



SAVONA ELEMENTARY

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Dear Parent/Guardians,

We will be heading to Harper Mountain on Friday, February 11th and Wednesday, February 23rd to go skiing and snowboarding with Mrs. Regan's and Mrs. Walker's classes. Attached to this letter you will find your student information package. We are looking for some parents to come help out, but please note you will need to drive yourself to and from the mountain. Please let Mrs. Lamberton know if you are available to help.

On February 11th, the bus will depart the school at 8:30 am and will arrive back to the school at approximately 3:30 pm. Students who take the bus will be dropped off on their regular route at that time (about 45 minutes later than usual.) Students who do not take the bus will need to be picked up at 3:30 pm from the school.

On February 23rd, the bus will depart the school at 8:30 am and will arrive back at 2:40 pm so that students can take the bus at their regular time.

Helmets are required for anyone who will be skiing or snowboarding. If you are renting equipment, one will be provided. If you are bringing your own equipment, do not forget to bring your helmet with you.

Please make sure to review, sign and return the following forms:

- Student Waiver (very important on bottom of waiver to circle level of skiing/snowboarding and fill out height, weight and shoe size if renting)
- Student permission form

Student Forms and payment are due to the office by Monday, February 7th, 2022.



Regards,

Mr. Scott Galloway
Principal
Savona Elementary

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS,
ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND INDEMNITY
AGREEMENT**

(hereinafter the "Release Agreement")

**BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT YOU WILL WAIVE OR GIVE UP CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS,
INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE FOR NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT OR BREACH OF
THE OCCUPIERS LIABILITY ACT OR CLAIM COMPENSATION FOLLOWING AN ACCIDENT**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Initial _____

TO: HARPER MOUNTAIN LIFTS LTD. and its directors, officers, employees, instructors, guides, agents, representatives, independent contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, sponsors, hosts, volunteers, successors and assigns (all of whom are hereinafter referred as the "Releasees"). **ASSUMPTION OF RISKS**

I am aware that skiing, snowboarding, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, snow tubing, participation in snow school lessons, clinics and sessions involve many risks, dangers and hazards including, but not limited to: boarding, riding and disembarking ski lifts; changing weather conditions; avalanches; exposed rock, earth, ice, and other natural objects; trees, tree wells, tree stumps and forest deadfall; the condition of snow or ice on or beneath the surface; changes or variations in the terrain which may create blind spots or areas of reduced visibility; changes or variations in the surface or sub-surface, including changes due to man-made or artificial snow; variable and difficult conditions; streams, creeks, and exposed holes in the snow pack above streams or creeks; cliffs; crevasses; snowcat roads, road-banks or cut-banks; collision with lift towers, fences, snow making equipment, snow grooming equipment, snowcats, snowmobiles or other vehicles, equipment or structures; mechanical failure of equipment; high speed descents; collision with other persons; slips, trips and fall; loss of balance or control; difficulty or inability to control one's speed or direction; rapid or uncontrolled acceleration on hills and inclines; encounters with domestic or wild animals; accidents during snow school lessons; negligent first aid; failure to act safely or within one's own ability or to stay within designated areas; negligence of other skiers, snowboarders and other persons; and **NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES. I UNDERSTAND THAT NEGLIGENCE INCLUDES FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES TO TAKE REASONABLE STEPS TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS REFERRED**

TO ABOVE. I am also aware that the risks, dangers and hazards referred to above exist throughout the ski area and that many hazards are unmarked. I **FREELY ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE OR LOSS RESULTING THEREFROM**

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND IMDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of the Releasees accepting my participation and/or equipment rental and permitting my use of the lifts, runs, trails, terrain parks, race courses, tube park, restaurants, day lodges, parking, access roads and other facilities (hereinafter "the facilities"), and my participation in snow school lessons, clinics and sessions, I hereby agree as follows:

1. I AGREE TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS that I have or may in the future have against the Releasees and **TO RELEASE THE RELEASEES** from any and all liability for any damage, expense or injury (including death) that I may suffer, or that my next of kin may suffer, resulting from or arising out of any aspect of my use of the Equipment or my presence on the Premises, **DUE TO ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT OR BREACH OF STATUTORY DUTY OF CARE, INCLUDING ANY DUTY OWED UNDER THE OCCUPIERS LIABILITY ACT, RSBC 1996, c.337**, in respect of the design, manufacture, installation, maintenance, selection or adjustment of the Equipment, or in respect of the provision of or the failure to provide any warnings, directions or instructions as to the use of the Equipment or the risks, dangers and hazards of skiing, snowboarding and snowshoeing

2. **TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASEES** from any and all liability for any damage to property of or personal injury to any third party, resulting from my use of or presence on the facilities or travel beyond the ski area boundary;
3. This Release Agreement shall be effective and binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives, in the event of my death or incapacity;
4. This Release Agreement and any rights, duties and obligations as between the parties to this Release Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and no other jurisdiction; and
5. Any litigation involving the parties to this Release Agreement shall be brought solely within the Province of British Columbia, and shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of the Province of British Columbia.
 - In entering into this Release Agreement I am not relying upon any oral or written representations or statements made by the Releasees with respect to the safety of skiing or snowboarding other than what is set forth in this Agreement.

EQUIPMENT RENTAL & LIABILITY RELEASE AGREEMENT PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

I accept for use **AS IS** the equipment provided, and accept full financial responsibility for the care of the equipment while it is in my possession. I will be responsible for the replacement at full value of any equipment rented under the school program.

I understand that the binding system cannot guarantee the user's safety.

In downhill skiing, the binding systems will not release at all times or under all circumstances where release may prevent injury or death, nor is it possible to predict every situation in which it will release.

In snowboarding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, snowboarding and other sports utilizing equipment with non-release bindings, the binding system will **not** ordinarily release during use; these bindings are not designed to release as a result of forces generated during ordinary operation.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT AND I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH I OR MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, ASSIGNS AND REPRESENTATIVES MAY HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASEES.

When you are satisfied that you and your child understand this document, please sign this form on the line shown below. Your Signature will be proof that you and your child both understand this document.

Parent Signature: _____

If you are Skiing: Choose one

- Level 1: I have never tried skiing before.
- Level 2: I have tried once or twice; I can stop & turn
- Level 3: I can ski comfortably on green runs linking turns
- Level 4: I can ski in control on blue runs

OR

If you are Snowboarding: Choose one

- Level 1: I have never tried snowboarding before.
- Local 2: Heel edge, side slipping and pendulum.
- Level 3: Heel and toe edge, side slipping and pendulum.
- Level 4: Linking turns

Students Name: _____ Age: _____ Skiing Level: _____ Snowboarding Level: _____

* **Snowboard RENTAL: Regular** (kick a ball with right foot, skateboard push off with right foot) OR **Goofy** (left footed)

Only if RENTING equipment: WEIGHT _____ kg HEIGHT _____ cm SHOE SIZE _____ (running shoe)

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Skiing & Snowboarding

Total cost for 2 days per student. You will fit into **ONE** of these 4 Programs:

<u>Program #1</u> : Lift Ticket, Lesson and Equipment Rental.....	\$90.00
<u>Program #2</u> : Lift Ticket and Lesson.....	\$70.00
<u>Program #3</u> : Lesson only.... (Harper Mountain Season Pass).....	\$45.00
<u>Program #4</u> : Lesson & Rent.... (Harper Mountain Season Pass).....	\$70.00
<u>Nonattendance rental set up fee</u> :	\$10.00/day

Amounts include all taxes

Your Day on the mountain will look like this.....

- All students will enter the lodge downstairs to the changeroom. Tickets will be handed out by your teacher. Your ticket has your name on it, your boot numbers, and ski or snowboard numbers. Those renting will find their boots here in the cubbies. Helmets will be fitted and assigned.
- Once you are dressed, head outside in all your winter clothing, ski or snowboard boots, and helmet, where you will find your skis. **Carry** your skis or snowboard to the big yellow and orange Lesson meeting signs beside the lodge.
- Everyone will have a lesson 😊 (Even Olympians have lessons!) **ALL** students will meet with the Ski & Snowboard Instructors outside beside the signs: Level 1, 2 or 3.
- If you have not skied or snowboarded before your lesson will be first thing in the morning. You will then 'free ski' in the afternoon either on the beginner slope with extra Instruction available if needed, or with a parent supervisor.

- If you have skied or snowboarded before, the Instructors will have you ski or ride to determine your level and decide if you will have a novice lesson in the morning or an intermediate/advanced lesson in the afternoon. If you are an afternoon lesson, you will 'free ski' in the morning with a parent supervisor.
- Students will **always** either be in a lesson with an Instructor or with a parent supervisor. The Terrain Park is **off limits** during school visits.
- At the end of your visit **ALL** rental equipment is to be returned to the changeroom. Skis go back in the ski racks outside with the snow brushed off. Parent supervisors please to help with this.

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- ❖ **For parent supervisors** helping the students to get ready in the morning, supervising, skiing with students on the hill wearing a supervisor vest, and helping with returning equipment at the end of the day: Teachers will have a list of parent supervisors \$20
 - ❖ Parent helper Equipment Rental: \$25.00/day at the hill
 - ❖ Tickets and equipment rentals for parents will be available **after** all the students are dressed and outside with their Instructors.
 - ❖ Parents and students read and understand the waiver. It is of the utmost importance that the information is correct and filled in, as our staff will preset equipment specifically for the student according to the information provided.

ABOUT CLOTHING

- Windproof/**water resistant** jacket and pants are strongly recommended
- Wear 2 light layers of clothing instead of one thick layer
- **Water resistant**, insulated gloves or mitts-not acrylic knit
- **Long Socks are mandatory!**

We look forward to seeing you on the Mountain for a FUN experience outside!



ALPINE RESPONSIBILITY CODE



THERE ARE ELEMENTS OF RISK THAT COMMON SENSE AND PERSONAL AWARENESS CAN HELP REDUCE. REGARDLESS OF HOW YOU DECIDE TO USE THE SLOPES, ALWAYS SHOW COURTESY TO OTHERS. PLEASE ADHERE TO THE CODE LISTED BELOW AND SHARE WITH OTHERS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A SAFE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE.

- 1** *Always stay in control. You must be able to stop, or avoid other people or objects.*
- 2** *People ahead of you have the right-of-way. It is your responsibility to avoid them.*
- 3** *Do not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible from above.*
- 4** *Before starting downhill or merging onto a trail, look uphill and yield to others.*
- 5** *If you are involved in or witness a collision or accident, you must remain at the scene and identify yourself to the Ski Patrol.*
- 6** *Always use proper devices to help prevent runaway equipment.*
- 7** *Observe and obey all posted signs and warnings.*
- 8** *Keep off closed trails and closed areas.*
- 9** *You must not use lifts or terrain if your ability is impaired through use of alcohol or drugs.*
- 10** *You must have sufficient physical dexterity, ability and knowledge to safely load, ride and unload lifts. If in doubt, ask the lift attendant.*

**Know the Code - Be Safety Conscious
It is Your Responsibility**

Skiers: Classify Yourself for Boot Binding

Before we can rent you equipment, you **MUST** classify yourself for skier type. Determining your skier type is your responsibility! Your skier type, height, weight, age and ski boot sole length are used by Harper Mountain to determine the release/retention settings of your ski bindings. Be sure to provide accurate information, because an error may increase your risk of injury!

Consult these descriptions to select your classification:



Type I

“Cautious Skiing at Lighter Release/Retention Settings”

Type I skiers ski conservatively, prefer slower speeds and easy, moderate slopes and favor lower than average release/retention settings. This corresponds to an increased risk of inadvertent binding release in order to gain increased releasability in a fall. Type I settings apply to entry-level skiers uncertain of their classification.

Type II

“Moderate Skiing at Average Release/Retention Settings”

Type II skiers ski moderately, prefer a variety of speeds and ski on varied terrain including the most difficult trails. Type II skiers are all skiers who do not meet all of the descriptions of either Type I or Type III.



Type III

“Aggressive Skiing at Higher Release/Retention Settings”

Type III skiers ski aggressively, normally at high speeds, prefer steeper and more challenging terrain, and favor higher release/retention settings. This corresponds to decreased releasability in a fall in order to gain decreased risk of inadvertent binding release.



Snowboarders: Determine Your “Forward Foot”

You will need to determine your stance on a snowboard so that the bindings will be set up correctly for you. Most people board with their left foot forward. Some people do feel more comfortable, however, boarding with their right foot forward (known as riding “goofy.”)

As a beginner, how can you tell which way you should ride? If you skateboard, start out with the same foot forward on a snowboard that you are most comfortable having forward on the skateboard. If you have waterskied slalom before, use the foot that was the back foot in your slalom ski as your forward foot on a snowboard.

If you’re still unsure, start out riding with your left foot forward. Your binding can be adjusted later if it is determined that you would be more comfortable with your right foot forward instead.