

Beginners' Guide

Don't forget to share our **Beginners' Guide** with all your group members. Here are some of the highlights:

- Eat breakfast before you come
- Wear just one pair of tall warm socks
- Bring warm, water- and wind-resistant gloves
- Be sure to pack lip balm and sun-screen

Start a Winter Sports Club at your School

If our PE Program just isn't enough, check out our website for Special Rates available to School-based Clubs

Learn More

Visit us online at

www.showdownmontana.com

- Download PE Program Information and Forms
- Learn about Ski and Snowboard Safety
- View our Beginners' Guide
- Find Links to Teaching Resources
- Get the Latest Conditions
- See live shots of the Learning Area



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Program Outline

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. If your school operates on a four day week the fifth day is considered an eligible school day. PE Rates are *not available* on days when students are out of school, including holidays, weekends and PIR days. Home schools should use as a guideline area public school calendars.

How much does the program cost?

Rates depend on the age of students and the sport that they choose to learn. Special rates are also available to Teachers, Chaperones and Community Members. You'll find current rates on the following pages. Fees for Students, Chaperones and Teachers are paid at Showdown Montana upon your arrival, either by cash, check or purchase order. Community members pay individually upon arrival by declaring themselves community members at any point of sale.

What does the program include?

Program fees include a *2-Hour Group Lesson*, 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 about one week prior to your visit. This representative will speak to your students about preparation and safety issues, and will answer their many questions.

How does a PE day work?

- School groups arrive at Showdown Montana between 9 and 9:30 am. They are given an orientation and 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.
- *ALL students, regardless of ability, are required to take a 2-Hour Group Lesson.* The vast majority of students will take their lesson at 10:30 am. Occasionally, advanced skiers and riders will be asked to take their lessons at 1pm. In this case, the advanced students are permitted to ski or ride for the morning with a lift pass that expires at 12:30 pm (ensuring that they make it back for their lesson).
- At the end of their lesson, students' lift tickets will be marked, indicating those lifts that they may use. Students may then 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, and students are able to demonstrate a marked improvement in the required skills, it may be possible for students to have their lift pass upgraded.* Again, this is fully at the discretion of the instructor, and is not guaranteed.

All of our PE Documents, including the information in this guide can be downloaded on our website at

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Questions? Just call us at 800.433.0022

P.E. Rates 2016-2017

Fees include one 2-Hour Group Lesson, Use of Equipment for the Full Day, and Skill-Appropriate Lift Privileges.

	Ski	Board	Own Board
Grades K*-1	\$35	N/A	N/A
Grades 2-12	\$27	\$35**	\$27**
Chaperones***	\$27	\$35	\$27
Teachers	FREE	\$27	FREE

*You must be at least 5 years-old to be considered a kindergartener.

** You must be at least 8 years old to snowboard.

***You must be out of high school (i.e., an adult) to be a Chaperone.

NOTE: There is a \$17 fee for switching activities during the day.

Remember, skiing and snowboarding aren't the same, and are learned at different rates. Your first day on skis is likely to be much more successful than your first day on a board—but both are fun. Consider whether students may become frustrated by the slower learning curve associated with snowboarding.

Scholarships:

Scholarships are available for students that are *absolutely unable* to pay program fees. Schools should use their own discretion in determining *legitimate financial hardship*. Please indicate these children in the "paid" column of registration form. Scholarship rates are as follows:

- Free for students skiing
- \$27 for students snowboarding and renting a snowboard
- Free for students on their own snowboard

Notes on Program Fees:

- Due to the already low cost of the program, we are not able to further reduce the cost for students who do not need rental equipment or who have a season pass. Please be sure to read our policy regarding students with Season Passes.
- Chaperone rates are available to one adult for every five students. Home Schools are limited to one Teacher. Exceptions may be granted for escorts of Special Needs Students.
- Community Rates are available for other adults and family members who will be traveling with the school, but who are not Teachers or Chaperones. These rates are listed on the following page.

Community Rates 2016-2017

Community Rates are available for other adults and family members who will be traveling with the school, but who *are not* Teachers or Chaperones. Siblings whose grade is not included in the PE day will be charged the community rates. Adult Community Members are not required to perform the duties required of Official Chaperones, such as attend to students as they get ready or travel with the school.

Fees are paid directly to the ticket office, guest services or rental shop on *the day of your school visit*. No forms to fill out in advance. Simply identify yourself as a COMMUNITY member upon your arrival.

Lift Tickets

	Rentals
All Area, age 13+	\$39 Skis, Boots, Poles \$21
All Area, ages 6-12	\$22 Snowboard & Boots \$30
All Area, ages 5 & under	Free
Beginner Chair only	\$25
Conveyor Only	Free

Lessons

2 Hour Group Lesson (skiers 7+, boarders 11+)	\$15
Snow Monsters:	
1.5 Hour Group Ski (ages 4-6, includes lift & rental)	\$50
Little Shredders:	
1.5 Hour Group Snowboard (ages 7-10, includes lift & rental)	\$60

Please note:

There are no discounted rates on Snow Monsters, Little Shredders or Private Lessons.

If you expect a large group of community members to be traveling with your school, please let us know so that we may staff appropriately—Especially if there will be many *small children* for daycare or lessons.

Chaperone Responsibilities

One teacher is the coordinator and does all correspondence with Guest Services. The other teachers and chaperones assist the coordinator as needed. Chaperone rates are available to one adult for every five participating students. We offer these rates to encourage schools to bring an appropriate number of adults for supervising their group. Chaperones are responsible for aiding students in getting dressed, keeping track of their rental equipment, ensuring that students make it to lessons on-time, and supervising students when they are not in a lesson. Equipment and lift tickets will be provided to Chaperones **only after** all students have made their way through the rental shop and out to the lesson area. **Chaperones must be ADULTS (i.e., out of high school).**

Chaperones are welcome to participate in lessons at no charge, so long as they are not disruptive and/or occupying a disproportionate amount of the instructor's time. Our first priority must be the students.

Payment Options

Schools pay for their PE day in a single transaction at Guest Services with School Check or Purchase Order, Cash, Visa, MasterCard or Discover.

Plan to collect cash or personal checks **made payable to your School** from students well in advance of the scheduled trip day.

Additional Policies

Students with Showdown Season Passes

If any of your students are Showdown Season Passholders, we strongly encourage you to **require** them to surrender their pass for the day, and participate in the program under the same rules as everyone else. Any student who uses their season pass for lift access on a PE day is not considered to be participating in the program.

Inappropriate Behavior

Any student, teacher, or chaperone who behaves inappropriately while at Showdown will have their lift ticket voided and will be asked to immediately return rental equipment. No refund will be issued. Inappropriate behavior includes, but is not limited to: Offensive language, belligerent or destructive behavior, disregard for area rules or authority, or theft.

Safety Presentations

Whenever possible, schools are encouraged to schedule a safety presentation prior to their ski day. Members of the Great Falls Ski Patrol provide information on what to expect, how to prepare, and how to stay safe on the mountain. Please have a date in mind when you call to schedule your trip date(s).

Students with Special Needs

Our partnership with Eagle Mount ensures that students with mental or physical disabilities are able to enjoy learning to ski and snowboard right along side of their friends. Eagle Mount's volunteers have received specialized training, and are sure to make your ski day a success. Include them in your Showdown paperwork at the normal PE rates. Additionally, arranging to have an extra chaperone to accompany each special needs student is helpful. **If you have a student that will require specialized or one-on-one attention, please see enclosed Eagle Mount paperwork or call or email Showdown at info@showdownmontana.com**

As Soon As Possible:

Call 800.433.0022 or email info@showdownmontana.com to reserve your dates.

The sooner you call, the more likely you are to get your first choice! You'll need to know:

- When you're planning to come
- How many kids and what grades
- When you'd like to schedule your in-school safety presentation.
- Have alternate dates in mind!

Remember, the PE Program is offered any day that school is in regular session *and* Showdown is open (Wed, Thurs, Fri).