



Snowsports THE WORD

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It's Training Season!



Time for the second big weekend of On Snow training, it sure has been great to have a busy locker room once again! As a reminder there will be no shadow days this weekend, they will be scheduled once we are up and running.



I wish I knew what I know now:

Remember your first day in the locker room surrounded by new and friendly faces, trembling at the thought of teaching your first lesson, or the sensation of walking in to Youth Programs filled with what seemed like 1000 excited kids? Help those new staff members out sharing some helpful tips and advice for the new staff members on their first season working for the Stevens Pass Ski and Snowboard School to SPSchoolStaff@vailresorts.com.

Operational Update

Although this new snow is a wonderful addition, it is not quite as much as we were hoping to receive to have the coverage to open. At this time, the decision has been made to **not open through Monday**. We will continue to assess as the weather shifts and we can hopefully resume making snow to fill any remaining problem areas. Keep those snow dances up!

What does that mean:

Training- Will happen as scheduled, unaffected by this change!

Your Schedule: This change is being updated in the system, if these dates affect your minimum commitment please contact us! Spschoolstaff@vailresorts.com

Helmet 101



As an important and required part of our on-snow uniform, please make sure that you are always properly wearing your helmet while riding on the clock!

If your helmet has saved you in a big crash, it may be time to replace it! Don't forget we have lots of great pro deals available to us, all listed on the [School Portal!](#)

KEY DATES:

- **December:** 19 Check-ins! New hires and returning applicants, the dates have been sent to you!
- **December:** Training, & Schedule submissions!
If you have not yet done so schedules are due!
- **December 15th:** PSIA/NW Voucher due date
- **December 19th:** Last scheduled NEO/Kickoff!
Must be pre-registered for

Training is ON this weekend

12/13 - BITS

12/14 - NIT

12/15 - NIT & BITS

Training will happen whether or not the mountain is operational, please bring your equipment, appropriate outerwear, and a **HELMET**.

BITS meets in the Trailside Room for the morning indoor session at **9am**.

NIT meets outside of the locker room ready to slide with **gear on** at **9am**.

The base area:

- May have no options for food so bring what you need to survive
- May be ungroomed and offer variable conditions for walking, please bring waterproof footwear or extra socks.

Please email me with any questions regarding training
Tpeterson1@vailresorts.com.

Do you like receiving feedback?

So do we! Let us know what was helpful in getting you ready for the season and what you would like to see as part of your indoor and on-snow training in the future through this [link!](#)

Sign up for Team Teaching and get paired with an experienced coach who can assist you in leading a lesson, afterwards you will have a chance to reflect and receive and give feedback through this [link!](#)



What if I can't attend BITS or NIT?

You are required to complete all of your training prior to your first day of work. Send me an email and I will send you alternate dates (NIT), or a worksheet (BITS).

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Driving Safely In Snow

1. DON'T DRIVE, take the employee shuttle (begins once the mountain is operational) **2. CARPOOL** with a friend who has more experience and a vehicle with snow tires

3. If you must drive:



- **GO SLOW** – accelerate and decelerate slowly and just drive slower than you need to
- **GIVE SPACE** – increase the distance between you and other cars
- **KNOW YOUR BRAKES** – Do you have antilock brakes or not?
- **DON'T STOP** – Unless you have to or you reach your destination.

Complete your LIFT Video Training

Please complete these training videos prior to working, you can view them [here!](#)

Training Modules:

- Epic Service – completed in person by attending KickOff
- 2019-2020 Safety on Snow Quiz – all on-snow employees
- Slope Safety – all employees

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