

Time for Ski/Snowboard Club!

The ski program is about to begin with our three dates; [January 11th](#), [25th](#) and [February 1st](#).

Please be aware that all contact will be made through email. Be particularly vigilant about checking email late on Fridays in the case the transportation department cancels due to road conditions. Sometimes the call is made at **5:00am** on Saturday morning. I will keep you updated via email as things unfold in those situations in the wee hours.

Departure and Arrival Information

Heading out: The bus will leave from the bus loading zone at CMS on the south side of the building at **6:30 am for our first day** because kids will need to get fitted for rental gear. I will let you know about departure times for the other two days in an email. **There will be minimal wait time for late students so please plan to be on time.** District rules apply on the bus. If a student is unreasonable and/or refuses to comply with behavior standards expected on the bus, they can be denied other ski club trips.

Passes

I have the passes and will distribute them on that first morning. I generally collect them after each day to keep them safe for subsequent trips.

Returning to CMS:

Lessons go until 3:30 pm. The ski area said we **MUST** be out of Big Billies by 4:00pm; the doors will be locked, no exceptions. We should be on the road by 4:00 -4:15 pm. [Your child will call you from Dolores](#) to give you enough lead time to meet us at the school. Please try to be there when we arrive around 5:30-6:00 pm, depending on road conditions..

Skier expectations

PLEASE sit down with your child and remind them of the following policies. I will meet with the kids, to do the same. Repetition can't hurt as there is critical information that needs to be passed on for student safety and accountability.

Rentals- label shoes with name and CMS

One of the chaperones will assist in getting kids to where they need to be for their rentals. Telluride Sports has offered to take the students' shoes down to Big Billie's (where they will leave their rental equipment at the end of the day) [It is advisable to label shoes with CMS and student name.](#)

You can send a sack lunch with your child. We eat in the Big Billies staging area. Students can eat elsewhere in the Mountain Village (**not in the town of Telluride**) but **MUST** check in with one of the chaperone's **FIRST** and let us know where they are going to be. Some of your kids have signed up for lunches provided by the program. They still haven't made clear how that works but I will explain to those kids the morning of once I know.

Big Billy Policies/lunch/arrival, departure location

Schools may use the Big Billie's lunchroom for their lunch break as well as storage of backpacks, shoes, lunches.

Students must follow these lunchroom policies:

- Room access from 8:30am, doors will be **locked at 4pm**
- Use the rear portion of the lunchroom (along the back wall, adjacent to the bathrooms) Be mindful of other RSP schools or ski school groups that need to use the lunchroom - contain your space.
- Lunch time must be monitored by the chaperones 1 adult per 10 kids. No kids in the room without adult supervision. The area must be left completely clean at the end of the day all food and trash in trash cans, all litter picked up (including what is dropped on the floor!)
- The food/beverage facilities in the lunchroom are for direct customers of the ski school only, any food or drinks can be purchased upstairs inside the Big Billie's restaurant.
- Use the cubbies when leaving belongings. *Telluride Ski Resort, Telluride Ski School, Big Billie's Restaurant and Telluride Sports are not responsible for theft or vandalism that may occur leave your belongings at your own risk. Money should be kept in ski jacket pockets, not in the cubbies.*
- **If any violations of these policies occur, the RSP program will lose lunchroom privileges for the rest of the season.** *Thank you- Big Billies Management*

Lesson information – being late is not an excuse/option!

Lessons will meet at the top of Lift 1 (Meadows). First time skiers who are not renting may take the Chondola on Lift 1 (Meadows) to the top. If students who know how to ski are early; they may take laps **on chair 1 only** until their lesson time. **Classes depart at 9:30 am.** If a student is late, they will miss out on lessons and their ticket will be forfeited for the day.

If a student is skiing during their lesson time without a class, **their ticket will be hot-listed and they no longer are able to participate in RSP. There will be no refund.** This is for the safety of the students. Be sure to remind all parents and students about fast skiing in slow areas and courtesy to staff and other guests on the mountain.. Please encourage them to set a great example for our school! - thank you for your understanding – TELSKI management

Emergency information

In the case of injury or other emergency related issue, it is the ski area's policy to contact you first, then notify me. I will be in touch with you as soon as possible. If a student is taken to the clinic, myself or the other chaperone will go down to the clinic to help as needed.

What Should Your Kids Wear for Skiing?

You want your child to be comfortable, warm and safe when they are learning to ski. Dress them for the weather. More kids end up complaining that they are hot or sweaty, having been overdressed, rather than under. Use layers to keep heat in but that can be removed if necessary.

And remember to **WRITE NAME ON EVERYTHING!!!**

HEAD- Your child must wear a helmet. Not only is it safer, some resorts require it. You can purchase or rent a helmet. The best kind have a removable liner that lets the helmet adapt to the weather. A helmet with a liner is warm and will usually cover the ears, so a hat is not required. On warm days, the liner can be removed to keep your child from sweating and being too warm. **Remember to wear sunscreen!!**

Goggles are best for children on **all days**. Sunglasses don't provide complete protection and tend to slide down or fall off, distracting a child from their lesson and enjoyment. **Goggles are a MUST on snowy days. This is**

where some of our kids are challenged the most. If you don't have goggles, ask around to borrow or contact me and I will see what I can do.

BODY- Dress your child in layers. On the coldest days, use long underwear as a base layer, put a layer of fleece over that and then the snow pants and coat. Warmer days need only snow pants without a base layer, a thin layer close to the body on top, with a ski jacket. Each day and each child are different. Do not put so many thick layers on your child that they can't bend or move freely.

HANDS- Make sure you put water-proof (or at least resistant) mittens on your small child. They keep the fingers warmer and are easier for them or their coach to get on and off for breaks. Those mittens that have "thinsulate" are good since they are not so thick as to keep their hands from bending, but still keep them warm.

FEET- Don't choose the thickest socks because you think they will keep your child's feet warmer. A medium thickness sock will do on most days and will not cause pinching or numbness of the toes. Boots should be fitted with the help of a professional unless you are an experienced skier, yourself. They need to be snug without being too tight or having pressure points. If your child is renting, have them wear the pair that seems to fit the best around the shop and walk and bounce in them to ensure comfort.

Time to go skiing/snowboarding! The snow conditions are awesome in Telluride!