

DAY TRIP PROCEDURES FOR VISITING SCHOOLS

REGISTRATION

Brimacombe has developed an easy-to-use online registration system for your school trips. For the safety and security of your information, this system and all data collected is password protected. Following registration, the trip coordinator will be sent an email titled "Welcome to the Brimacombe Trip Registration Site." This email will include instructions on how to properly use and navigate this program. For more information please visit our website www.brimacombe.ca and click the link titled *Schools* on our homepage for your query.

ARRIVING AT BRIMACOMBE

- Buses arrive in parking lot #4 and are greeted by a Snow School staff member who will direct you to the appropriate parking area.
- While on the bus, our Snow School staff member will welcome the students to Brimacombe and review basic safety procedures, *i.e. how and where lift tickets are distributed; where to go once they leave the bus; they are shown the walkway along the side of the parking lot and asked to stay off the road as they make their way to the Chalet.*
- Students will proceed to the East Chalet where they are greeted by another Snow School staff member and shown the appropriate area to store their belongings.
- Once settled in the Chalet, Snow School staff then further review safety points and behaviour expectations including: the distribution of lift tickets and what each type means, the Alpine Responsibility Code, how to contact ski patrol, location of the washrooms, cafeteria, etc. Students are also reminded that Brimacombe is open to the general public, as well as our members, and the same behaviour expected at school is also expected at Brimacombe.
- Chaperones/volunteers on the trip are given and instructed to wear blaze orange armbands as per OSBIE requirements. These armbands identify them as helpers on the hill where staff and ski patrol can identify them as part of a school trip.
- Lift tickets are issued to students indoors, based on the information provided to us during the registration process.
- Once all students are ticketed, they are asked to head straight to the rental shop (if needed).
- Chaperones are asked to assist the students in rentals. Once all students have their gear, they are met by a Snow School representative and brought to the lesson area. At this time, chaperones will receive their lift tickets, issued at the Snow School desk.

LESSON MANAGEMENT

- As the students arrive at the Snow School, they are sorted based on ability and skill level and placed in appropriate classes. Class ratios are typically 1:8 or one instructor per eight students. Students receive a one-hour lesson with a certified snowboard or ski instructor. In the event that a student is struggling with the basic skills, they receive extra time with an instructor to ensure that they are able to be left on the beginner hill safely, without an instructor.
- If there is a large group of first-time skiers and snowboarders or beginners, the intermediate to advanced skier/snowboarder lessons will be scheduled into a second time slot immediately following the beginner group (usually 10:30 a.m., depending on arrival times of schools). In this case, basic instruction is given to the intermediate/advanced students, outlining which trails and lifts they can access with the pass they have been given. These students must come back and complete their lesson if they wish to upgrade their pass.

LIFT TICKET BREAKDOWN

- First-time and beginner students receive their tickets first, with intermediate and advanced students receiving theirs last. The coloured symbols coincide with our trail difficulty marking system and indicate the runs that they can access. The lift ticket breakdown is as follows:

SCHOOL X-PASS



Can be used on the Bambi trail and the Magic Carpet conveyor lift only

Can be used on all Green and Blue trails accessed by the Magic Carpet, any T-Bar or Chair Lift

Can be used on all trails (excluding the Terrain Park) and all lifts

- First-time and beginner students receive a School X-Pass to start, with intermediate to advanced students receiving the green and blue trail pass. Ultimately, the decision to upgrade a student's lift ticket is based on the instructor's opinion of the individual's ability during the lesson. If an instructor upgrades a student during a lesson, they will also instruct them on which lifts and trails are accessible with the upgraded pass, as well as the proper use of the lifts available. It may be determined that some students require more practice before receiving an upgraded lift ticket. In this case, the student must remain on the beginner slope to practice.

SAFETY FIRST

- A personal school visit and safety talk, to be given prior to the season, can be arranged with the Snow School. We'll send a senior representative from our department to your school to discuss the following with the students and the teacher: Brimacombe's safety procedures, how the day will unfold and a viewing of our "Respect" video, followed by a question and answer period
- A second vehicle is recommended for emergency procedures in case of an accident that requires transportation to the hospital by means other than an ambulance.