

# Stevens Pass Snowsports School

## THE WORD

(Bi-Weekly Summer Edition)

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### Nearly Ready...



The sun has helped to melt away most of the snow and the Trail Crew is steadily making strides on the bike trails! Of course, we are not out of the woods yet and we are still in the midst of shaping terrain and rebuilding features.

Continue to monitor social media and the resort website, for the quickest information regarding Bike Park trail progress and opening.

In the meantime, feel free to join us Thurs-Sunday for our other lift served activities such as Scenic Lift Rides or Disc Golf. Of course, if you come up, feel free to stop in and say hi!

### Job Postings

Winter positions are being posted. To view current openings at Stevens Pass, look [here](#)! In SBS, we currently have openings in:

- [Supervisor](#)
- [Certified Instructor\\*](#)

Spread the word and be sure to let us know if you are interested or, have any questions on current openings! Additional positions will hit the careers page as we near the start of the season.

*\*Remember, staff who ended their season on SIS (Seasonal Inactive Status) do not need to reapply if wanting to return to the same role.*

### H&S Update

Over the last couple of weeks, our CEO, Kirsten Lynch, has shared some details regarding expanded Health & Safety benefits and resources.



Follow the links below to learn more:

- [Expanded Healthcare Benefits](#)
- [Investment in Mental Health](#)

### KEY DATES:

- **July 11<sup>th</sup>** – Educational Ascent Application Opens
- **July 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>** – NW Mountain Challenge



## Educational Ascent Scholarship



Educational Ascent, our one-time educational scholarship for U.S.-based Vail Resorts employees, will open for application on Monday, July 11. To learn more about this scholarship award offered by the EpicPromise Employee Foundation and prepare to apply, visit [epicpromise.com/ascent](http://epicpromise.com/ascent).

## Off-Season Plans?

What are you doing this off-season?  
Not sure or, just looking for inspiration?  
Then [Click Here!](#)

A leading industry expert shares his tips and tricks on the matter ☺



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## New Summer Activities

This season we are excited to offer two new Bike School Products in addition to our lesson offerings!

Participants in our **Youth Adventure Camp** will have the opportunity to explore the resort through a themed lens (Art in Nature, Shelters & Navigation, Tracking & Identification, Mountain Safety & Leave No Trace).

We also have **Guided Hiking packages** perfect for the family! To learn more check out the website.

## Staff Stories – Rusty’s Uphill Terrain Park

Last issue, we spoke about the Kehrs Chair upgrade and shared some fun history regarding the old rope tows on Big Chief. After reading the segment, our very own instructor Rusty, shared his own first-hand account of riding the rope tows and the resulting shenanigans. Hope you enjoy this as much as we did:

*“My twin brother and I learned to ski on those 4 rope tows on Big Chief! They weren't "side by side", but instead vertically arranged on the skier's left side of the hill, sequentially, one right above the other. It was 1955 when we rode the first one, at age 5. At that time there were fewer, probably only 2. By about 1960, all four were built and we really had fun riding them. Even though we had the ability to ski a chair lift, Dad didn't tell us that, because he didn't want to spend the money on chair lift tickets for us when we were having so much fun on the rope tows. Mom skied a bit with us on those rope tows, but Dad was typically off for the day riding the chairs. Many youth had to have their Mom's sew leather under their left armpit (the one that wrapped around the rope) to keep their ski jackets from constantly ripping out.*

*We were 10 years old in 1960 and were riding to the top of all of the ropes then. But instead of remembering that "the situation could become quite treacherous" (which of course it was!), on the contrary, riding up those rope tows with all the bumps you encountered going uphill gave us the wonderful opportunity to "get as much air" as we could. The opportunity and fun of riding on, falling off, and jumping as much as we could while riding uphill and "holding on for dear life" with both hands and left arm tightly clinging on to those very fast rope tows, was a real thrill. Of course, we enjoyed going downhill too. Great memories and I have now lived to tell about it too, 60+ years later!”*

-Rusty West

