



# Comets Program

## 09/10 Information Packet

We hope this flyer is helpful in preparing you for participation in the Comets Program. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call the Ski & Ride School Administration office at (775) 586-7000, ext. 6206.

### Comets Dates - Sundays

- January 3, 10, 24, 31, 2010
- February 7, 21, 28, 2010
- March 7 (Full Day), 2010

If the resort makes a decision to cancel any seasonal program due to inclement weather or road conditions, make up days will be provided.

## The First Day of Comets!

Attendance on the first day is very important, please make every effort to attend. Coaches will observe students ability and the groups will be formed for the season by the end of the day. Students not attending the first day will have their ability estimated and placed in an existing group.

### ARRIVAL

Please plan to arrive at the California Lodge around 11:30 am. Comets classes will depart from the California Children's Center at 12:00 pm sharp and we don't want to leave anyone behind!

## PARKING

You may park in the 15 minute parking area directly in front of the California Main Lodge. This time is to allow for the safe and convenient delivery and pick up of your child participating in the Comets program. If you wish to stay and ski while your child is in Comets, you will need to move your vehicle to the regular parking area. Vehicles left within the 15 minute parking area will be removed at the owner's expense. Thank you for your help and cooperation in maintaining this privilege.

## DROP OFF

Please bring your child to the top of the stairs, located on the right side of the lodge, behind the California Kids Center. On the first day, both coaches and supervisors will be on hand to answer any questions. We will gather the kids together and then form them into groups based on their ability level. After the first day please check in with your child's coach when you drop him or her off.

All the classes depart promptly at 12:00 pm, please do your best to arrive on time.

## PICK UP

Comets ends at 3:00 pm, behind the California Kids Center. Please remember that five minutes is a very long time for a child waiting for a parent. Please be prompt at the day's end. If you are unable to pick up your child on time he or she will be waiting inside the California Kids Center. There may be a charge for late pick-up.

## HEADGEAR

The coaches are trained and instructed on the importance of class handling and group safety. However, you can never be too careful when working with children, therefore ***we require helmets for all children participating in Comets.*** We have helmets available for purchase at the California Lodge retail store.

## WHAT TO WEAR

It's all about fun! Never allow your child to come to Comets unprepared for the elements. It's no fun to ski if you are cold. If you are unsure of the weather, error on the side of too much clothing. We can always take off an extra layer if needed.



## Requirements:

- ☺ Waterproof Jackets
- ☺ Waterproof Gloves or Mittens
- ☺ Waterproof Pants
- ☺ 1 Pair of Ski Socks (not cotton)
- ☺ Goggles or Sunglasses
- ☺ Sunscreen
- ☺ Child's Season Pass- Please plan to pick up your child's season pass before the first day of Comets
- ☺ Helmet



## Mid-Season Info

### INCLEMENT WEATHER

Should the resort be impacted by extremely high winds, blizzard conditions, driving rain or any other condition which forces the resort to operate less than half of the scheduled lifts, we will consider cancelling Comets for the day. The Ski and Ride School management will discuss the potential status of the resort and the severity of the conditions with the Mountain Operations department. By 10:00am we will make a decision as to whether Comets will be held for the day. We will immediately begin calling parents, using a phone tree, to notify you if Comets is cancelled. In the event of a cancellation, we will utilize the scheduled make up day.

***Please be sure we have your correct phone number so we can reach you in the event of a cancellation.***

### EMERGENCIES

If you need to get in touch with your child, please contact the Ski & Ride School Administration office at (775) 586-7000 Ext. 6206. If your child becomes ill or injured while on the mountain, our Ski Patrol will immediately take them to one of our first aid centers for evaluation. You will be contacted at the emergency telephone numbers you have provided.

## COACHES

The role of a "Comets Coach" is very important. Comets Coaches are hand selected from our current Ski & Snowboard School staff. Coaches are chosen based on their skiing backgrounds, their passion and experience working with children. We encourage you to be active in your child's skiing development and ask questions about his or her progress.

## END OF SEASON EVALUATIONS

You can expect to see an end of season evaluation from your child's coach on his or her performance. We will cover areas such as skill development, skiing etiquette, attitude and progress. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at (775) 586-7000, ext. 6206.

*The Heavenly Comets Program was created to develop the lifelong enjoyment of snow sports for young children in our local community. Of course, our first goal is safety, but fun comes in a close second! In Comets we strive to give kids a great first impression of skiing and snow sports. We take great pride in the program's execution and work to improve the program every year. We encourage your participation and support. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you on the slopes!*

*Sincerely,*



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