



Kelly Canyon is pleased to work with our area schools to provide comprehensive instructional and recreational programs. This is a wonderful way for young people to learn to ski or snowboard, and we offer these programs at greatly reduced prices.

If your school is planning to run a program with us, we recommend that you get the information out to parents before the Thanksgiving holiday. Many parents like to use the ski program as Christmas gifts and prefer to have the information early so they can include it in shopping decisions.

### **PROGRAM DESIGN**

School programs are offered to students in the fourth grade through high school. The programs generally run from early January to the end of February. Each school can pick the time during those two months that works best for them. The timing is based on the number of students that can be accommodated each day. Schools that schedule early are more likely to get their desired dates and times. We recommend that school programs run for four consecutive weeks, in four hour blocks. We ask that each school have a director who is responsible for ordering, picking up, and paying for tickets for each session. We recognize that not all schools and parents can participate at the same level. We have designed a few models for consideration:

- **Four Week Program with 4 weeks of instruction**  
This format provides the best educational experience for the students. Several districts run this program and are very pleased with the results. Each student receives an hour lesson, followed by free time to practice those skills on the hill.
- **Four Week Program with 3 weeks of instruction**  
This program runs the same as the above program with one exception. Three weeks of mandatory instruction is followed by one week of recreational time.
- **Recreational Program**  
This program is designed for upper grades. As no lessons are arranged for this program, we do not recommend this option for younger students or those who do not have any ski or snowboard experience.

### **LESSONS**

Kelly Canyon's nationally certified ski and snowboard instructors are top notch! They create a fun and safe learning environment for students, while providing the instruction that will get students on the hill and having fun. Instruction is provided in a group format based on students' ability level, with a minimum of 3 students per group. As safety is our primary concern, we ask that schools require beginners to attend at least the first two weeks of instruction. If students or parents prefer, we have private lessons available at the regular rate. If any of your students wish to take a private lesson we ask that it is scheduled and arranged with Ski School before your school's visit.

## **EQUIPMENT RENTAL & GUIDELINES**

Kelly Canyon offers ski, snowboard and helmet rentals at reduced rates for school programs. To ensure safety, equipment that students bring to the hill must meet industry standards. Leashes are required on all snowboards, and may be purchased in the rental shop. Following are some guidelines we feel contribute to a successful program:

- We ask that each student renting equipment fill out a rental form prior to arrival and have it ready in their hand on the first visit. We will keep it on file for the remainder of the season. This helps streamline the rental process each week so the kids get maximum time on the hill.
- If the student is renting a helmet, have them inform the rental tech at the cash register so it can be added to their rental form and fitted while waiting in line for skis or boards.
- After the student has been fitted, they need to exit the rental shop from the back door. Please make sure your students know where to go after they leave the rental shop. Let them know whether to go to your room in the lodge, their lesson, or straight to the hill. It's key to have at least one chaperone in the rental shop to direct traffic and help the children get ready quickly. If your group is large, having several chaperones in the rental shop is a must.
- When your session is over and it is time to return equipment, please stress to your students that all items need to be checked back in to the rental shop. They will need to tell the rental tech their name and which school they are with. Rental equipment must not be left in the lodge or on the ski racks outside. Students will be held responsible for any equipment that is lost, damaged or stolen as a result of not returning equipment to the rental shop. A chaperone in the rental shop during returns is recommended.

## **CHAPERONES**

Chaperones are an integral part of the school programs, and we welcome and encourage chaperones to get out on the hill with the kids, but not before making sure all the students are ready for the program and at the correct starting point! A supportive chaperone team is the key to the success of our school programs. In our most successful programs, the chaperones act as the school director's support staff and have specific assigned duties, such as helping out in the rental shop, passing out tickets, and making sure students get to their lessons, all before hitting the slopes themselves. Kelly Canyon provides one free chaperone ticket for every 10 student tickets. Chaperones are responsible for their own equipment needs.

## **SAFETY**

Safety is our number one priority. Our highly trained, nationally certified Ski Patrol is always on site to help with any problems or concerns that may arise. If your school wishes, members of Ski Patrol are available to come and give a short Snow Sports Safety and Etiquette presentation at your school. Please let us know if this is something your school or ski club would be interested in hosting.