

# THE WORD

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If we haven't said it enough, I will say it again here... Stevens Pass is a special place in the summer time. Full of wild flowers, marmots, cyclists, and of course ice cream and sunshine. Don't forget to stop by, those unused coupons (both comp and 50%) work for a scenic ride (or Bike Haul!) up here in the summer season! We open Hogsback on June 20<sup>th</sup> and would love to see some familiar faces!

On the business side of things; our transition to workday starts **Monday the 13th and will last through Jun 22nd**. Please note, although it is not expected to cause any interruptions to any "normal" employee access (tax info, KBAs, etc.) it wouldn't hurt to cross any items off your personal list in the next couple days (last minute W2 check? KBA article read you were planning to do?). As always, we will be here monitoring the inbox and helping navigate through anything that may come up, so please don't hesitate to reach out!

## Exciting News for Stevens Pass Ski & Ride School!

We're excited to share that Stevens Pass Ski & Ride School has been named #2 Family Favorite in *Seattle's Child 2026 Family Favorites* awards! This recognition comes directly from local families across the Puget Sound region and being voted a top favorite is a testament to our incredible instructors and staff who create welcoming, fun, and high-quality learning experience for everyone that visits us here at Stevens Pass.

Thank you for the energy and care you put into every lesson—this recognition is truly a direct result of your dedication and impact on our guests

[Here is a link to the article!](#)

## SUMMER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES!

It's already time to start looking ahead! Summer is a valuable window for instructors to stay connected, refine skills, and continue to grow professionally. Stay tuned for more info around these sessions, we will post dates, links and details in the word as they become available.

For now, as you plan out your sunshine season, keep this in mind for your late summer/early fall calendars!



**SUMMER TRAINING 2026**  
VAIL RESORTS  
EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME™

<b>MONDAYS</b> Children's Specialist Adaptive
<b>TUESDAYS</b> Snowboard Alpine Foundations
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b> Alpine Advanced

**August - November**      **6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**      **Mountain Time Zone**

<b>ALPINE</b> Alpine training will be offered at two different ability levels, Foundations & Advanced. Topics will be offered on a 3-week cycle. The first week will present/review concepts, followed by two weeks of application and practice.	<b>TOPICS</b> Technical Skills by Ability Level Building an MA / Tech Process Trust Relationships & Two-Way Communication Experiential Learning (Teaching/Learning Cycle) Facilitating Reflection & Adapting Lessons
<b>SNOWBOARD</b> Snowboard training topics are selected weekly by each presenter and relate to a specific fundamental or component of the Learning Connection Model.	<b>SELECT TOPICS</b> Understanding & Applying Teaching Styles Motor Learning Strategies Structuring MA Descriptions The Kinetic Chain & MA Lateral Learning & the Technical Fundamentals
<b>CHILDRENS</b> Children's training will begin with general topic presentation in August and then 2-week deep dives with a Week 1 presentation and Week 2 application/practice.	<b>SELECT DEEP DIVE TOPICS</b> Piaget's Cognitive Development Fitts & Posner Psychomotor Development Creativity & Synthesis Play, Experimentation, & Exploration Identifying the CAP Model in Student Interviews
<b>ADAPTIVE</b> Adaptive training will begin bi-weekly in Aug-Sept, and then expand to weekly through the rest of summer.	<b>SELECT TOPICS</b> Adaptive MA & Alpine Fundamentals Beginning Tethering Adaptive Equipment & Tools Overview Challenging Situations Turned Into Successful Lessons

More information to come, including Meeting Links, Topic Dates, Curriculum Details