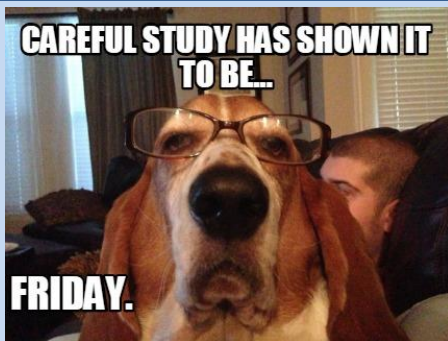


Stevens Pass Snowsports School

THE WORD

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Back at it again!



That's right, happy Fri-Yay! We are stoked to be dug out and operational once again!! A big thank you to all of the team members who were able to make the trek this past week through a 1-lane highway and longer 4x4 required route to help!

Safety Metrics:

New year, New count!

We are now at 14 days without an employee injury for the year **and 167 days for the 21.22 season!!!** Did you know... The year 167 (CLXVII) was a common year starting on a Wednesday of the Julian calendar. The Julian calendar, proposed by Julius Caesar in AUC 708 (46 BC), was a reform of the Roman calendar.



End-Of-Season Bonus!



On Monday, CEO Kirsten Lynch announced an end-of-season bonus in recognition of your commitment to the guest experience throughout this incredibly challenging season. Eligible employees will receive a bonus of \$2.00 per hour for all hours worked from Jan. 1, 2022, through your end-of-season date, or April 15 if your season runs longer (less applicable taxes and deductions).

[Read Kirsten's email for full details and eligibility.](#)

Member School Clinic

Currently we do not have a member school clinic planned for this season. I encourage all staff who are looking for options to maintain their Educational Credits to search for on snow or online clinics through [psia-nw.org](#) events.

Certification Information

Start moving toward your certification goals NOW!

1. Become a member at thesnowpros.org
2. Complete the appropriate E-Learning Course
3. Pass the appropriate Online Test
4. Sign-up for an on snow exam date through psia-nw.org

Level 1 Exams at Stevens Pass

*Deadline for L1 exam sign up is two weeks prior to exam, click on the links to sign up.



Alpine:

- [1/25/22](#) & [3/7/22](#)

Snowboard:

- [1/24/22](#) & [3/8/22](#)

KEY DATES:

- **January 17th**- [Martin Luther King Jr. Day](#)
- **January 18th**- Boot Fitting Tech Talk @ 6pm, join the meeting [HERE](#)
- **January 21st**- Street Team: Take Home Meal Pick Up!



Deep Snow Safety - Tree Wells

A tree well, is the space around a tree under its branches that does not get the same amount of snow as the surrounding open space. This creates a void or area of loose snow below the branches and around the trunk that is dangerous to any hikers, snowshoers, skiers, and snowboarders who fall into them.

What can you do if you find yourself in a Tree Well?

Do whatever you can to keep your head above the surface of the snow including rolling, grabbing tree branches or the tree trunk. If possible, keep your feet below level of your head.

- If you become immersed, make a space around your face and protect your airway – resist the urge to struggle, it could compromise your airspace and entrap you further.
- Stay calm to conserve air.
- Trust your partner is on their way.
- If possible, use your cell phone to call ski patrol or the resort's emergency number.



What if your partner falls into a Tree Well?

TIP: In dense tree areas or in poor visibility, ski or ride short pitches and stop to regroup often – stay within sight of your partner! If you lose contact with your partner, assume they need help.

1. Don't leave to get help – Stay with your partner!
2. Call for additional resources. Use a whistle or yell for assistance. If possible, call ski Patrol or the resort's emergency phone number.
3. Evaluate scene safety for yourself.
4. IMMEDIATELY begin snow immersion rescue efforts. Go directly for the airway, and keep it clear, be careful not to knock more snow into the hole. Clear any snow from the airway and continue necessary first aid or extrication efforts
5. Do not try to pull victim out the way they fell in. Instead, determine where the head is and tunnel in from the side.

Weathery days are all around us for now!

Good thing we have rain jackets this season...



How do I check out a rain Jacket?

- **Step 1:** Go to Admin office (If admin is not here check in with other leadership)
- **Step 2:** Ask for your size, leader will grab it for you from storage location (*or direct you on how to appropriately access.*)
 - *Please be mindful of your timing and schedule.*
****Preferred timing for request 8am-10am.****
 - *If you know that you will be in need in the morning, you can also Email SPschoolstaff titled "Rain Jacket Request" with what size you need and we will pull the size so it is ready when you arrive.*
 - *We are working to order a better hanging system for easier access ASAP, once in place we will review this process again!*
- **Step 3:** Both you and Leader sign the checkout paper, *this acknowledges that you will return the jacket at the end of your shift and will notify leadership if there is any issues with it.*
- **Step 4:** Enjoy a dry(er) day!
- **Step 5:** Empty Pockets and hang jacket on a hanger in jail!
- **Step 6:** Sign sheet that it has been returned.

****Please be sure to take care and check back in jackets, this is a shared resource!****