

## **NEW MEMBERS MUST READ!**

### **SDSS SNOW DEVILS - 2018**

#### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

**1. How do the members get to and from Grouse Mountain?**

*We depart SDSS on 8 consecutive Tuesdays at 3:15 pm via luxury coach (due to cargo space requirements for the ski & boarding equipment), and return to SDSS at 10:00 pm.*

**2. Do the members need their own equipment?**

*Yes, you will need to have your own ski or boarding equipment. For those that choose to rent (International students for example), Destination Ski in North Vancouver provides a season rental service – please make arrangements in September as they sell out quickly! Destination Ski can be reached at 604-984-7191 ...*

**3. Do the members need a Grouse Mountain season's pass?**

*Yes – either a Y2Play season's pass (available to purchase in March), a regular season's pass, a one-night per week season's pass or multiple daily passes. Proof of purchase (payment) must be provided in order to confirm membership. Grouse Mountain waivers must be signed & passes issued prior to our first scheduled Snow Devil day in January.*

**4. What does the \$175 'Membership Fee' cover, and when is it due?**

*Return transportation for 8 Grouse trips & 2 Blackcomb trips, volunteer chaperone lift tickets, teacher's car allowance (giving us access to transportation in the event of a medical emergency or late down-loading member). Fees are due at our AGM meeting in the fall of 2017 and are non-refundable.*

**5. What does the \$25 'Volunteer Commitment Fee' (VCF) cover, and when is it due?**

*This is a deposit made in lieu of volunteering for the Club. Parents who are unable to volunteer will have their \$25.00 cheques cashed at the end of the season, the proceeds of which will benefit the volunteers in the following year. Fees are due at our AGM meeting in the fall of 2017 and are non-refundable.*

**6. What 'Volunteer Commitment' is involved?**

*The School District mandates a chaperone ratio of 1:12 of which, 1 is to be an SDSS staff member. The remaining chaperone positions are filled by members' parents. **Lift tickets are paid** by the Club and **transportation** is provided on the **Club bus**. There will also be some limited opportunity to assist with administrative work.*

**7. Do the members need to know how to ski / board?**

*Yes. Although we have members at every ability level, they should have some mountain experience as it is not in the Club's mandate to 'teach' our members to ski or board.*

**8. Are there lessons available?**

***Yes and No.** The School Board mandates that we assess all new members' ability on the first day. For those that are considered 'beginners', we are required to provide 1 lesson*

*to ensure that they can ski / board in control, and can safely navigate the hill and the chair lifts. This assessment & subsequent lesson (if required) are paid for by the Club.*

### **9. What about Blackcomb?**

*Our two (2) Blackcomb days are 100% dependent on our budget, which is 100% dependent on our registration numbers.*

*Once these dates have been confirmed at our fall AGM meeting, we recommend that you purchase a WB Edge Card (1, 3, 5, or 10 days) as this is your most economical option.*

*Please note that the Club does not provide nor facilitate the purchase of passes / lift tickets for those members choosing to participate in our Blackcomb days (just as we do not provide nor facilitate the purchase of passes / lift tickets for Grouse).*

### **10. How do I secure a spot in the SDSS Snow Devils?**

*Membership is open to all SDSS students. First right of refusal for the following year is given to current members at the end of each season. Vacancies are then filled based on a first-come, first-served basis.*

*Proof of purchase (payment) of your Grouse Mountain Y2Play pass (or equivalent) is required in order to renew your Snow Devil membership or, to be confirmed as a new member. **Please ensure that there is availability in the Club prior to purchasing your pass!** CHECK <http://sd.deltasd.bc.ca/content/snow-devils-ski-club> FOR CURRENT AVAILABILITY!!*

*Grouse Mountain Y2Play passes go on sale in March of the previous Snow Devil year and generally sell out within 2-3 months. This is a one shot offer and the most economical option for our members (hence the reason we solicit membership in the spring).*

*Application Forms are available at the SDSS office, on the SDSS web site or by emailing Susan Watton, Community Coordinator at [wattontucker@dccnet.com](mailto:wattontucker@dccnet.com).*