



Creekside Club Newsletter 2011.12

Welcome to another snowy season at Whistler Kids. After last years La Nina record breaking season we are all hoping that she will return this winter with bucket loads of snow. All The whole Whistler Kids' team is looking forward to having you back again for some great Club Days! Included in this newsletter is all the information you'll need to get your skiers and riders going, plus our Theme Week Calendar so you are ready for all the fun days we have planned for the season! Please read the information carefully. If you have further questions please contact the supervisor of your child's program directly. We are all looking forward to seeing you on the slopes soon! **Anna**

Program Dates

Minis 3 and 4 year olds

- Saturday Only Jan 7, 2012 to Apr 7, 2012
- Sunday Only Jan 8, 2012 to Apr 8, 2012

Club 5–12 year olds

- Full Weekend Jan 7, 2012 to Apr 8, 2012
- Saturday Only Jan 7, 2012 to Apr 7, 2012
- Sunday Only Jan 8, 2012 to Apr 8, 2012

Attention All 3 Year Olds!!

We require ID to confirm that your child is **three years old** by **December 31, 2011** for our Minis Club Program. Please bring your child's ID with you when picking up their pass at our Guest Relations locations.



Attention Full Weekend Parents!

For families wanting their children to ski both days we will try to match your child with the same instructor. Children may ski with different children in their class each day.

Full weekend children will be grouped with one day children that are slightly stronger in ability so that they do not progress ahead of their class during the season. If there is a full class (8 children) of the same ability doing full weekend we will group them together.

Drop Off and Pick Up Times

Drop off and pick up location:

→ Minis Club

Outside Whistler Kids Creekside along the side of the building nearest Can Ski.

→ 5–12 year old Club

In the World Cup Plaza courtyard across from Dusty's. A map will be emailed closer to the start date with exact level locations.

→ Drop off time: 8:45am–9:00am

→ Pick up time: 3:00pm

A drop off parking area will be available on the top deck of the Creekside parking lot (the spaces closest to the Whistler Kids building). This is for drop off and pick up only. This area is very busy during drop off and pick up, please be patient with other users. For day skier parking please use lower lots.

Tickets, Passes and Waivers

You will need the following before the first day of the program:

- 1. Collect or activate your child's Season Pass and sign the Pass waiver.
- 2. Safety Voucher—contains emergency contact information for your child, please ensure this information is up to date. Please attach this to your child's jacket.

Snow School Sales Locations will be open from November 24, 2011 at:

- Village – inside Guest Relations at G1
- Creekside – inside Guest Relations
- Blackcomb Daylodge



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The First Day

- The first day of each program will consist of forming the teams for the season, so attendance is highly recommended. Please email the supervisor with your child's name and level if you will be missing the first day.
- The **Minis Club** (3 and 4 year olds) skiers will be assigned groups based on their skiing ability prior to the start date. Each group will be given a designated meeting spot where the skiers will be introduced to their coaches and the rest of their team. It is important that you return Maz's email including any requests and what skier ability level your child is as soon as possible.
- **5-12 year old Club** meeting areas will be divided into different sections, each level will be marked with a number sign (1-6) and an age group, juniors (5-7 years old) and supers (8-12 years old). Upon arrival, go to the signed areas that represent your child's skiing ability and age. There you will find a captain who will guide you to the appropriate group. Please note groups are not pre assigned before the first day.
- If you have specific friends that you wish to ski with, please arrive with that friend and let the team captain of that level know upon arrival.
- Please don't over estimate your child's ability, it is better for their confidence to be moved up a level rather than down.
- Please remember that the first day is always hectic, your patience will be appreciated by the instructors as they are trying to get each child into the best group.
- Children are encouraged to leave "special toys" at home as we wouldn't want them lost during their busy day!
- The supervisors will send you more detailed information about the first day closer to the start date of your program.

Instructor Changes

Things do change throughout the season so your instructor may change due to injury, differences in the rate that the children in the class are progressing or other unforeseen circumstances. If this occurs please be understanding, we will do everything we can to make any changes run smoothly for you and your child.



Attention Parents of 5/6 Year Olds

Big kid club (5-12 year olds) is organized a little differently from our Minis programs. On the first day your child WILL NOT be pre-assigned to a group. When you arrive at the meeting area there will be a few instructors with bibs and tags for your child. You will then tell the instructor what level your child is skiing at and they will tag them and direct you to the appropriate area. If there is someone that you want your child to ski with please make sure that you sign in together. Once you are in the correct level area you will join the line and sign into a class with an instructor. When that class is full an instructor will take the children, introduce themselves and start the day. If there are any changes that need to be made in order to ensure everyone is skiing at the correct level, the instructors will make the necessary adjustments at that time.

The first day can seem a little hectic and it is organized very differently from what you are used to, I assure you it is organized chaos! Thank you for your patience and understanding!!

Team Approach

Over previous seasons the team approach has proved to be very positive and will again be implemented in all levels. Wherever possible, teams will be created consisting of children of similar age and ability led by a team of two to four coaches. Your child can expect to ski with one of these coaches each day.



Requests

Most requests have already been submitted at the time of booking and passed on to the supervisor. Please remember that they are requests and we will do what we can, but it's not a guarantee. Requests only work if the children are compatible in the same group, compatibility will be left to the discretion of the instructor. If your child has friends that they want to ski with, even if you have put in a request, please arrive with those friends on the first day to make sign in and class formation smoother. If you do have a concern or request, please don't hesitate to contact the supervisor.

Lateness

Please be aware that after the first day all classes leave at **9:00am sharp!** If you are late you will have to meet the class at lunch if possible. Please see the supervisor and they will let you know where the class will be.





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Getting Your Child Prepared

All children should be ready to go (dressed in gear with their ski boots on) for the first day of their program with the following:

- Properly fitted ski equipment—boots, skis, helmet & goggles. Make sure they haven't outgrown their equipment over the summer before the first day! Please ensure skis are waxed, dried out equipment makes sliding very difficult for little legs.
- Waterproof ski/snow suit and waterproof gloves or mitts.
- Lift Pass and Safety voucher — please get your child's pass processed before arriving on the first day. Safety "tickets" with your emergency contact information can be printed at any Snow School Sales location. Please attach this to your child's jacket. Please come in advance to get these if you did not receive them when getting your child's pass.
- Dressed appropriately for the weather/temperature. Dressing children in layers is always recommended. Your instructor can remove or add layers to make your child comfortable as the day progresses. Thermal long underwear & proper ski socks are good investments for your child's comfort. Thin balaclavas are also great for fitting under the helmet and protecting your child's face & neck in the cold.
- Hand and toe warmers are a great idea for cold days.
- Label all clothing and equipment with your child's FULL name. Lost items with names on will be kept and the parents contacted for pick up, any items without names will be placed in the lost and found.
- Lunch and snacks are provided but if your child has any special dietary needs, please call the supervisor to discuss how we can accommodate these needs.

Missed days

If your child will be missing days at the start of the program please let us know so we can add them to a class list. If your child is a beginner we encourage you to take some drop in lessons, priced at \$49 plus HST a day so your child doesn't fall behind the group.

It is also a good idea if you are missing days in the middle of the season to take a drop in lesson or go skiing as a family to ensure that the group does not develop ahead of your child.

If Club days are missed they CAN NOT be made up or refunded.



Whistler Kids Skiing Ability Levels

Please use the level outlines below to assess what level group your child should be in. Please don't over estimate your child's ability, it is better for their confidence to be moved up a level rather than down.

→ Never Ever

I have never been on skis before.

→ Level 1 Heart

I have been on skis but I'm still learning to stop.

→ Level 1 Star

I can stop on my own and I am learning to turn. I am ready to practice on the magic carpet.

→ Level 2 Heart

I am able to snowplow to a stop. I can turn in both directions while staying balanced and have a good body position. I am still practicing in the beginner area but I am working towards skiing on the mountain.

→ Level 2 Star

I can link turns and follow my instructor. I am ready to ski easy green runs on the mountain.

→ Level 3 Heart

I can confidently link turns on green terrain and control my speed using turn shape. I am matching my skis at the end of the turn.

→ Level 3 Star

I can do wide parallel turns on green runs while staying balanced with good body position. I am confident on blue terrain skiing at a moderate speed. I am just starting to use poles.

→ Level 4

I am able to confidently and consistently ski parallel turns on blue runs. I maintain an athletic stance while holding my poles in front. I can hockey stop and side slip on both sides. I enjoy skiing black runs at a moderate speeds and going over bumps and jumps.

→ Level 5

I am able to ski strong parallel turns on black runs and I enjoy skiing difficult terrain, bumps, and powder. I make solid poles plants and stand centered on my skis on groomed runs. I can carve my skis and do round; short, medium and long radius turns. I can link smooth, rhythmical turns on black bump runs. I have good stance and balance while I do parallel turns in bumps and powder.

→ Level 6

I have good ski performance and strong skills in all conditions and on all terrain. I can ski gladed runs, moguls, powder and steeps confidently and aggressively. I stand in the center of my skis while making rhythmical short radius turns and pole plant with good rhythm and timing. I can ski fall line bumps on steep black runs. I have good technical and tactical skills while skiing difficult terrain.



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Chairlifts

Minis Club (3 and 4 year olds) classes do not use chairlifts on Whistler Mountain, terrain will be accessed by the Gondola only.

Please Note: Children aged 5 years+ **WILL be riding on chairlifts**. Each child is paired with a responsible adult who is asked if they would like to ride with a child and reminded to pull down the safety bar. Instructors can take up two children at a time. If you have any questions about our lift loading policies please contact the supervisor.



Extra Days for \$49!!!

All Whistler Kids can come any day of the year for \$49 plus HST. Just call our Reservations Centre in advance to book at 1-800-766-0449.

You will need to pick up a day ticket as proof of payment for your drop in lesson, this can be done in advance from any Snow School Sales desk.

Please note: Children are not guaranteed to get their club instructor for drop in lessons.

Holiday Adventure Camp!!!

All Club Kids can book our fabulous Adventure Camps over the Christmas and Spring Break Holidays at a whopping 65% discount off the regular price (about \$49 per day plus HST). These 3-Day camps run Dec. 19-21, Dec. 26-28, 2011, Mar. 19-21 and Mar. 26-28, 2012. Children will ski with the same group and instructor for the entire week and the price includes lunch and Whistler Kids swag!!!

5-Day Adventure Camps are available at our Village and Blackcomb locations.

Call Reservations for more info and bookings at 1-800-766-0449.

Please note: Children are not guaranteed to get their club instructor for Adventure Camp lessons.



Feedback

We always appreciate your feedback. Please let us know at anytime throughout the season if you are not completely satisfied with your child's experience. The supervisor can then look into the matter and resolve any issues promptly.

Lunch and Dietary Requirements

At Whistler Kids we understand the importance of healthy eating and an active lifestyle. We have many meal options that are healthy and enjoyable for young children. If you have specific requests about what you would like/not like your child to eat please discuss this with your child's instructor. If you require more details on our menus please contact the supervisor.

Menu:

Morning Snack:

→ Fresh fruit, crackers and cheese, juice or water

Lunch:

→ Soup and Salad

→ Veggies and dip

→ A choice of hot dog, jam/cream cheese sandwiches, grilled cheese sandwich or the daily special.

Examples: Ham sandwiches, mac and cheese, pasta and sauce, shepherds pie, perogies, pizza, tuna melt.

→ Sliced fruit

→ Cookies or rice crispy squares

→ Hot chocolate, juice or water

Afternoon Snack:

→ Fresh fruit

→ Cookies

→ Hot chocolate, juice or water

Your child will be told what the lunch choices are daily, if you would like to help your child choose what to have for lunch please ask your instructor at drop off each day.

Please note that if you do not want your child to have certain food items (cookies, hot chocolate) other children in their class may still be eating them. You may want to discuss this with your child.

If your child has any special dietary needs, please call your supervisor to discuss how we can accommodate these needs.



Progress and Goals

Your instructor will give you daily feedback on your child's progress, you will also receive a mid season and an end of season progress card.

We will be having a goal setting week at the start of the season where the instructors will help children to set goals for themselves. If you and your child have specific goals for the up coming season, please discuss these with your child's instructor so we are all working towards the same achievement.



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What's next after Level 6?

→ Six Stars

For skiers age 8, who have previously been in Level 6. Children should be able to ski gladed runs, moguls, powder and steeps confidently and aggressively. This is a high level group for children who are not yet old enough to be in Roundhouse Club. Our top coaches will continue to focus on enhancing children's technical skills, introducing more challenging terrain while still enjoying all the fun events Club has to offer.

Age: Children must turn 8 before December 31 .

Programming: Full weekend only

Development towards: any Roundhouse Program

→ Roundhouse Club

Level Requirement for all programs: Level 6 +

I am an aggressive skier and have good technical and tactical skills that allow me to ski all areas of the mountain. I can carve on groomed runs, powder, steeps and bumps. I can adapt and maintain a centered stance on all types of terrain, in all snow conditions and at higher speeds. I can pick my own line and safely ski: double black runs, trees, powder, cliffs and terrain park features. For more information on each program see next page.

Age: Children must turn 9 before December 31 .

Programming: One day and Full weekend available

Roundhouse Club Ski-Off/Assessment

We have found that the ability level for MAP and J4 has been decreasing over the last few seasons with instructors passing their kids up to Roundhouse Club when they are not at the standard. We are trying to prevent this and this is why we have implemented a more serious and more challenging ski-off. The ski-off will be done towards the end of the season. We will use the performance on the ski-off and the coaches feedback on each child to determine if they are ready to move to Roundhouse Club.

On the day of the ski-off the children will be told what to expect and what type of skiing we are looking for. They will be told to have fun and ski their best, this is not a test.

We are also educating our instructors of the standard that is expected for Roundhouse programs.

If you have any further questions about the ski-off or if your child is looking to move to Roundhouse Club next season please chat with your instructor or supervisor.

Level 6 but still aged 6 or 7?

We will continue to group children who are not old enough for Six Stars or Roundhouse Club but are at that standard together and select a highly experienced pro to keep the kids stoked, improving their skills and attacking new terrain. I believe that by staying in level 6 we are not limiting the development of our youngest skiers. In level 6 there is no limit to what they can achieve. Any limitations are placed due to safety restrictions due to age not ability and the fact that they are skiing in a group of young children. We will continue to look at the group to ensure they are skiing to their fullest potential and being challenged in every way possible.

flaik Tracking Solutions

Returning for this season at Whistler Kids! flaik is a GPS real time tracking solution. A tag is worn by each child, providing extra safety and allowing participants to log their day. You will be able to see what runs they were on, how much vertical they achieved and how fast they go. It will provide an unprecedented level of safety and security for all children in our care, and extra peace of mind for parents and instructors. All children and teens in our Club Programs will wear a flaik GPS device while with their instructor. For more information and to track your child's ski day log on to www.flaik.com



Winter Season 2012.13!!

We will be doing a Pre Sale for all Whistler Kids pass programs again this Spring. Look out for emails and information from the supervisors in March. This will be the cheapest offer we will have all season. At this time there will be an option to pay the full amount or put down a deposit. The remaining balance will be charged to your credit card in September.

Our products are very popular and do sell out. Please book early during the Pre Sale campaign to avoid disappointment.

Products that sold out quickly this season were:

- Creekside Minis Club Saturday and Sunday
- Village Minis Club Saturday and Sunday
- Blackcomb Minis Club Saturday and Sunday

- Creekside 5 - 12 year old club Sunday
- Creekside 5 - 12 year old club Saturday



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Roundhouse Club Program Information

Roundhouse Club is our program for advanced young skiers and teens. It meets at the Roundhouse on the top of Whistler. Please talk to your child's coach if you have questions on your child's ability or readiness for Roundhouse Club. Children should be recommended by their coach and successfully complete the Roundhouse Club end of season ski-off.

→MAP (Mountain Adventure Program)

Our highly certified and experienced coaches will continue to develop your child's technical skills while showing them all the best terrain on the mountain. The All Mountain Experience - steeps, bumps, powder, trees, cliffs, races and park & pipe are all part of the game plan. For children who don't want to focus on just one area of skiing but want to continue pushing their skills to the next level.

Age: Children must turn 9 before December 31 .

Programming: One day or full weekend available.

Development towards: any other Roundhouse Program

→MAP Teens (Mountain Adventure Program)

For teens level 5, 6 or 6+. Ski with a like minded group of teens, who want to have lots of fun and rip up the whole mountain. Our highly certified and experienced coaches will continue to develop your teen's technical skills while showing them all the best terrain on the mountain. The All Mountain Experience - steeps, bumps, powder, trees, cliffs, races and park & pipe are all part of the game plan.

Age: 13+

Programming: One day or full weekend available.

Development towards: J5 Teen (13 and 14) or Freeride

→J4

Our introduction to racing program is second to none! Our highly experienced and certified coaches will introduce your child to gate training, continue to develop their all round technical skills and show them all the best freeskiing spots on the mountain. J4 has a racing focus but can be used as a stepping stone for all types of skiing. Participants will compete in snowcross, GS and Super G races as well as regular gate training. Children will also get the chance to ski steeps, bumps, powder, trees, cliffs, and park & pipe.

Age: Children must be 9 or 10 before December 31

Programming: Full weekend only

Development towards: J5, WMSC or any other Roundhouse program

→J5 and J5 Teen

J5 continues where J4 left off; providing an amazing season skiing with our awesome coaches, gate training, attending recreational races and developing technical skiing skills. We will continue to challenge your children with terrain, speed and technical difficulty. Children who have not participated in J4 but are interested in an introduction to racing are

welcome to join the team.

Age: J5 - Children must be 11 or 12 before December 31

J5 Teen - Children 13+

Programming: Full weekend only

Development towards: WMSC or any other Roundhouse program

→Freestylers

Has a strong freestyle focus but can be used as a stepping stone for all types of ski competition. Kids entering the program will learn from a highly certified and experienced freestyle coach. Coaching will focus on developing strong skiing skills and will then move into more freestyle specific skills. Skiers will move through a mogul, slope style (Terrain Park) and Half-pipe progression.

Age: Children must be 9,10 or 11 before December 31

Programming: Full weekend only

Development towards: Whistler Blackcomb Freestyle Club, Freeride or any other Roundhouse program

→Freeride Club

The Freeride Club coaches are experienced big mountain and Park & Pipe skiers, many of whom have competed in these disciplines, and all of them have many years of coaching experience. The coaches will get your child stoked to ski each weekend, improve their skiing technique and develop their big mountain and park & pipe skills. No matter what their goal; to compete, to have fun or just become the best skier on the mountain, Freeride Club can take them there. Skiers must have spent at least one season in MAP, J4 or an equivalent program and have been recommended by their previous coach. Freeride is for expert skiers only.

Age: Children must be 10 -12 before December 31

Programming: Full weekend only

Age: 13+

Programming: One-day and Full weekend

Development towards: Freeride Competition Team, Competing as an adult

→Freeride Competition Team

A new extension of the Freeride Club, athletes continue to ski with the Club but have a greater focus on Big Mountain skiing. The team will compete at 2 different Freeride events. Program includes full season of coaching, and coaching + supervision at 2 competitions. Price does not include entry fee, lift tickets, travel costs, hotel costs for competitions.

Age: 12 - 18

Programming: One day and Full weekend

Development towards: Competing as an adult

Fitness Tax Credit

All Club Programs are eligible to qualify for the Children's Fitness Tax Credit. If you require a tax receipt please call the Reservation Center on 1-800-766-0449 and they will email you a copy.





5 - 12 Creekside Club Theme Weeks 2011.12

January 2012

7-8	Welcome Week
14-15	Safety and Team Building
21-22	Goal Setting
28-29	Pirates, PJs and Princesses

March 2012

3-4	Choose Your Own Adventure
10-11	'Catch Me If You Can!' (Parent Child Race)*
17-18	Dress Your Instructor / Crazy Helmet Week
24-25	Beach Party (Saturday/Sunday Sundae)

* Please note that the minis and 5-12 year old parent child race days are on different weekends to prevent scheduling conflicts for parents.

February 2012

4-5	Obstacle Course/Race Training
11-12	All Ages GS Race
18-19	Mid Season Reports
25-26	Crazy Colour / Crazy Pants Week

April 2012

31-1	Assessments and Roundhouse Club Ski off
7-8	Farewell Parties!

THEME WEEKS

Theme Weeks are instructor/program planned. You may be asked to bring something with you for certain themes. Check with your child's instructor each week. **Print this calendar and post it on your fridge!!!**

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14-15	Safety and Goal Setting
21-22	Wild, Wild West
28-29	Knights and Princesses

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25-26	Mad Science

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Kids' Buy Back Program



**NEVER LET THEM
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OR THEIR GEAR.**

KIDS' BUY BACK PROGRAM

Kids grow up quickly and so do their equipment needs, which is why Whistler Blackcomb created the Kids' Buy Back program. Purchase new junior equipment this year and return it by May 31, 2011 to receive a voucher for 50% off next year's gear. See in-store for details.



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