

# Winter Ride Rules

1. To help ensure the most enjoyable and safe experience possible, we strongly advise and recommend that **first year participants enroll in lessons.**
2. Each person riding the bus must have an **Emergency Information/Release Agreement and a BSD Permission/Winter Ride Rules** form signed by the participant and parent/legal guardian.
3. The buses leave PROMPTLY at the time designated by the program organizer. **You must ride the same bus to and from the mountain. Students must be on the bus, to depart, at 3:00.** Parents of students who return late may be billed a 'search and rescue' fee as determined appropriate by Mt. Baker staff.
4. **Use headphones** for music (no boom boxes).
5. You are expected to **pick up your own food, garbage and belongings;** on the bus and in the lodge. Violators will be held after to clean the inside of the bus.
6. **Abusive or foul language will not be tolerated.**
7. **Vandalism will not be tolerated.** Vandals will be excluded from the program without refund.
8. **No weapons** are allowed on the bus or at the ski area.
9. All participants are responsible for keeping track of their skiing or snowboarding equipment and personal gear. **We are not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen items. DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES ON THE BUS** – lockers and equipment check in are available at the ski area.
10. **You must ride the bus back from the mountain unless your parents have made previous arrangements** with the program organizer, with a written authorization.
11. Parents please be prompt picking up participants at the designated time. NOTE: An emergency contact will be notified in the event of a student being left at the pick-up site for more than 10 minutes.
12. **Stay seated while the bus is moving!** It is State Law that you must be seated and that aisles remain clear while the bus is in motion. Do not sit on seat backs. A 3<sup>rd</sup> verbal warning will result in removal from the program without refund.
13. Walk to buses. **DO NOT SKI OR SNOWBOARD ON OR BESIDE THE ROAD!** Take your skis and snowboards off at the lodge. Do not lean equipment against the buses. Ask the drivers where they want you to load your equipment.
14. Cancellation due to weather is unlikely. In the event of extremely inclement weather, a make-up trip will be scheduled. **Notification of any schedule change will be: 1.) at the bus pick-up site the morning of the day in question and 2.) on the Winter Ride Hotline at (360) 734-6771; follow the prompts.** Program coordinators will send out cancellation texts whenever a cancellation is known in advance.
15. The program has a **zero tolerance policy to use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, smokeless tobacco, violence, or bullying activities.** Program privileges will be lost without refund for breach of this policy and the proper authorities will be notified.
16. **Theft will not be tolerated.** Program privileges will be lost without refund for breach of this policy and the proper authorities will be notified.
17. **Participants must follow Your Responsibility Code, Washington State Law, the Mt. Baker Mountain Policies and Guidelines, and other policies, warnings, and guidelines; which may be posted throughout the ski area,** please request one, or view them online at [www.mtbaker.us](http://www.mtbaker.us).
18. **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 of Mountain Policies and Rules will result in a loss of all privileges associated with this program with no refund, and you will be removed from the ski bus area for the day, or longer depending on discretion of the ski area management.
19. **Leave board and ski bags on the bus.** Place personal bags next to the wall, leave tables open for other guests.
20. Other rules may apply to situation that have not yet been experienced or considered. **Please use good judgment and common sense.**