

SATURDAY WINTER RIDE START DATE **SATURDAY JANUARY 6, 2018**



**2017-2018**  
**Saturday**  
**WINTER RIDE**  
 Registration Packet



**2017-18 SATURDAY WINTER RIDE PRICING**

AGE CATEGORY*	SATURDAY WINTER RIDE PASS TYPE		SATURDAY WINTER RIDE SKI & SNOWBOARD LESSONS <i>6 Weeks • All Abilities</i>	SATURDAY WINTER RIDE SKI & SNOWBOARD RENTALS <i>8 Weeks • Prices include WSS T</i>	Transportation is coordinated through established local ski/snowboard organizations/groups. Please visit <a href="http://www.mtbaker.us">www.mtbaker.us</a> for your local coordinator's contact info.
	SATURDAY WINTER RIDE FULL SEASON PASS <i>Prices include WSS T</i>	SATURDAY WINTER RIDE ONWARD PASS <i>Prices include WSS T</i>			
Child (7-12)	\$200	\$185	<b>\$75</b>	<b>\$174</b>	
Youth (13-15)	\$270	\$235			
Young Adult (16-17)	\$450	\$355			

**SAVE UP TO \$75 ON SATURDAY WINTER RIDE FULL SEASON PASS OVER REGULAR SEASON PASS PRICING!**

\*Determined by age on 12/31/2017 or age on purchase date for passes purchased after 1/1/2018

**REGISTRATION CHECKLIST:**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE** **Friday Dec 8, 2017**

Individual deadlines may vary check with your local coordinator

- STEP 1 REGISTER FOR YOUR LOCAL PROGRAM THROUGH YOUR LOCAL ORGANIZATION/ GROUP'S COORDINATOR ("LOCAL COORDINATOR")**  
 Transportation is arranged through established local organization/group, NOT Mt. Baker Ski Area. The Local Coordinator for your organization/group will provide you with information about registration and payment for transportation. You must be registered for your local program in order to be eligible for discounted Winter Ride Season Passes, Lessons, and/or Rentals.
- STEP 2 CHOOSE SATURDAY WINTER RIDE SEASON PASS TYPE**  
 We offer two options for discounted Winter Ride Passes. Both passes offer significant savings over regular season pass pricing or purchasing individual lift tickets.  
**WINTER RIDE FULL SEASON PASS** Discounted 2017-2018 Pass valid for entire 2017-2018 Season.  
**WINTER RIDE ONWARD PASS** Winter Ride Onward Pass valid from January 6, 2018 through end of 2018 Season.
- STEP 3 ADD OPTIONAL LESSON AND/OR RENTAL**  
 Lessons and rental equipment are available at a discounted rate. Lessons run from 9am-11am for the first 6 weeks of the program. Rentals are good each day of the 8 week program.
- STEP 4 SUBMIT PASS, LESSON, AND/OR RENTAL PAPERWORK, ALONG WITH PAYMENT, TO MT. BAKER SKI AREA.**
  1. Saturday Winter Ride Season Pass, Lesson, & Rental Purchase Form
  2. Minor Contact and Emergency Info Form (required for all)
  3. Mt. Baker Release of Liability Agreement (required for all)

**Mt. Baker Ski Area Contact Info**

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**Local Coordinator Contact Info**

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## SATURDAY WINTER RIDE

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**WHAT IS SATURDAY WINTER RIDE?** The Saturday Winter Ride Program is an 8 week ski and snowboard program for middle and high school students. For over 50 years, Mt. Baker has been proud to host this program, providing youth with access to the winter mountain environment. Established local ski/snowboard organizations/groups arrange transportation from designated locations in Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, San Juan, and Island counties. Once at the ski area, Mt. Baker provides discounted Season Passes, Lessons, and Rental Equipment.



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**WHAT DOES MT BAKER PROVIDE/ NOT PROVIDE?** Mt Baker provides discounted Season Passes, Lessons and/or Rentals to middle and high school student enrolled in the Saturday Winter Ride program through their local organization/group. These are the only services provided by Mt Baker to students enrolled in the Winter Ride Program.

Mt Baker does not provide or assume any responsibility for transportation. All transportation services associated with the Winter Ride Program are the responsibility of the local organization/group coordinator. Mt Baker does not provide or assume any responsibility for supervision or guidance of Winter Ride participants outside of a regularly scheduled lesson class. Any services offered to participants in the Winter Ride Program other than discounted Season Passes, Lessons and/or Rentals are NOT the responsibility of Mt Baker Ski Area.

**WHAT DO WE REGISTER FOR FIRST?** You must be registered through your Local Coordinator before you are eligible for discounted Season Passes, Lessons, and/or Rentals. Your Saturday Winter Ride Season Pass, Lesson, and/or Rental purchase will be verified against the roster provided by your Local Coordinator.

**WHERE DO WE PAY AND TURN IN PAPERWORK?** Registration and payment for transportation is handled through your Local Coordinator. Registration for the Saturday Winter Ride Program, including Season Pass, lesson, and rental purchases are processed through the Mt. Baker Ski Area Business Office in Bellingham. Some Local Coordinators prefer to collect this paperwork and payment for their participants, and deliver these in a bundle to the Mt. Baker Office. Your Local Coordinator will let you know which they prefer.

**WHY TAKE LESSONS?** Our experienced instructors can help skiers and snowboarders of all ability levels progress their skills and increase their mountain knowledge and we strongly recommend that first time Saturday Winter Ride participants take lessons. Saturday Winter Ride lessons are offered at a significant discount off regular lesson prices, and are offered for all ability levels. Lessons take place from 9am-11am each of the first 6 days.

**WHAT IS A SATURDAY WINTER RIDE SEASON PASS?** A Saturday Winter Ride Season Pass is a photo ID badge that allows the Passholder to ride the chair lifts at Mt Baker Ski Area for the entire 2017-18 season. The Winter Ride Onward Pass is similar but is only valid from January 6 until the end of the 2017-18 season. Either a Season Pass or individual lift tickets are required each day of the program. Both of the season passes are priced to be a significant savings over purchasing daily lift tickets. See our pricing comparison in the Saturday Winter Ride Brochure or on our website [www.mtbaker.us](http://www.mtbaker.us).



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### **WHY SHOULD WE RENT EQUIPMENT FROM MT. BAKER?**

Renting equipment from Mt. Baker means that there is no heavy, wet gear to bring home at the end of each week. Each morning of program, Saturday Winter Ride renters grab their rental cards from a rack just inside the Heather Meadows Mountain Shop, then head downstairs to grab their gear. The rental cards make it easy for our Rental Shop Technicians to get them quickly set up with the right gear.

### **WHAT OTHER WINTER RIDE PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE?**

Along with the Saturday Winter Ride Program, Mt. Baker also offers One Day Winter Ride for grades 6-12 and Multi-Day & Mid-Week Multi-Week Programs for grades 2-12. More information contact Mt. Baker Winter Ride Program Coordinator, Kenny Hutson, or visit at [www.mtbaker.us](http://www.mtbaker.us).

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## YOUNG ADULT SATURDAY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

**INCLUDES FREE  
WINTER RIDE ONWARD PASS!**

The Leadership program aims to provide young adults with an increased connection to the mountain community, as well as to help them develop a foundation of leadership, technical, and teaching skills that will serve them well in their personal and professional transition into adulthood. The program will focus on personal skiing and riding skill improvement as well as technical knowledge, mountain knowledge, leadership skills, and teaching skills.

Participants will receive coaching from experienced Mt. Baker Instruction clinicians and staff. The program will provide applicants with an introduction to teaching skiing or snowboarding, and is an excellent first step on the pathway towards becoming a Ski or Snowboard Instructor. However, the skills learned in the program will be valuable whether or not a participant chooses to pursue a future job as a Ski or Snowboard Instructor at Mt. Baker or other ski areas.

**Contact your Local Coordinator -OR-  
Mt. Baker Winter Ride Program Coordinator, Kenny Hutson,  
for a Leadership Program Application Packet**

**Saturday Leadership  
Program Rate** **\$150**

**Program Includes**

- Winter Ride Onward Pass\*
- 3.5 Hours Of Coaching Each Program Day (Split into AM Session and PM Session) for the 8 weeks of the program. Topics include personal skiing and riding improvement, technical knowledge, mountain knowledge, leadership, and teaching skills.

\* Participants must remain in good standing, with no unexcused absences, in order to maintain Pass privileges

### **Application Process**

- Applicants must submit a completed application packet by **December 15th, 2017** (including essay and letter of recommendation)

### **Eligibility**

- Applicants must turn 18 no later than January 6, 2018
- Applicants must be ability 5 or 6 skiers or snowboarders based on Mt. Baker Lesson Placement Guidelines

**LEADERSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE DECEMBER 15, 2017**

APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF  
ACCEPTANCE BY DECEMBER 20, 2017

**We live in a special place. It is a joy for us to help younger people in our community have fun, play, learn and grow up in these mountains. The Pacific Northwest, and Mt. Baker in particular, is one of the most stunningly beautiful and exciting places to ski or snowboard in all of North America...and many would say in the world.**

**Breathe fresh air, form new friendships, learn a new skill, engage and explore, gain independence and become part of the Baker community.**



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**More information at [www.mtbaker.us](http://www.mtbaker.us)**

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# Mt. Baker Ski Area • WINTER RIDE MOUNTAIN POLICIES & GUIDELINES



Other policies, warnings and guidelines may be posted throughout the ski area.

## YOUR SAFETY IS NOT GUARANTEED

- As a visitor here, you will encounter an ever-changing and at times severe mountain environment. **YOUR SAFETY IS NOT GUARANTEED.**
- It is your responsibility to be **SAFETY CONSCIOUS AT ALL TIMES**, to **RESPECT ALL WARNING SIGNS** and to **USE COMMON SENSE** and **ACT RESPONSIBLY** for your own safety and the safety of others.

## YOUR RESPONSIBILITY CODE

- 1. ALWAYS STAY IN CONTROL.**  
Ski or snowboard under control and in such a manner that you can stop or avoid others or objects.
- 2. PEOPLE AHEAD OF YOU HAVE THE RIGHT OF WAY.**  
When proceeding downhill or overtaking others, you must avoid the person(s) below you.
- 3. STOP IN A SAFE PLACE FOR YOU AND OTHERS.**  
You must not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible from above.
- 4. WHENEVER STARTING DOWNHILL, ENTERING A TRAIL, OR MERGING, LOOK UPHILL AND YIELD TO OTHERS.**
- 5. USE DEVICES TO HELP PREVENT RUNAWAY EQUIPMENT.**
- 6. OBSERVE ALL SIGNS,**  
Respect warnings, and keep off closed trails and out of restricted areas.
- 7. YOU ARE THE SOLE JUDGE OF YOUR ABILITY.**  
Know how to use the lifts safely and use runs and facilities of your ability level.

## BACKCOUNTRY POLICY

Winter Ride Participants **MUST NEVER SKI/RIDE IN CLOSED AREAS** and **MUST STAY WITHIN THE SKI AREA BOUNDARIES FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROGRAM.**

Do not go beyond the ski area boundary which is marked with ropes or signs and is designated on the trail map.

**VIOLATORS WILL BE EXPELLED FROM PROGRAM!**

## CLOSED AREAS & ROPE LINES

### 1. CLOSED AREAS

- DO NOT ACCESS CLOSED AREAS AT ANY TIME**
- Closed areas on the ski and snowboard hill are designated with closed signs at primary access locations.
- Closed or restricted facilities may be barricaded, roped or signed.
- If you enter a closed area you will be subject to a fine and/or permanent trespass from the ski area and possible prosecution under the new Washington State Law RCW 79A.45.070.

### 2. CANYON AND GUNNERS BOWL ZONES

- The perimeter of the in-ski-area sections of The Canyon and Gunners Bowl are marked with a rope line, signs and/or access gates. The eastern boundary between the backcountry and Gunners Bowl and The Canyon is not marked but exists.
- Access into The Canyon is strictly **PROHIBITED FROM ANY POINT WHEN CLOSED.**
- Access to Gunners Bowl from the Ski Area is strictly prohibited when **CLOSED.**

### 3. EXTREME DANGER ZONE & HAZARD ADVISORY ROPE LINES

- At your own risk, you may access Extreme Danger Zones or Hazard Advisory areas. **DO NOT access CLOSED areas at any time.**
- There is a minimum \$500 rescue fee for any rescue in an Extreme Danger Zone, Hazard Advisory, Cliff, Closed or Backcountry areas.
- Access into backcountry through boundary rope lines is subject to specific Backcountry Policy.

#### RESCUE MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE

Information about the additional risks that Extreme Danger Zones possess is available in our Mountain Policies & Guidelines brochure and website and on on-mountain signage.

## USING CHAIR LIFTS

**WARNING: THERE ARE RISKS AND DANGERS WHEN USING LIFTS AND TOWS**

It is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to: Be familiar with proper loading, riding, and unloading practices and behavior **BEFORE** using the lift and maintain appropriate and safe lift riding practices

## WASHINGTON LAW

WASHINGTON STATE LAW STANDARD OF CONDUCT  
as per RCW 79A 45 et. seq.

- In addition to the specific requirements of this section, all skiers shall conduct themselves within the limits of their individual ability and shall not act in a manner that may contribute to the injury of themselves or any other person.
- No person shall:
  - Embark or disembark upon a ski lift except at a designated area;
  - Throw or expel any object from any tramway, ski lift, commercial skimobile, or other similar device while riding on the device;
  - Act in any manner while riding on a rope tow, wire rope tow, j-bar, t-bar, ski lift, or similar device that may interfere with the proper or safe operation of the lift or tow;
  - Willfully engage in any type of conduct which may injure any person, or place any object in the uphill ski track which may cause another to fall, while traveling uphill on a ski lift, or
  - Cross the uphill track of a j-bar, t-bar, rope tow, wire rope tow, or other similar device except at designated locations.
- Every person shall maintain control of his or her speed and course at all times, and shall stay clear of any snowgrooming equipment, any vehicle, any lift tower, and any other equipment on the mountain.
- A person shall be the sole judge of his or her ability to negotiate any trail, run, or uphill track and no action shall be maintained against any operator by reason of the condition of the track, trail, or run unless the condition results from the negligence of the operator.
- Any person who boards a rope tow, wire rope tow, j-bar, t-bar, ski lift, or other similar device shall be presumed to have sufficient abilities to use the device. No liability shall attach to any operator or attendant for failure to instruct the person on the use of the device, but a person shall follow any written or verbal instructions that are given regarding the use.
- Because of the inherent risks in the sport of skiing all persons using the ski hill shall exercise reasonable care for their own safety. However, the primary duty shall be on the person skiing downhill to avoid any collision with any person or object below him or her.
- Any person skiing outside the confines of trails open for skiing or runs open for skiing within the ski area boundary shall be responsible for any injuries or losses resulting from his or her action.
- Any person on foot or on any type of sliding device shall be responsible for any collision whether the collision is with another person or with an object.
- A person embarking on a lift or tow without authority shall be considered to be a trespasser.

## RENTAL SKIER TYPE

Guidelines for binding release settings for Mt. Baker Rental Department

### Type 1

**Cautious skier at lighter release/retention settings**

- Ski conservatively
- Prefer slower speeds
- Prefer easy, moderate slopes
- Favor lower than average release/retention settings.

This corresponds to an increased risk of inadvertent binding release in order to gain increased releasability in a fall

- Type 1 settings apply to "entry level skiers uncertain of their classification"

### Type 2

**Moderate skiing at average release/retention settings**

- Ski moderately
- Prefer a variety of speeds
- Ski on varied terrain, including most difficult trails
- All skiers not classified as Type 1 or Type 3

### Type 3

**Aggressive skiing at higher release/retention setting**

- Ski aggressively
  - Normally ski at high speeds
  - Prefer steeper and more challenging terrain
  - Favor higher than average release/retention settings.
- This corresponds to decreased releasability in a fall in order to gain a decreased risk of inadvertent binding release.