



Roundhouse 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. 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

→ Freeride	Dec 10/11, 2011 to Apr 7/8, 2012
→ J4 & J5	Dec 10, 2011 to Apr 8, 2012
→ M.A.P. (Full weekend)	Dec 10, 2011 to Apr 8, 2012
→ Freestylerz	Dec 10, 2011 to Apr 8, 2012

One Day M.A.P Full Program

→ Saturday Only Programs	Jan 7, 2012 to Apr 7, 2012
→ Sunday Only Programs	Jan 8, 2012 to Apr 8, 2012

The First Day

- The first day of each program will consist of forming the teams for the season, so attendance is highly recommended.
- If you are unsure of where to go please ask one of the coaches for direction.
- If you have specific friends that you wish to ski with, please arrive with that friend and let the coach of that program know upon arrival.
- 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.

Drop off and Pick up Times

J4/J5, MAP, Freestylerz

→ Drop off location:

J4/J5/Freestylerz: base of the stairs in Pika's.

MAP: upstairs in the Glacier View room.

→ **Drop off time:** 9:15am please be on time so we can leave at 9.30am SHARP!

→ Pick up location:

Outside the Alpine Ski School Hut or can be skied out by a coach to the Village or Creekside bases.

Children are able to sign themselves out at the end of the day when they reach the base of the mountain.

→ **Pick up time:** 2:30pm Alpine Hut or 3:00pm at the bottom.

Freeride

→ Drop off and pick up location:

Meets in the Village in the outdoor courtyard of the Carleton Lodge

→ **Drop off time:** 8:30am please be on time so we can leave at 8.45am SHARP!

→ **Pick up time:** 3:00pm

Children are able to sign themselves out at the end of the day when they reach the base of the mountain.



Fitness Tax Credit

All Roundhouse Club 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.



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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

Roundhouse Specific Waivers

These are attached with this newsletter, please print off and bring with you on your first day:

- Roundhouse Terrain Waiver

Age requirements

The following programs have age requirements:

- MAP aged 9 or older by Dec 31, 2011
- J4/Freestylerz aged 9, 10, 11 by Dec 31, 2011
- J5 aged 11 to 14 by Dec 31, 2011
- Freeride aged 10 or older by Dec 31, 2011



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.

Getting Your Child/Teen Prepared

All children should be ready to go (dressed in gear with ski boots on) 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!
- Appropriate skis for their program. Please ensure skis are waxed and tuned regularly.
J4/J5—Carving Skis highly recommended, no twin tips
- Lift Pass and Safety voucher—please get your child's pass processed before arriving the first day. Safety "tickets" with your emergency contact info will be printed at any sales location for your child's jacket. Please come in to get these if you did not receive them when getting your child's pass.
- Ski clothing – make sure your child has the proper layering and outerwear. Groups will be skiing in all conditions.
- Label all clothing and equipment with your child's name.
- **Lunch is not provided.** Most children buy lunch at one of our mountain restaurants please make sure your child has enough money for lunch or they have a resort card attached to their pass. Children can also bring a packed lunch; bags can be left at the Roundhouse or Rendezvous. Please talk to your child about what you want them to buy for lunch and how the restaurant system works. Instructors will be there to help if needed and to monitor what your child is eating to ensure that it is appropriate for a day of skiing.

Missed Days

If Club days are missed due to injury, illness or other commitments they CANNOT be made up or refunded.





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Progress and Goals

Your child's instructor will give you daily feedback on your child's progress if you are there for pick up at the end of the day. You will also receive an end of season progress card.

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. If you would like the instructor to contact you directly please let them know or inform a supervisor.



Events

- Dec 19–21, 2011 Christmas Camp (full weekend programs only)
- Dec 26–28, 2011 Christmas Camp (full weekend programs only)
- Jan 21+22, 2012 13 and under Snowcross Event*
- Feb 18+19, 2012 Enchanted Forest Super G (J4 /J5 only)
- Feb 25+26, 2012 14 + Snowcross Event*
- Mar 17+18, 2012 13 and under Snowcross Event
- Mar 19-21, 2012 Spring Break Camp (full weekend programs only)
- Apr 7+8, 2012 Retro Day (Last day of club)

* Some events are not included in the cost of the program. These events can be paid for in advance at any Guest Relations. Please sign the Special Events and Competition Waiver and bring it to your coach on the first day. This will save time on competition days.

* One day MAP groups do not attend Snowcross events as they are a two day event and require participation on both days.

Chairlifts

Children in Roundhouse Club will be riding chair lifts without an adult. All children new to roundhouse Club will attend a lift evacuation training session with patrol at the start of the season. This covers general lift safety, what to do in case of an emergency and how to evacuate the lift. Children will not be allowed to ride the lift alone until they have completed this session.



Whistler Blackcomb Events

Looking for more events to keep your child or teen busy this season. Whistler Blackcomb puts on many events, check out the website <http://www.whistlerblackcomb.com/todo/events/index.htm> for more details.

- Dec 18, 2011 Rail/ Jump Jam
- Dec 28, 2011 13 and under Slopestyle
- Dec 30, 2011 King of the rail
- Jan 7, 2012 King of the rail
- Jan 8, 2012 Slopestyle (any age)
- Jan 21+22, 2012 13 and under Snowcross Event
- Feb 11, 2012 King of the rail
- Feb 19, 2012 Slopestyle (any age)
- Feb 25+26, 2012 14 + Snowcross Event
- Mar 3, 2012 King of the rail
- Mar 11, 2012 Halfpipe
- Mar 17+18, 2012 13 and under Snowcross Event

For families:

- Mar 24+25, 2012 WB family event (details TBD)
- Apr 12, 2012 mum's Mountain Classic

These events are NOT part of the Roundhouse club program. All these events are not included in the cost of the program. Events can be paid for in advance at any Guest Relations.

Age group is determined by age on Dec 31, 2011 for all events.

Holiday Camps

This season Christmas and Spring Break holiday camps are included for all full weekend Roundhouse Programs:

- All Freeride
- J4
- J5
- Freestylerz
- Full Weekend MAP

Any child in Saturday Only or Sunday Only MAP may book into the Holiday Camps for \$49/day plus HST on the following days: Dec. 19-21, 2011, Dec. 26-28, 2011, Mar. 19-21, 2012.

To book any additional days please call the Reservations Centre at 1-800-766-0449. Please book into a Roundhouse Club Add On Day .




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The Team Approach

The team approach over previous seasons 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.

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.



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.



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

flaik Tracking Solutions

flaik will return to Whistler Kids. flaik is a real-time tracking solution that combines a GPS tag worn by skiers and riders that provides extra safety and allows participants to log their day. You're child/teen will now be able to wow their friends and you with the number of runs they did in a day, where they went exploring, the amount of vertical feet they skied, how fast they went during the day, plus track their number of days on the hill. All children and teens in our Club Programs will wear a flaik GPS devices while with their instructor. For more information and to track your child's ski day log on to www.flaik.com.

Club Phone Directory

If you have any questions or concerns and would like to get a hold of us at you can contact us at:

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To contact us immediately in case of emergencies, please call: 604-905-2206



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Roundhouse Club

There are many program within Roundhouse Club that can help progress your child or teen to the next level of skiing no matter what their focus or passion. The following outlines provide a summary of each program. If you have any questions about the programs or if your child is ready to change to a new focus please talk to your instructor or Sami.

→ 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: any other Roundhouse Program

→ 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. J5 is a full weekend program only.

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

→ Freestylerz

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