



Showdown Montana PE Program Outline 2016-2017

Who is Eligible to Participate?

All public, private, and home school students grades K-12 are eligible to participate in Showdown Montana's Ski and Ride Physical Education Program. Home schools must form "associations" of several families with a single coordinator that performs the paperwork, and collects the money. Students must be at least **5 years old** to be considered "kindergarteners" and students must be at least **8 years old** to snowboard. Eagle Mount of Great Falls can assist anyone with disabilities, so take advantage of this great opportunity.

When can you come?

The PE program is offered throughout the winter season (December through April) any day that Showdown Montana is open **and** school is in regular session. PE Rates are *not available* on days when students are out of school, including holidays, weekends and PIR days. If your school operates on a four-day week the school is still eligible to come on the fifth day. Home schools should use public school calendars as a guideline.

How much does the program cost?

Rates depend on the age of students and the snow sport that they choose to learn. Special rates are also available to Teachers, Chaperones, and Community Members. ***You'll find a current rate sheet enclosed. Be sure to read it, as prices changed from last season.*** Fees for Students, Teachers and Chaperones are paid at Showdown Montana upon arrival in a single transaction, either by cash, check or purchase order by the teacher coordinator. Community members pay individually upon arrival, they just have to declare their status as a "community member" wherever they purchase their ticket, rental, and/or lesson, i.e. Guest services and Snow School Sales, ticket office, or rental shop.

What does the program include?

Program fees include a *2-Hour Lesson* filled with progressive learning and fun, Full Day use of *Rental Equipment*, and *Skill-Appropriate Lift Privileges*. Rates do not include food or drink. Whenever possible, Showdown Montana also sends a representative to your school prior to your visit. This representative will speak to your students about preparation and safety issues, including responsibility code, and lift awareness. Of course, they will answer any questions.

How does a PE day work?

- School groups arrive at Showdown Montana between 9 and 9:30 am. They are given an orientation, safety briefing, and casually determine what lesson level students fit. Each student receives a special PE program lift ticket, and retrieves his/her pre-set rental equipment from the rental shop.
- ***ALL students, regardless of ability, are required to take the 2-Hour Lesson.*** The vast majority of students will take their lesson at 10:30 am. Occasionally, advanced skiers and snowboarders will be asked to take their lessons at 1 pm. In this case, the advanced students are permitted to ski or board for the morning with a lift pass that expires at 12:30 pm.
- At the end of their lesson, student's lift tickets will be coded to indicate which lift(s) they may use. At this point, students are free to practice their skills for the rest of the day. The purpose of restricting some students to certain lifts is to ensure their safety and the safety of others.
- If there are instructors available in the afternoon, beginner students that demonstrate a marked improvement in the required skills, may ride the chairlift with the instructor and have their lift ticket coded for the beginner lift. Again, this is fully at the discretion of the instructor, and it is not guaranteed the students will master the required skills or that the instructor will be available.

How do I sign up?

Call Showdown Montana at 800.433.0022 ASAP to reserve your trip date(s). You can also email our office at info@showdownmontana.com

Remember, the number of students that we can accommodate each day is limited – the sooner you call, the more options you'll have. When you call, you'll need to know:

- When you're planning to come with alternative days in mind?
- How many kids and what grades?
- Any students with special needs who may need Eagle Mount assistance?
- When you'd like to schedule your in-school safety presentation?

More Questions? Call us at 1-800-433-0022! See Below the Glossary of Terms!

Glossary of Confusing PE Program Terms

- **Chaperone:** Any adult who is NOT on the school payroll, but who wishes to accompany the school on the PE Trip. Chaperones pay the same rates as the students, and each school is allowed up to one Chaperone per five students. Chaperones must be over the age of 18 (i.e., no longer students at the school), and must be willing to perform certain tasks, including: helping the Teachers ensure that each child is dressed appropriately, has a lift ticket, has the proper rental equipment, and that the child reaches the lesson meeting area. Rental equipment or lift ticket will not be issued to chaperones until all students have made it to their lesson. Chaperones are allowed to join any lesson as long as it fits their ability. Any adults not willing to perform these duties should come as Community Members.
- **Community Member:** Any adult who is not a Teacher or is not willing to be a Chaperone or any child whose grade is not included in the scheduled PE day. If you are taking an absence at school to come on the PE trip, you cannot be considered a PE student because the PE day is for school credit. You do NOT have to arrange anything in advance to be a Community Member. Community Members do NOT give any money to the school, and will fill out standard rental forms here at the mountain. All you need to do is show up at the rental shop, ticket office, or Guest Services and Snow School Sales, on the day of the PE trip, and say, “Hi, I’m a Community Member,” and you will receive a special discount. See the handout on community rates.
- **Guest Services:** Also known as the upstairs office, Guest Services is located on the third floor of the main lodge. This is where you go for ALL PE Program transactions (except Community members, who may go to the ticket office or the rental shop instead if they prefer). Guest Services can answer all of your questions, issue tickets for students, teachers, and Chaperones, and is the ONLY place for you to settle your bill for the day.
- **Kindergartener:** You must be at least 5 years old to be considered a “Kindergartener” in Showdown Montana’s PE Program. If you are 4, you can still come, but you cannot participate at the PE rate; you are a Community Member.
- **List:** Also known as the **Registration Form**, which is included in this PE packet. If we have not received your completed form at least one week prior to your visit, we may call and ask where it is. It needs to be filled out completely, with each student listed alphabetically. In addition, please indicate in the appropriate columns whether each student is skiing or snowboarding, and if each student is renting or has their own equipment.
- **PE Student:** Any student attending your school *and whose grade has been scheduled* to come to Showdown Montana on the PE day. A PE day is for school credit, so a student from a grade *not* included in the PE day (like a younger sibling) who is taking an excused absence to accompany the group is considered a community member, not a PE student, and may not come at PE rates. Additionally, you can only be a Student at one school at a time. In other words, if your public school is out of session for a PIR day, you may NOT join your cousin’s school on their trip as a PE student. You can still come, but you are considered a Community Member.
- **Teacher:** An adult who teaches at the school, or who is paid staff at the school, like a teacher’s aid, secretary, principal, or bus driver. Teachers may participate in the PE day for free if they want to ski, or bring their own snowboard. There is a small fee for using a Showdown Montana snowboard. Teachers will not receive any rental equipment until they have helped ALL of the students through the rental shop and delivered them to their lesson meeting area.