

SDSS SNOW DEVILS - 2021

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. Another option is Sports Junkies which rents and sells used equipment (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), an early-bird pass (usually available for purchase in the fall), a regular season's pass, a 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.

Y2Play Pass Link:

<https://www.grousemountain.com/y2play>

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

Return transportation for 8 Grouse trips & 1 Blackcomb trip, 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 2020 and are non-refundable. The Membership Fee is estimated to be \$175.

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 2020 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?

No. The School Board mandates that we assess all new members' ability on the first day to verify that they can ski / board in control, and can safely navigate the hill and the chair lifts. Members who do not pass this assessment will not be permitted to attend Club events until such time that they are able to meet this requirement.

9. What about Blackcomb?

Our Blackcomb day is 100% dependent on our budget, which is 100% dependent on our registration numbers.

Once the date has been confirmed at our fall AGM meeting, you may want to purchase a WB Edge Card (2, 5 or 10 days) as this may be your most economical option if you plan on skiing multiple days at Whistler/Blackcomb. Whistler/Blackcomb also typically offers discounts on single ticket purchases made in advance of the ski day. More information will be provided at the AGM once Whistler/Blackcomb publishes their fall rates.

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 day (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. See: the SDSS Snow Devils web site at <https://sd.deltasd.bc.ca/activities-clubs/snow-devils-ski-club/> for the most up to date information!

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 Snow Devils website (<https://sd.deltasd.bc.ca/activities-clubs/snow-devils-ski-club/>) or by emailing the Snow Devils account at sdsssnowdevils@gmail.com.