



Snowsports THE WORD

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Is it Winter yet??



Sure feels like winter... Tuesday was very exciting up here! The snow began early morning and then just never stopped... End of day totals were around 12 inches when we all left!

Interested in more updates on what's going on up here? Just need to see some great snow pictures while we wait to open?

Check out the Stevens Pass Instagram!
<https://www.instagram.com/stevenspass/>



First I9 check-in date

The time to start scheduling when you will come up to complete your I9 check-in is here!

Who: New employees, employees who have applied to return this season.
(This will not include anyone on the SIS status!)

Check-In Date: October 19th (More Dates TBD)

Please select your first and second choice of time from the list below and email us your selection to Spschoolstaff@vailresorts.com

***If you have not registered a time with us, you will not be able to participate in this date. ***

Time Slots:

- 10:00am
- 10:15am
- 10:30am
- 10:45am
- 11:00am
- 11:15am
- 11:30am
- 11:45am

For each of the time slots above there is a limited space available so as they begin to fill we may need to use your second choice or request for you to select a different time or date.

To complete your I9 paperwork you will need to bring: Passport OR a combination of any 2 of these documents: driver's license, social security card, or birth certificate.

****These documents will need to be current/valid. ****

KEY DATES:

- **Sat, October 19th:** I9 Check in date (More dates TBD)
*****Must be pre-registered for*****
- **October:** Schedule Submission forms will be sent!
- **November:** Orientation and Training opportunities begin.
- **November 1st:** First orientation (Save the date!)
- **Wed, December 4th:** Tentative opening day!!

The Early Season Essentials



Rock Skis/Board

When skiing in October or early November, rocks are par for the course, although you are excited for the new season, now is not the time to bust out your new sticks. Instead, resurrect your old skis from a couple of years ago and don't fret when you clip a rock or ski branch. Early season snowfall is also great for playing around on snurfers, novelty skis or equipment you don't obsess over too much.

Clean Grassy Slopes

The first snowfall of the season is no time to get injured or risk missing out on the season ahead, picking your early season slope is essential to a successful mission. Avoid tackling big lines or slopes littered with rocks and trees; we just want to get back in the groove and not risk a major injury. Familiar terrain, parks and sports fields lead the charge for great locations to ski on a thin base. Knowing the terrain of your ski slope is key to getting early season turns, 'sharks' can easily be covered in 6-12" of snow and present a serious hazard to any speed you gain.

Low Angles and Short Hikes

Early season snow pack is unreliable and not the time to get dragged over rocks or other obstacles, so to build up your strength and make the most of the small window of new snow, look for short boot pack hikes you can lap safely. Sometimes something simple like lapping a short pitch is enough to satisfy the itch, make some turns and stay ready for the upcoming season!

I wish I knew what I know now...

Although all seasons are ski season for DOD (David O'Donnell), he has recently published a great piece on **"Mindset, goal setting & staying healthy"**

For our new team members David likes to practice a never-ending winter by working winters with us in Washington then traveling back home for the "summer" to Australia, which has the opposite seasons of us!

Check it out [Here!](#)



Have something exciting to share?
Send it to us!

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TRAINING: PSIA-NW Events



Remember to take a look at the events calendar for the upcoming season. Our training team is excited to see our staff obtaining new certifications and accreditation. Take a look at the calendar, set your goals, and submit for your days off.

<http://www.psia-nw.org/events/>

Remember, if you ever have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to email us!

SPSchoolStaff@vailresorts.com is the best way to get in touch.

