

MEMORANDUM

TO: PROSPECTIVE POWDERHOUND SKI & SNOWBOARD INSTRUCTORS

FROM: ALICE BUSCH, THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

SUBJECT: 2012 Therapeutic Recreation Ski & Snowboard Programs

DATE: November 18, 2011

The Spokane Park and Recreation Department's Therapeutic Recreation Ski & Snowboard Program will be held on Mount Spokane beginning Saturday, January 14 through February 25 and the Washington Special Olympics competition in Wenatchee is March 2- 4, 2012. The Powderhound program for people with **developmental disabilities** includes lessons for people who want to leisure ski /board and those who want to compete in Special Olympics.

Mandatory Instructor Clinics will be held prior to the start of the program. The first will be an informational dryland meeting for all **new** instructors in the **Powderhound** program on **Thursday December 1 from 6:30- 7:30 p.m.** at Corbin Community Center, 827 W. Cleveland. We will outline the program, go over expectations, fill out paperwork, and begin discussing the progression of teaching skiing/snowboarding.

The on snow training will occur **Saturday January 7 & Sunday January 8, 2012 9am- 4pm** at Mount Spokane Lodge 1. These Clinics will help teach new and returning instructors the skill progressions and new teaching techniques. We will be observing your ability to work with people, your ability to ski, and your ability to teach to insure a quality program.

If you are chosen as a Ski/Board Instructor, you will receive a ski pass every Saturday from the Ski Coordinator at 9:00 a.m. You may free ski between 9:00 a.m. and the start of your instructor's meeting, which is generally 10 a.m., and after your lesson(generally 3:15pm) until mountain closing. **This time is considered free skiing, and you are NOT covered as a city volunteer under workman's compensation, nor are you covered by Special Olympics.**

The returning volunteers who have instructed for two complete seasons will receive a stocking stuffer pass from Mt. Spokane good for 4 day/evening passes . **The volunteer instructor form and registration fees must be turned in before the stuffer pass will be issued.** New instructors will receive the stocking stuffer pass after completing six training/instructor days. Returning veteran volunteers will also receive another stocking stuffer during midseason. Do not sell these promo passes or you will be expelled from the program immediately. They may be used for friends or family... however you must be present to obtain them. Please do not give these away to random people up at the mountain as we do not want to take away from a potential mountain revenue source.You will not have to pay on the days you are instructing with the program.

The mountain has also given us instructor rates for the daycare. This is 50% off their regular prices. Please notify me if you will need these services especially for the training weekend.

The Powderhounds have team jackets. They are high quality, apple green and have the parks and powderhound logo. Instructors who have volunteered one full season are eligible to purchase a jacket. Sizes are somewhat limited. The price is \$120.00 payable to Spokane Parks Foundation.

A firm commitment to the program is ESSENTIAL! If you make the final cut and wish to volunteer your time, you will be committing to the entire eight-week program. Attending the Winter Games in Wenatchee is not a requirement but if you are interested please let the Coordinator know right away. Any volunteer with unexcused absences may be dropped from the Instructor list. Please let the Ski Coordinator know in advance that you are unable to teach. **Don't wait until Saturday to call if you know in advance.** Many people meet at the dryland & on snow clinics and set up car pools.

We will not have students on Saturday February 18. You are invited to come up and enjoy a day of skiing and informal potluck with fellow instructors. You will need to get your own ticket....most instructors use one of their stocking stuffer passes.

In order to speed things along, please use the attached registration form, fill out the background check and attach your check or money order made payable to the Spokane Parks and Recreation. PLEASE PRE-REGISTER!!!! If you have not prepaid your \$20.00 registration fee, please do so at the clinics.

We hope this year's program will be the BEST ever, and we are looking forward to a fun and exciting ski season. If you have any questions, please call me at 625-6245. See you on the mountain!!

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