

SNOWDODGERS 2010 SEASON ORIENTATION INFORMATION

I. What is Snow Dodgers?

The Snow Dodgers Ski and Snowboard program has partnered with Loveland Ski Area to provide a great winter sports experience for Clear Creek County school kids since 1963. The 2010 program is a 9-week package, each Saturday from January 9, 2010 through March 6, 2010, that includes transportation and lift ticket, and for elementary aged kids, ski or snowboard lessons. Third graders must take full-day lessons, and 4th through 6th graders must take 1/2 day lessons.

II. Who is eligible?

Students in grades 3 through 12 who live in Clear Creek County and/or attend school in the Clear Creek School District are eligible to participate in Snow Dodgers. ***NEW IN 2010, EACH CLEAR CREEK COUNTY SNOW DODGER CAN BE JOINED BY ONE BUDDY FROM OUTSIDE CLEAR CREEK COUNTY!!!! SEE DETAILS BELOW.***

III. HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

There are three fees associated with Snow Dodgers.

A. Snow Dodger Registration Fee

1. **\$10.00 if received before November 22rd.**
2. \$20.00 November 22rd, thru December 31, 2009.
3. \$30 after December 31.

B. Bus Transportation Fee

1. **PREPAY AND SAVE up to \$45/child!!!!** Prepay the transportation charge with your Snow Dodgers registration prior to November 22, 2009 and ride all 9 weeks at no additional charge.

2. King Murphy / Bergen Park / Floyd Hill Bus

- a. **Prepay \$90/child** and ride all 9 weeks; or
- b. **Pay \$15** per child, each week.

3. Idaho Springs / Dumont / Georgetown Bus

- a. **Prepay \$60/child** and ride all 9 weeks; or
- b. **\$10** per child, each week .

C. Lift and Lesson Fees

1. 3rd Graders

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- a. Season pass, 6 weeks of full day lessons and lunch
 - (1) \$369, if registered and purchased before November 22.
 - (2) \$389 on or after November 22, 2009
 - b. Daily lift tickets not available because of lesson requirement.
2. 4th through 6th Graders (and 7th and above if taking half day lessons)
- a. Season pass and 6 weeks of 1/2 day lessons
 - (1) \$225, if registered and purchased before November 22.
 - (2) \$245 on or after November 22, 2009
 - b. Daily lift tickets not available because of lesson requirement.
3. 7th through 12th Graders without lessons:
- a. Season pass:
 - (1) Age 14 and below: \$134
 - (2) Age 15 and above: \$242
 - b. Daily lift ticket
 - (1) Age 14 and below: \$20
 - (2) Age 15 and above: \$30

D. Special Rules

1. **NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER JANUARY 4TH, 2010.** Complete Snow Dodger and Loveland Season Pass and Ski School registration instructions and forms are available at www.snowdodgers.com. Please make Snow Dodger registration and bus transportation checks payable to Snow Dodgers Ski Club. Mail checks and registrations forms to:

Snow Dodgers
P O Box 1847
Idaho Springs, CO 80452

2. Lift and lesson fees are in addition to the one-time Snow Dodger registration fee, and the bus transportation fee.
3. Snow dodger and Loveland Ski Area early season discounts apply only for registrations and payments received prior to November 22, 2009.
4. Loveland season passes must be issued **before** January 9, 2010.
5. Payments for lessons and season passes must be received in person through the Loveland Ski & Ride School sales office at Loveland **Valley**.

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6. Please contact Dan Huston at Loveland Ski School 303-571-5580 x 199 with questions regarding lessons and season passes.
7. All lessons must be purchased as block for the first 6 weeks.
8. 3rd graders must sign up for full day lessons. Price includes season pass, all day fully supervised lesson and lunch for first 6 weeks.
9. 4th through 6th graders must sign up for 1/2 day lessons. Price includes season pass and 1/2 day lessons for first 6 weeks.
10. 7th graders and older can, but do not have to sign up for lessons.

IV. How does the Snow Dodger BUDDY Program work?

New for 2010, each student that lives in or attends Clear Creek County schools and enrolls in Snow Dodgers can have one non-Clear Creek County student up to 12th grade join Snow Dodgers as a Snow Dodger BUDDY. BUDDY registrations must be received at the same time as the registration for the Clear Creek County Snow Dodger. Snow Dodger BUDDIES are subject to the same registration requirements, rules and regulations applicable to Clear Creek County students.

V. How does the transportation work?

All students participating in the Snow Dodgers program **must** ride a bus to and from the ski area. Any student getting off the bus at a stop other than their loading point must have **written permission** from his or her parent/guardian. Parent or guardians who want to pick up their child from the ski area must provide a **signed written note** to the sponsor responsible for that child's bus. Students of the Snow Dodgers program may not take guests, unless they are enrolled for the entire 9 week program through the Snow Dodger BUDDY Program.

Round trip transportation is provided by bus from six designated pickup points to Loveland Ski Area. The pickup points, departure and approximate return times are listed below.

The buses park at Loveland Basin. New skiers and boarders will ride with their classes to Loveland Valley on Loveland Ski Area shuttle busses.

Upon arrival at the ski area, adult sponsors will authorize Snow Dodgers to depart the bus to store items in the lodge, retrieve their skis or snowboards from the drop off area, and report to their lessons or begin skiing/boarding. Students shall assist with the loading and unloading of their ski equipment.

VI. Are the Buses and the Lodge Supervised?

Two adult sponsors are present on the bus, in addition to the driver. An adult sponsor will be on duty in the lodge in the designated Snow Dodgers area at all times.

VII. Who attends ski school?

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- A. 3rd Graders must attend supervised, full-day ski school, lunch provide by Loveland, for the first 6 weeks.
- B. 4th Graders through 6th Graders must attend half-day ski school, for the first 6 weeks.
- C. 7th Graders through 12th graders do not have to take lessons, but can if they wish.

The last three weeks are open skiing for all Snow Dodgers, with special activities on Fun Day, February 27th. Third graders who do not show adequate competency and maturity may not be allowed to participate in the open ski days without being accompanied by a parent.

3rd through 6th graders who ditch their lessons will be required to spend that day in the lodge and may not be allowed to participate the next week.

VIII. What equipment must I bring?

Snow Dodgers must come prepared for the weather conditions each week. Daily weather forecasts and snow conditions are available at www.skiloveland.com. Snow Dodgers must supply their own equipment and clothing, including gloves, hat or helmet (RECOMMENDED), ski jacket, ski pants, goggles or sunglasses, sunscreen, snacks, beverages and lunch (except that lunch is provided for 3rd graders during the first 6 weeks of lessons). Several local shops provide discount season rental rates for skis and boards for Snow Dodger participants please see our website for recommendations.

Label all ski/board bags and equipment with the student's name!!

Snow Dodgers must have their skis/poles or board **in a suitable bag**. They generally also bring a large "gear bag" in which they put their boots, gloves, gaiters, helmets, goggles/glasses, sunscreen, water bottle, extra clothing, homework and other paraphernalia. Gear bags are left in the Snow Dodgers staging area inside the Loveland Basin Lodge.

Snow Dodgers are responsible for hauling their own equipment to and from the lodge, packing and unpacking their bags and making sure that they have everything at the end of the day. Sponsors and other Snow Dodgers assist the 3rd graders.

IX. How come the boards and skis don't get lost?

Each of the six bus stops has a different colored ribbon associated with it:

Georgetown Mountain Inn	Yellow
Dumont Post Office	Orange
CCMS Idaho Springs	Red
Floyd Hill	Purple or White
Bergen Park	Blue
King-Murphy	Pink

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Snow Dodgers must tie the appropriate colored ribbon each ski/board **BAG**. Board/skis bags are transported to Loveland by separate pickup truck, with some trucks transporting bags for more than one bus stop.

The board/ski bags are unloaded at the beginning of the day near the Loveland Basin Lodge. At the end of the day Snow Dodgers are responsible for putting their skis and boards in their ski/board bags, and placing them in the appropriate loading zone based on color coded signs identifying the appropriate bus stop. Ski/Snow bags are loaded on the trucks and dropped at the appropriate bus stop, at about the same time the busses arrive.

X. Is there a lost and found?

Snow Dodgers maintains an informal lost and found. Discarded equipment is gathered up at the end of the day and taken back the next week. Ski/board bags that are placed in the wrong pile and transported to the wrong location will be taken back to Loveland the next weekend.

The best insurance against loss is to put your child's name and telephone number on all clothing and equipment. You can then be contacted and make arrangements with the sponsor to retrieve an item if it is needed earlier than the next weekend. If something is lost check with the bus sponsors, Loveland Ski Area lost and found, or call the bus barn.

XI. What about injuries and illnesses?

Loveland has a world-class ski patrol group. The facility is also relatively small (for a ski area) and they are familiar with the Snow Dodgers. Our sponsors regularly check the first aid stations. In the event of injury or sickness, the Snow Dodgers sponsor will be notified and will check on the child. First Aid or Snow Dodgers sponsors will call the emergency contacts listed on the registration form as quickly as possible and necessary action will be taken.

XII. Rules and Regulations

A. Snow Dodgers must always ski or ride in control and in bounds and always with a Snow Dodger buddy.

B. It is inconsiderate to make Snow Dodgers, their parents and the volunteer sponsors wait for Snow Dodgers or their parents that are late. Morning and afternoon bus departure times listed at the bottom of this document are strictly followed and drivers will depart promptly. Departure time from Loveland is 3:30 PM. Snow Dodgers late for the return trip will not be allowed to attend the following week, and if late by more than 10 minutes risk suspension for the remainder of the season. Parents/guardians who are late for the afternoon pick up risk possible suspension for their child.

C. All Snow Dodgers **must** ride the assigned bus to and from Loveland Ski Area. Any Snow Dodger getting off the bus at a stop other than the stop originally assigned **must** have **written** permission from his or her parent. Should a parent find it necessary to pick up a Snow Dodger from Loveland Ski Area, a **written** note signed by the parent **must** be given to the sponsor responsible for that Snow Dodger's bus. No guests are allowed to ride the bus or participate in the Snow Dodgers unless properly registered as

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a Snow Dodger. Snow Dodgers purchasing daily lift tickets will notify their bus sponsor on the trip to Loveland.

D. Students shall assist with the loading and unloading of their ski/board equipment. Skis, snowboards and poles **must** be in ski bags for transportation to and from Loveland Ski Area. **Be sure to put the Snow Dodger's name on the bags and equipment and attach the appropriate colored ribbon.**

E. Snow dodgers must be at their designated lesson area by 9:20. Snow Dodgers must attend their lessons. **Any Snow Dodger who is enrolled in lessons that attends Loveland Ski Area but does not participate in their lesson will not be allowed to participate the following week.** A Snow Dodger who gets separated from their lesson should go to the lodge and report to the sponsor.

F. Ski and snowboard apparel and equipment must meet the requirements specified by the ski instructors, and must be adequate for all weather conditions. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the Snow Dodger's suspension.

G. All conduct shall be polite, respectful and in compliance with Clear Creek School District rules of conduct. Snow Dodgers shall obey all Loveland Ski Area rules, clean up after themselves when eating, and keep the buses, their gear and the lodge clean and neat. Careless or inappropriate behavior, foul language or sloppy habits shall be cause for suspension or expulsion.

H. Conduct which is unlawful or in violation of program rules, directives of sponsors, bus drivers, or Loveland Ski Area personnel will result in disciplinary action, up to and including suspension and expulsion from the Snow Dodger's program, forfeiture of lift ticket or requirement that a parent come to Loveland Ski Area to pick up the offending student. Anyone involved with alcoholic beverages, any form of tobacco, or drugs during Snow Dodgers activities will be expelled from the program. The parents or guardians will be informed by a Snow Dodgers sponsor of any misbehavior or infraction.

I. The parent or guardian **must** sign and return the appropriate registration and waiver and indemnification forms before a student may participate. He/she **must** obtain and read all rules and regulations of the program (see above), and certify that the student is physically capable of participation in the ski program without constant supervision and has no health problems that would endanger the child or others in the program.

J. Registration forms must be completed in full, with the name of the name and emergency contact number of a parent or guardian and an alternate responsible adult contact with the authority to authorize medical treatment. A parent or guardian must have the ability to pick up their Snow Dodger from Loveland Ski Area for medical reasons or for failure of child to comply with rules and regulations of the program.

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Bus Schedule

Bus Stop	Bus Departs Morning (AM)	Bus Arrives Afternoon (PM) (Approximate)	Bus Stop Ribbon Color
CCMS Idaho Springs	7:35	4:10	Red
Dumont Post Office	7:40	4:00	Orange
Georgetown Mountain Inn	8:00	3:50	Yellow
King-Murphy	7:15	4:30	Pink
Bergen Park Ride Stop	7:30	4:20	Blue
Floyd Hill	7:40	4:15	Purple or White

Checklist

Beginning of season:

- Complete and sign Registration Form
- Rent or purchase equipment (ski, poles, boots, or snowboard and boots).
- Put name on ski or snowboard bag and on skis or snowboard.
- Gather clothing; hat, mittens or gloves, goggles or sunglasses, socks, pants, coat, etc. Check for fit, and **put name on everything!**
- Early Registration Fee \$10 payable to “**Snow Dodgers Ski Club**” received before November 22nd or:
- \$20 Registration received November 2nd to Dec. 31st)
- Prepay Loveland for lessons and or pass.
- **NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER JANUARY 4TH, 2010.**

CUT OFF AND POST THIS ON YOUR BULLETIN BOARD OR REFRIGERATOR AS A REMINDER.

Each week:

- Bus leaves at _____, **DON'T BE LATE!**
- Bus returns at _____
- Exact change or check to pay transportation fee. Write checks to **Snow Dodgers Ski Club.**
- _____ Colored ribbon on ski/snowboard bag. Skis/board/poles in bag.
- Sack lunch or lunch money.
- Check equipment for condition/ completeness.
- Make sure you have proper clothing and other protection such as sunscreen, chapstick, etc.
- Make plans to have **fun!!!**

QUESTIONS? CALL Bob Cole AT 303-670-5809 OR EMAIL AT rcole@cccfirm.com.