



# BEAR VALLEY

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## MID-WEEK SNOW SPORTS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

2024-2025 WINTER SEASON

### PROGRAM CONTACT INFO

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Enjoy a getaway that includes a full day on the Mountain with teachers, classmates and chaperones. Prices for ages 6-18 begin at \$15 ticket, \$15 lesson, and \$15 rental.

**Adaptive packages available.**

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Make a copy for each chaperone and pre-assign the various jobs.

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1. One packet is to be sent home for each student in the program.
2. Obtain parent signature on the Release of Liability form and email it to [mariahm@bearvalley.com](mailto:mariahm@bearvalley.com) | P: 209.753.2327 x110



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## PROGRAM SUMMARY

### 2024-2025 WINTER SEASON

Welcome to Bear Valley Mountain Resort's 2024/2025 Snow Sports Mid-Week Educational Program! Bear Valley's mid-week educational program is a comprehensive program that includes a lesson, rental and ticket for the student. If you have any questions during the scheduling process and visit, contact **Mariah Schimke** at [mariahm@bearvalley.com](mailto:mariahm@bearvalley.com) or call **209.753.2327 x110**.

- This program is for skiers and snowboarders aged 6-18 years old.
- Minimum student enrollment requirement is 15. Maximum student enrollment is 50.
- Each school is allowed a maximum of 5 visits per year to Bear Valley.
- Students may try either skiing or snowboarding.
- Each visit will include a mandatory group lesson.
- **Be sure to inform us if you will have any students that will need an adaptive lesson. We are happy to accommodate them, but advanced reservations of no less than two weeks are required.**

All students will meet at the lesson area, with equipment, 10 minutes before the lesson time. Each student may be asked to perform a number of skills, drills and maneuvers to be assessed on their abilities. This helps determine the different lesson levels.

**We ask all students to arrive by 9AM** to ensure a smooth schedule for the educational component of the program. Late arrivals will affect the schedule for lessons throughout the day. With space being limited in the rental shop, keep in mind it will now take more time fitting everyone to the correct rental equipment.

All students (including beginners) will have a 1 hr lesson. Some of these students may be asked to return at a later time depending on ability level.

Students must arrive on time for the assessment. Late students will not be allowed to enter a class already in session, and will be released to their chaperone, with no refund, replacement or reimbursement given for the missed class.



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## LEADER CHECKLIST

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Please use this checklist to assist in organizing your group. If you have any questions during the scheduling process and visit, contact Mariah at [mariahm@bearvalley.com](mailto:mariahm@bearvalley.com) or phone 209.753.2327 x110.

#### END OF SKI SEASON

School organizers can contact Bear Valley to request dates for the following season. These dates will be tentative only and will be confirmed in the fall.

#### 3-5 MONTHS

Contact Bear Valley to secure your dates.

#### 2 MONTHS

Two months before your first visit Be sure to have rental forms and any other necessary supplies.

#### 1 MONTH

One month before your first visit Send Student Information Packet home. Send completed Release of Liability forms back to Bear Valley Mountain, these will be maintained in our files for the season. (If on the next visit, there are new and/or added students we will need their liability form to allow them to participate.) These need to be filled out prior to arrival. **Any child's form not filled out by parent or guardian prior, will not be able to participate.**

#### 7 DAYS BEFORE - WEEK OF

Seven days before your visit Submit the on-line summary form with needed information and the FINAL attendees to Bear Valley. Directions and information to fill out the Summary Form will be sent to you via email.

#### ON THE DAY

On the day of your visit Please remain on the bus, a member of the ski school will get on the bus and explain the process and give out lift tickets.

**A final summary sheet will be signed by group leader and on-site Bear Valley Manager.**



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## WHEN YOU ARRIVE

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#### THE MORNING YOU ARRIVE

You or another designated person will have already submitted the actual count to Bear Valley so we can pre-print your products and have them ready for you upon your arrival. A member of the ski school will meet the school on the bus and explain the process and pass out lift tickets. Students need to arrive at 9AM in order to allow adequate time to be fitted for rental equipment. All students will meet for their lesson 10 minutes prior to the lesson time for assessment. Lessons for students who have had previous snow sports experience (including beginners) will be 1 hour. If the class size is too large, some of these students may be asked to return at a later time. Students must arrive on time and will not be allowed to enter a class in progress. Late students will be released to their chaperones with no refund, replacement or reimbursement given for the missed class.

#### ARRIVAL OF TRANSPORTATION AND STUDENTS

Please use the area on the Summary Sheet to notify us of your mode of transportation so we can reserve parking if necessary. The bus and/or other modes of transportation will be met and directed where to park by the attendants. We kindly ask that you get your students organized either on the bus or before your arrival. There will be limited seated space in the rental shop and inside areas. We recommend having groups of children based on experience, age, etc.



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## CHAPERONE INFO

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Additional adult guests visiting with the school can receive a discounted ticket, lessons and rentals (see summary sheet). If adult lessons, rentals and additional lift tickets are needed, please include these numbers on the summary sheet.

#### Required assignments for your chaperones:

- Assist at sign in stations in the rental departments.
- Assist with rental equipment processing, AKA boot fitting.
- Escort students to learning area. Verify by taking roll that each student has been assigned to a lesson. Depending on the size of your group, you need two chaperones taking roll (one for skiers and one for snowboarders). Someone to stay in the meeting area to be available for staff and/or students.
- Make sure ALL rental equipment is returned to the rental shop at end of day.

Prior to your visit, discuss the day's agenda with all students and chaperones: i.e. meeting area, lesson times, lunch times, rental return time and departure time.

### LESSON LEVELS

On the bottom of the Summary Sheet you will need to enter the lesson level numbers.

The descriptions of the lesson levels are:

#### First Time

Has never been on skis or a snowboard before.

#### Beginner

Has been skiing or snowboarding before, but still uses the beginner lifts, including the magic carpet.

#### Intermediate

Traverses moderate terrain (blue runs) and lifts with confidence.

#### Advanced

Traverses moderate to steep terrain (blue and black runs) and all lifts.



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## ONLINE SUMMARY FORM

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**An on-line summary form MUST be filled out SEVEN DAYS prior to the groups arrival. This form is for SUPERVISORS only.**

Find the on-line Summary form at: [www.bearvalley.com/school-summary-form/](http://www.bearvalley.com/school-summary-form/)  
**Password Required:** BVsch00lgroup (please note 00 are zeros)

### SUMMARY FORM CHECK LIST

- Seven Days Prior Fill out summary form with needed information and an estimated count for each category.
- Review Summary Form Once you have finished your summary form, a copy will be forwarded to Mariah S. at [mariahm@bearvalley.com](mailto:mariahm@bearvalley.com)
- Two Days Prior by 1:30 p.m.

These edits may include: Number of student, number of students in each riding level experience category, Lift ticket need (for students and adults), rentals needed (for students and adults), and lessons needed (for students and adults).



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## STUDENT INFO PACKET

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Welcome to the Bear Valley Mid-Week Snow Sports Educational Program! This ski and snowboard program is available to all students aged 6-18 years of age.

### ARE YOU READY?

### LESSONS

At Bear Valley Mountain all students are required to take a lesson as part of the program. Our outstanding instructional staff can teach all levels. The instructors encourage safe skiing and snowboarding in a fun atmosphere. Terrain Parks are not part of this program. Lesson times and meeting places will be explained by your leader/organizer.

### WHAT TO BRING

The following is a checklist of clothing suggestions for those not familiar with the high country environment. You will be most comfortable if you dress in layers that can be removed or added as necessary due to varying weather conditions throughout the day.

- Gloves or mittens
- Long johns - NO JEANS
- Long-sleeved turtleneck/shirt
- Thin synthetic socks
- Synthetic wool socks
- Warm fleece or sweater
- Ski pants or water-repellent pants
- Winter jacket with hood or rain jacket with extra sweater
- Warm hat
- Goggles and/or sunglasses
- Warm, water-repellent boots or shoes
- Sunscreen and chapstick
- Helmet



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## RESPONSIBILITY CODE

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#### KNOW THE CODE

Snow sports can be enjoyed in many ways. At resorts you may see people using alpine, snowboard, telemark, cross country or other specialized equipment. Regardless of how you decide to enjoy the slopes, always show courtesy to others and be aware that there are elements of risk involved that common sense and personal awareness can help reduce.

#### OBSERVE THE CODE LISTED BELOW AND SHARE WITH OTHERS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A GREAT, SAFE EXPERIENCE.

1. Always stay in control. You must be able to stop or avoid people or objects.
2. People ahead or downhill of you have the right-of-way. You must avoid them.
3. Stop only where you are visible from above and do not restrict traffic.
4. Look uphill and avoid others before starting downhill or entering a trail.
5. You must prevent runaway equipment.
6. Read and obey all signs, warnings, and hazard markings.
7. Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.
8. You must know how and be able to load, ride and unload lifts safely. If you need assistance, ask the lift attendant.
9. Do not use lifts or terrain when impaired by alcohol or drugs.
10. If you are involved in a collision or incident, share your contact information with each other and a ski area employee.

#### BE SMART, BE IN CONTROL!

##### **This is a partial list. Please be safety conscious.**

Bear Valley and NSAA promote the use of helmets. We urge skiers and riders to wear a helmet, but to ski or ride as if they are not wearing a helmet. Bear Valley and NSAA view skiing and boarding in a controlled and responsible manner—not helmets only—as the primary safety consideration for all skiers and boarders. A skier's behavior has as much or more to do with the safety of the sport as does any piece of equipment. The key safety message that NSAA and its member resorts communicate to skiers and boarders is adherence to "The Code". One of the main tenets of "The Code" is always stay in control. NSAA considers responsible and safe skiing and riding as the number one priority and helmet use as an important priority.



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