

Stevens Pass Snowsports School

THE WORD

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Lots going on!



Enter the contest to name the Magic Carpets!

We are currently accepting submissions for naming the three Magic Carpets

Rules:

1. Must be Pacific Northwest themed
2. All three names must be connected
3. Cannot use names of existing runs/lifts etc.
4. Family friendly please!

Once all submissions are in, a panel of judges will determine the winner who will not only get the legacy of naming the carpets and win a prize too!

Entries must be submitted by March 19th by midnight.

****Contest Open to Active Stevens Pass Employees Only****

[CLICK HERE TO ENTER](#)

What a week...

Highway closures impacting 5 different days, 66+ inches of snow, and early closure (2:30pm) followed by a late opening (noon), tons of guest and lesson impacts, challenges getting to and from work and my favorite statistic, 23,652 shovel swings... and counting. And all of this on top of mid-winter break. **Thank you** so much to everyone who battled the highway and the weather to be here and help us out. The teamwork was greatly appreciated. This weekend is going to be very busy. We are maxed out with lessons and there will be a lot of pent up energy out on the mountain with good snowfall through the week. Remember to put safety of self and safety of others first. Be conscious on your commute and see you here!

-Ben Fok, Director Skier Services

Mask Problems?



Soggy Mask? Broken ear piece?

Whatever the issue is, it is no fun to have a mask on that is past its prime.... Don't forget! We do have paper masks available if you need a fresh one mid-day. Just let a leadership member know and we can provide you with a new one to help you get through your day.

KEY DATE:

- **February, 24th** - Registration Deadline for Stevens Pass PSIA/AASI Alpine & Snowboard L1 Exam
- **February, 27th** - Ski Clinic with Ben Fok 2:30-4:00pm or 4:00-6:00pm
- **March, 1st** - "Boot fitting" Online Tech Talk w/ Justin Tremplin 6:00-7:00pm
- **March, 2nd** - PSIA Level 1 Alpine Exam at Stevens Pass
- **March, 3rd** - AASI Level 1 Snowboard Exam at Stevens Pass

Communicating with Kids – Getting their Attention

While working with kids, even the best instructor can struggle with keeping everyone's attention. Having a couple of tricks up your sleeve, like the classic call & response method, can go a long way with finding success in this space. For example, one trick that works really well is to say "put your finger in your ear."

Believe me, it may seem silly but, it works! Another personal favorite of mine is the game of Freeze, where, without a warning, the leader can yell "freeze" and, well, you know what that means. What are some of your favorites? Feel free to share with SPSchoolStaff and your fellow peers.

TREE WELL & DEEP SNOW ACCIDENT PREVENTION



With all of the new snow over the last few weeks, it is wise to consider safety issues that arise with deep snow conditions. A tree well or snow immersion suffocation accident can happen when a skier or snowboarder falls – usually headfirst – into a tree well or deep loose snow and becomes immobilized and trapped under the snow and suffocates. Check out mountain safety information and videos on the Stevens Pass website [HERE](#) to learn more.

TRAINING CORNER

Complete your exam preparations ahead of time, to avoid last minute stress!



Exam Readiness Checklist:

- Completed all online course work through psia-nw.com
- Passed the online test and sent a confirmation to the Training Supervisor
- Registered for the event through <https://www.psia-nw.org/events/>
- Requested the day off of work
- Familiarized with the exam expectations
- Technical - Practiced and feel confident demonstrating the tasks
- Teaching - Prepared progressions for all possible assignments and age groups
- Professional Knowledge - Studied and understand the expectations

If you are struggling to check one of these boxes, please look for answers in the certification guides ([Alpine](#) and [Snowboard](#)) first, then reach out to a trainer or supervisor for more help!

