

Learn to Ski/Snowboard Learn to ski Ability Levels

Skiing

Snow Flakes (3-4yrs) – In this class parents and Instructors work together to teach the children to ski and love the snow. Children must be accompanied by a skiing adult. The Adult ticket is included in the program cost (rentals are not). There are two levels in this class, please read them to help determine which group is right for you.

Level 1 White Never ever beginner
Has had equipment on, is working on but not mastered the wedge (pizza) independently in the beginner area (front of lodge)

Level 2 Green Stops, glides and controls speed using the wedge (pizza) in the beginner area (front of lodge)
Working on turns in the beginner area

Snow Flurries (5-8yrs) – In this class there are 5 levels. The beginner group will start in the beginner area (front of lodge) so parents will be able to watch their children progress. We do ask that unless asked by the instructor parents remain either on the deck or inside so that the Instructor can better hold their students attention. If they need help they will ask. Please read through the levels below to help determine which level best describes your child. The colors will remain the same so when you complete a level you can put the next level as your ability level in future 4 week lessons. (This is new for 2012-2013 previous years colors are different)

Level 1 White Never ever beginner and/or cannot come to a stop on their own. They will be in the beginner area learning the basics of balancing and gliding on the snow

Level 2 Red Can stop and glide in a wedge (pizza) and are working on turning and getting up on their own.
They take their first ride on the chair lift after mastering the beginner area

Level 3 Green Can turn left, right and make a complete stop. They can ride the chair lift and ski on green trails
(slow poke and lazy lane)

Level 4 Blue Explores harder green trails and easier blue runs. They learn to make advanced turns, making a wedge turn (pizza) and skiing parallel (fries) across the hill

Level 5 Black Can make advanced turns, ski all blue trails and are beginning to explore groomed black trails (cloud 9). Can ski parallel on green and blue trails and are preparing for pole use.

Blizzards (9-12yrs) – In this class there are 5 levels. While the beginner group still starts in the beginner area (front of lodge) they tend to move quickly to the chair lift and to the green trails. Please read through the levels below to determine which level best describes your child. The colors will remain the same so when you complete a level you can put the next level as their ability level in future 4 week lessons. (This is new for 2012-2013 previous years colors are different)

Level 1 White Never ever beginner and/or cannot come to a stop on their own. They will be in the beginner area learning the basics of balancing and gliding on the snow

Level 2 Red Can stop and glide in a wedge and are working on turning and getting up on their own. They take their first ride on the chair lift after mastering the beginner area

Level 3 Green Can link turns and make and hold different size wedges for control on different terrain. Can ride the chair lift with confidence and ski green terrain (slow poke and lazy lane). Is ready to learn beginner parallel turns (wedge christies and skid turns)

Level 4 Blue Can ski harder green and easier blue trails using a wedge christies and/or open parallel turns.
Working on parallel turns on blue trails and is ready to learn to use poles

Level 5 Black Can make open parallel or skid turns on all blue trails and are beginning to explore groomed black trails (cloud 9). Are working on advanced/dynamic parallel turns on steeps, in bumps and on ungroomed trails. This skier's focus can be to master the art of carving turns (racer style) on the groomed trails

Teens/Adults (13yrs and over) – This class takes place on Friday evenings at 6pm. The levels are the same as the levels in the Blizzards. Please read through the levels to determine which best describes you. All lessons/students progress at different speeds so one or more level may be completed in one 4-week session.

Snowboarding

There are 3 different age groups for these lessons: the **Snow Flurries (5-8yrs)** and **Blizzards (9-12yrs)** take place on Saturday or Sunday mornings at 9:30. The **Teen/Adult (13yrs+)** group takes place on Friday nights at 6:00pm. There are 5 levels in each age group. The levels are the same in each group but the speed that the levels are mastered varies greatly. The student may progress one or two levels or be recommended to stay in a level for more than one session. The first three levels of snowboarding can be very slow to master, and each student is different. Don't rush! Learn it and practice, practice, practice! Please read through the following levels to determine which best describes you or your child.

Level 1 White Never ever beginner

Level 2 Red Working on toe-edge and heel-edge turns in the beginner area (front of lodge)

Level 3 Green Becoming comfortable with linking turns in the beginner area and is ready to learn the chair lift and green trails (slow poke and lazy lane)

Level 4 Blue Confident in linking turns on green trails (slow poke and lazy lane) and working on blue trails, may be starting to carve turns

Level 5 Black Working on riding on steep trails, hard blue and easier blacks (cloud 9). Working on carving turns and using short linked turns in bumps and on ungroomed trails