☺. We also need volunteers each week to help students get fitted for their equipment. All instructors must be over 18, complete a standard fingerprint clearance process for school volunteers, have a current TB clearance, and attend an instructor training and skills clinic at Badger Pass before teaching. For more information on MASS please contact Calvin Lyster at (559) 683-5186, or Peter Leinau at (559) 683 7408 or email [pengalo@aol.com](mailto:pengalo@aol.com)

Thanks for your interest and support- See you on the slopes!

Peter Leinau and the Board Members of the Mountain Area Ski School

**M.A.S.S. P.O. BOX 1062. OAKHURST. CA 93644**

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**Snowboard Safety Leash**— Attached to front binding for safety. This is required.

**Protective Helmet**— Ski, snowboard or skateboard helmets offer the protection we require. The small bicycle helmet will not be permitted.

**Ski Glasses or Ski Goggles**— Metal framed sunglasses are dangerous and so are goggles or glasses that are scratched. Please make sure they fit well and are in good condition.

**Ski Gloves, Ski Pants and Jacket**— Any type usually work just fine. Water resistant and warm recommended.

**Wrist Guards**— Are required for all snowboarders!!! Snowboarding can be awkward and there are usually a lot of falls while learning. Wrist injuries are common without guards, so you are required to wear them while snowboarding with MASS.

Students who show up without their gear will not be able to go snowboarding!

**We take your safety seriously!**



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WELCOME!!

Skiing and snowboarding are fun and healthful, and they are also a privilege. Please keep up on your schoolwork and attendance each week so you can join us on the slopes each Friday ☺. In order to have a successful program, there are some guidelines to follow and rules which you must observe.

Each ski and snowboard day you must bring the following items with you to Badger Pass:

1. Goggles or sun glasses
2. Chap stick and sunscreen are recommended
3. Gloves or mittens
4. Jacket and hat for cold weather
5. Snowboarders must also have, and wear, a protective helmet and wrist guards.

Each Week—

Sign up with your school site M.A.S.S. representative following the rules set up by your school.

FRIDAY—

1. Bring a sack lunch (no thermos or lunch box)
2. Be dressed to go skiing. Be prepared for any kind of weather-it can change from warm to cold to stormy all in the same day. Think **LAYERS** from light to heavy.
3. If you own your equipment, place it in the designated spot for loading onto the bus.

UPON ARRIVAL AT BADGER PASS—

1. Eat your lunch and drink plenty of water so you will feel good all day ☺
2. Please clean up your lunch table and floor area, apply sunscreen and chap stick, and remember to use the rest room before you go out on the hill for your lessons.
3. If you own your equipment, take it to the M.A.S.S. assembly area and wait behind the sign for your class.
4. If you use rental equipment, wait with the rest of your school until you are told to go to the rental room.
5. When you receive your equipment, go to the assembly area, line up behind the sign for your class and do not put your skis on until asked to do so.

DURING CLASS TIME—

1. Follow your instructor's directions at all times.
2. If you are released from class for any reason, you must give your neck tag to your instructor. When you return to the slopes, wait at the bottom of the lift your class is using. **DO NOT EVER SKI OR BOARD WITHOUT YOUR INSTRUCTOR!!**
3. If you must leave the lesson for any reason, give your neck tag to your instructor at the bottom of the hill and report immediately to your school rep. Turn in rental equipment to the rental room and return to your school rep. Anyone caught on the slopes or snow-playing unsupervised will not be allowed to come the next week.

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## AT THE END OF CLASS TIME—

1. Give your neck tag to your instructor.
2. Return rental equipment to the rental room. Be sure you have hooked your boots together and laced the pole straps.
3. Gather your personal equipment and make sure it gets on the bus.
4. Use the restroom, then go to your school site representative for directions.

## EVERY DAY THAT YOU PARTICIPATE—

You must either be in a class with an instructor or be with your school representative. Anyone found playing in the snow or skiing without an instructor will be banned from the program.

For your safety and the safety of others you must follow the directions of your instructor and the directors of this program. Disruption of the class by talking, throwing snowballs or any horsing around will not be tolerated. You will be given only one warning. If you must be warned a second time, you will be sent off the hill to your school representative and may be removed from the program. You could be barred from coming for the rest of the season.

If you can comply at all times with the above, welcome to the program! Please sign and return the agreement section of the registration, photo-release, and liability form included with these materials.

## PARENTS-

Thank you for supporting and participating in the Mountain Area Ski School! Please consider joining us as a volunteer instructor!

Also, a big **Thank You** to Aramark/Badger Pass, Yosemite National Park, our local schools and school boards, and our parent, community, and school staff volunteers for partnering with M.A.S.S. to make this experience possible!

See you on the slopes ☺

*Peter Leinau*

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Board Member, Mountain Area Ski School

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## Student Registration and Liability Release Form

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The MASS Registration fee is \$25-checks made payable to your school. This is one-time & non-refundable, unless Badger Pass is unable to open. Each week your student participates in MASS your school will collect a fee for the discounted Badger Pass lift-ticket, transportation, and equipment. See your school site materials for this weekly participation cost and for sponsorship information- we want ALL students to participate!

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_ Skiing (Yes/No) \_\_\_ Snowboarding (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL/ BUSINESS PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ALT. EMERGENCY CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Your Skill Level last year: A\_B\_C\_D\_E\_F\_ Year first participating in M.A.S.S. \_\_\_\_\_

### Guidelines and Rules Acceptance

We, the undersigned, have completely read, fully understand, and voluntarily accept and agree to comply with the "Mountain Area Ski School Guidelines and Rules" as detailed on pages 3 and 4 and, for snowboarders, please ALSO sign and return the "Snowboarders Gear Requirements" page 7:

**Parent's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Photo Release:

Please Sign below to allow us Non-Commercial-Use of photos including your student that may be taken during lessons to show others what the program is like ☺ Thank You!

"I agree to permit non-commercial use of photos that include my child in the M.A.S.S. Program"

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

A new and separate RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY form is provided on the back of this registration & must be signed by the parent or guardian of the student.

Please Note: All students in the program must be covered by private insurance or by school insurance.

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## RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT ("Agreement")

In consideration of my child participating in the snow related activities offered by Mountain Area Ski School (ski and snowboard instruction), I represent that I and my child understand the nature of this activity and that my child is qualified, in good health and in proper physical condition to participate in such activity. I acknowledge on behalf of my child that if I or my child believe skiing/snowboarding conditions are unsafe, we will immediately discontinue in the activity.

It is fully understood that this activity involves risks of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and/or death, which may be caused by my child's own actions or inactions, those of others participating in the activity, the conditions in which the activity takes place, or the negligence of the "releasees" named below, and that there may be other risks either not known or not readily foreseeable at this time, and I and my child fully accept and assume all such risks and all responsibility for losses, costs and damages my child might incur as a result of my child's participation in the activity.

I hereby release, discharge and covenant not to sue Mountain Area Ski School, its respective administrators, directors, agents, officers and volunteers, any sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of the premises on which the activity takes place (each considered one of the "Releasees" herein), and release and discharge them from all liability, claims, demands, losses or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the "Releasees" or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations; and I further agree that if, despite this release, waiver of liability, and assumption of risk, that I, or anyone on my behalf or on behalf of my child, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I will indemnify, save and hold harmless each of the "Releasees" from any loss, liability, damage or cost which may incur as the result of such claim.

I have read this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, and understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature, and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent by law, and agree that if any portion of this release agreement is held to be invalid the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed name of student participant)      (Address) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of parent/legal guardian      (date)      (phone)

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I understand and agree to abide by the MASS Snowboard gear requirements:

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_