



Summer is the perfect time to reflect, connect, and look ahead. This issue is packed with stories and updates that celebrate the season we've just completed, highlight some exciting work happening today, and share a glimpse of what's on the horizon for Ski & Ride School.

Continuous Listening Survey

For summer seasonal employees you will receive an email invitation to complete the survey. During the survey window (July 7 - 19), be sure to check your inbox for an email from Microsoft Viva Glint no-reply@glint.mail.microsoft.
Or use the link here: [access the survey here](#).

*You will need to enter your Vail Resorts User ID to complete the survey.

REMINDER: Leavenworth Float!

Our Stevens Pass Summer Float is happening this weekend! Join your fellow instructors and teammates for a fun day on the water, great company, and a chance to connect outside of the mountain environment.
Reserve your spot using the link below and be sure to enter the group code: **SPSS when booking**:
<https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/leavenworthoutdoorcenter/items/124959/availability/2059074892/book/>

SUMMER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Summer is a great time to polish old skills and build the basics for new ones too. Below is a breakdown of what is to come for our Summer Training Offerings! Take a look and start planning on what you might review or discover!

Stay tuned for registration links and session openings—we'll share details by email and publish updates in The Word as they become available.

Alpine Foundations	Tuesdays (3-week cycle)	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM MT	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.	Technical Skills by Ability Level; Building an MA/Tech Process; Trust Relationships & Two-Way Communication; Experiential Learning; Facilitating Reflection & Adapting Lessons
Alpine Advanced	Wednesdays (3-week cycle)	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM MT	Concepts presented/reviewed in Week 1, followed by application and practice in Weeks 2-3.	Technical Skills by Ability Level; Building an MA/Tech Process; Trust Relationships & Two-Way Communication; Experiential Learning; Facilitating Reflection & Adapting Lessons
Snowboard	Tuesdays	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM MT	Snowboard training topics are selected weekly by each presenter and relate to a specific fundamental or component of the Learning Connection Model.	Understanding & Applying Teaching Styles; Motor Learning Strategies; Structuring MA Descriptions; The Kinetic Chain & MA; Lateral Learning & Technical Fundamentals
Childrens Specialist	Mondays	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM MT	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.	Piaget Cognitive Development; Fitts & Posner Psychomotor Development; Creativity & Synthesis; Play & Exploration; CAP Model in Student Interviews
Adaptive	Mondays	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM MT	Adaptive training will begin bi-weekly in Aug-Sept, and then expand to weekly through the rest of summer.	Adaptive MA & Alpine Fundamentals; Beginning Tethering; Adaptive Equipment & Tools Overview; Challenging Situations Turned Into Successful Lessons



Coming Winter 2026–27: A More Connected Stevens Pass Ski & Ride School Experience

Stevens Pass will join the next phase of Vail Resorts' rollout of Lesson Connect and Ski & Ride School in My Epic for Winter 2026–27. These tools are designed to simplify daily operations, improve communication, and create a more connected experience for both instructors and guests. Instructors can expect easier access to lesson information, better visibility into their day, streamlined student management, and more time spent focusing on teaching and guest engagement.

We will continue to share improvement highlights, screenshots and best practice tips as they are shared with us. For now here is a sneak peak in what your lesson will look like on the device:

