

# Stevens Pass Snowsports School

# THE WORD

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## Almost the Holidays...

The forecast is looking good for this coming week... check it out here!



**Certification Information LIVE EVENT on Sunday 12/27 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm**

We will host a live event in place of our annual Certification Meeting, where we will gather to discuss the exam process, expectations, and provide time for Q&A. There will be an opportunity for networking and meeting other staff who are working toward similar goals. [HERE](#) is the link for the meeting. See you there!



## Need to call Ski Patrol? Need a Trail Map? You need the Epic Mix App.

The app features new interactive trail maps that make navigating the mountain a breeze. Enhanced trail map features include:

- Real-time filtering
- Grooming status
- Dining, web cam and ski patrol locations
- Lift line wait times
- GPS location on-mountain

If you do need to call Ski Patrol, please don't try search for someone with a radio, call them directly using the app or at 206-812-7382



## KEY DATES:

- **December 26<sup>th</sup>**- Freeride coaches clinic: 4pm-6pm
- **December 27<sup>th</sup>**- Certification Information Live Event: 6:30pm-7:30pm
- **December 28<sup>th</sup>**- Registration deadline for 1/3 PSIA & AASI L1 Exams
- **January 3<sup>rd</sup>**- **Level 1 Certification Exam**: 8:30am-4pm (AASI & PSIA)

## Social Distancing:

[COVID-19](#) spreads mainly among people who are in close contact (within about 6 feet). When we add helmets and face masks it makes it challenging to communicate effectively with our friends and guests. Some ideas to counteract this are:

- Choose a location to deliver information that is away from distraction and other noise.
- Teach with equipment on and use demos and games like “follow the leader” to communicate.
- Draw in the snow – this is a great way to explain a concept or idea.



## What do I need to complete prior to the L1

- Become a member of [PSIA/AASI-NW](#)
- Complete the E-learning Course for either Alpine or Snowboarding
- Pass the online test
- Sign up for the On-Snow L1 Exam through PSIA/AASI-NW at Stevens Pass
  - January  
3rd [Alpine](#) or [Snowboard](#) - **DEADLINE 12/28**
  - March 2<sup>nd</sup> [Alpine](#)
  - March 3<sup>rd</sup> [Snowboard](#)

PSIA has informed me that they are having system issues with event sign ups, if you need help with this process, reach out via email to [info@psia-nw.org](mailto:info@psia-nw.org). Please give yourself plenty of time and do not wait until the last minute.

## TRAINING CORNER

### Why should I become certified instructor?

As a member of PSIA (Professional Ski Instructors of America) or AASI (American Association of Snowboard Instructors) you can build community with members in the division and nationally, have access to world class coaching and professional development, increase your pay rate, and receive industry discounts and deals.

There are a variety of certifications and avenues for educational growth, to explore all of your options click [HERE](#) to find out more about PSIA & AASI Northwest.



## Where can I find professional development opportunities at Stevens Pass?

To sign up for clinics go to [instructor.snow.com](http://instructor.snow.com) - login to your schedule. At the top left of the page click on “Training Clinic Sign Up” select the training group “Stevens Pass” this will show you all of the clinics available this season. More will be added throughout the year. There is a limit of 6 participants for every clinic, if you have signed and will not attend, please remove yourself from the list to open a spot for someone else.

To find training information about clinic series, certification, exam reimbursement, passports, and more go to our department website [HERE](#).