

Stevens Pass Snowsports School

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Marching on!



Here's to a much better start to March... Crazy to think last year we were heading into what would be the last week of our season! Stoked to be sliding into March with lots of snow and the much missed spring riding near in our future.

Morning Warm up

Street Team along with F&B are offering a free breakfast and coffee or cocoa on **Friday 3/12 7:30am-9am** @ the Tye Creek Eatery. Come in and grab it to go on your way to starting your day!

Communicating with Children - Acknowledge Feelings

In lessons, and in life, we will see children showing signs of non-verbal communication indicating that they are uneasy. This can include everything from tears to acting out to total silence. Use these signs to start the communication process now! Dealing with the situation or "feelings" in a pro-active way can help to establish trust early on and can help to reduce the frequency of the behavior.

Here are some tactics to try:

- Identify the child's feelings. (Ask why? Use open-ended questions.)
- Put the feeling into words. (Sounds like you're..., That must make you feel...)
- Acknowledge the child's feelings with a sound or a word. (Encourage them to continue, but you don't always have to have something ready to say, sometimes safe silence is the best)
- Give the child in fantasy what you can't give them in reality. (Humor can help! Wouldn't it be neat if... or I wish I could...)
- Accept the child's feelings even as you stop unacceptable behavior. ("You look very angry, and I cannot let hit others with your pole" "It's hard to wait your turn, when we are riding we stay in a line.")

KEY DATE:

- **March, 10th** - Steeps Camp from 10-12pm and 1:30-3:30pm
- **March, 15th**- AASI Member School Snowboard Clinic w/ Kelly Howle
- **March, 15th**- Tech Talk @ 6pm "Turn Down Service" Online clinic [HERE](#)
- **March, 23rd** - PSIA Alpine Member School Clinic w/ Jenn Lockwood

Stay Safe SP!

Does February March? I don't know, but April May. It's the spring time, and there are still a few weeks to go. We have been doing so incredibly well on both our safety goals of 100% compliance with COVID procedures and Everyone Home Safe Everyday. So far season to date we have had zero employee COVID transmissions at the resort and have had only one employee medical injury so far. This is fantastic, especially given the snow we've had this season and all the challenges! Each week we will post some safety focuses related to COVID and incident safety that will help get us to the finish line. Thank you all for such a high focus on safety this season.

COVID Safety: Please be sure to clean and disinfect tables in the lunch room after each use. We have equipped more spray bottles to make this easier.

Everyone Home Safe

Everyday: As temperatures fluctuate more we will begin to experience firmer snow surfaces **in the mornings. Be mindful of taking it slow and easing in with terrain selection.**

PSIA/AASI Continuing Education & Member School Clinics

Continuing education (CEU) events are designed to help you learn and grow as a snowsports professional. They also serve as an opportunity for you to keep up-to-date on the latest techniques and trends in your discipline. Every certified member of the NW Division is required to attend at least 6 CEU each season (usually one day on snow).

AASI Member School Clinic 3/15 8:45am to 4:00pm w/ Kelly Howle
PSIA Member School Clinic 3/23 8:45am to 4:00pm w/ Jenn Lockwood
Participant cost is \$35 cash or check on the morning of the exam, to sign up, email Tpeterson1@vailresorts.com. For more information on certification click [HERE!](#)

If you emailed this week and have not received a confirmation for the 3/23 clinic, please resend to Tpeterson1@vailresorts.com.

Art Contest

Calling all artists, dreamers and creators...We want to see what inspires you! Street Team is hosting a Virtual art contest where the winning submission will be printed on a commemorative post card to be handed out to Stevens Pass employees. It can be a painting, drawing, sculpture or photograph... any medium of art is accepted (in photo form to be uploaded) Upload your submissions between March 5th and 23rd to Shane.R.Walsh@vailresorts.com

NEW LEVEL 1 PSIA & AASI Instructors

Congrats to all the new Level 1 Instructors this week for your hard work, dedication, and passion for teaching:

ALPINE

Alex Debrovner
Annette Diggs
Gunnar Fjestul
Ben Gustavson
Kaya Pungello
Neha Ramanath



SNOWBOARD

Kari Gilman
Justin Kramer
Clarence Lee
Shauna Luckey
Elinor Quigley
Dassni Rodriguez
Jody Spencer
Calimlim

