



Mt Sima Schools on Snow Program 2025/26

Welcome to another season of Schools on Snow at Mount Sima! We are excited to welcome your students to the mountain for some fun on the slopes!

What is the Schools on Snow Program?

Mt Sima's Schools on Snow Program provides subsidized rates for lift tickets, lessons and rentals to all Yukon school groups. The program is made possible by funding provided by the Yukon Government Department of Education.

Our goal is to provide students of all means and abilities, from complete beginner to experienced skier / boarder, the opportunity to ski and snowboard in a safe and enjoyable environment. We aim to build enthusiasm for skiing / boarding with the student population in hopes that students develop a life-long healthy lifestyle that includes skiing / boarding.

Our lessons are run by experienced and certified instructors who work diligently to provide each child with a safe and enjoyable experience on our hill.

Bookings

Registration for the Schools on Snow Program will open October 1st annually. To book a visit please complete the form found on our website.

Completing the form does not guarantee that you will get your requested date. If we can accommodate your group on your requested date you will receive an email confirmation. Once your booking has been confirmed you will be required to complete a more detailed registration form which includes student names, ages, ability, rental sizing (sent with confirmation email).

Pricing

We will be maintaining the same pricing structure as the previous year. On each student's first visit they are required to complete a skills assessment. Students that are new to skiing or don't pass the assessment will participate in a 1 hour lesson. The pricing has been reviewed and updated to reflect the current operational costs associated with this program.

\$20 Lift Ticket; \$20 Rental Fee; \$20 Participation Fee (mandatory one-time fee for all students)



Please Note:

- If a student has a season pass, they do not need to purchase a lift ticket. If a student has ski / snowboard equipment they do not need to purchase rentals. **All students are required to pay the \$20 participation fee on the school group's first visit to Mt Sima: This fee helps us subsidize the program for all Yukon school students.**
- School groups will receive 1 free chaperone lift ticket and rental for every 5 students (1 : 5 ratio). Additional chaperones will receive a full-day lift ticket and rental at the half-day rate.
- The rental team at Mount Sima prepares the rental gear prior to your visit. Schools will be charged for the amount of rental gear requested, or the total number of rentals (whichever is greater). Changes to rental numbers must be made no less than 24 hrs in advance in order to avoid being charged. Teachers are not charged for rental gear.
- The **Schools on Snow** program offers Yukon students a unique, significantly subsidized opportunity to ski and snowboard in a safe and barrier-free environment. To ensure every student has equal access to these benefits, we've introduced a small one-time participation fee. Here's why:

1. **Subsidized Costs for All Students**

The program is designed to provide equal access to affordable skiing and snowboarding for all Yukon students. Historically, funding has allowed us to keep program costs aligned with demand. However, with unprecedented growth in participation over the past two years, funding has not kept pace. The participation fee helps bridge this gap and keeps the program fair and accessible for everyone.

2. **Risk Management Policies and Procedures**

A visit to Mount Sima through Schools on Snow is different from a student's personal visit. As part of our funding agreement, we follow specific risk management policies and procedures to ensure safety. These measures, while vital for preventing injuries, come with additional costs. The participation fee helps distribute these costs evenly among all participants, supporting a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.

3. **Balancing Opportunity with Demand**

By introducing this fee, we can continue to welcome more students to the program while maintaining the same level of access and quality. Without it, we risk limiting opportunities for Yukon students or compromising the safety and quality of the program.

The participation fee is a necessary step to sustain the Schools on Snow program and ensure every



student continues to have access to this amazing opportunity in a safe, inclusive, and affordable environment.

Payment

After the visit is complete, the Snow School Manager will email an invoice to the teacher in charge of the booking. All invoices must be paid before the end of the winter season (April 17th, 2026).

Operational Hours

Mt Sima can accommodate school groups on Wednesdays (Bunny hill only) Thursdays and Fridays from December to April.

From December to mid-February, Mt Sima is open 11am to 4pm

From mid-February to April Mt Sima is open 10am to 4pm.

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Approximate Schedule

The schedule will vary depending on the size and ability level of your students. Please refer to your confirmation email for exact times.

10am - 11am	Check-in at Snow School - Retrieve rentals if needed and organize lift tickets for the group.
11am - 11:15am	Mandatory safety talk and assessment of ability levels.
11:15am - 12:15pm	Lessons and reassessments.
12:30pm - 1pm	LUNCH BREAK
1pm - 2pm	Free ski time
2pm - 2:30pm	Return rentals
2:30 - 3pm	Departure

Capacity

The number of students that we are able to accommodate will depend on the availability of our instructors, the availability of rental gear, the number of skiers / snowboarders in your group, and your students' ability levels. One instructor can be paired with up to a maximum of 10 students of the same level and of the same sport (i.e. skiing or snowboarding)

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Safety

All students are required to wear a helmet and ride / ski in control.

Our lessons are run by experienced and certified instructors, who work diligently to provide each child with a safe and enjoyable learning experience. At the beginning of your first visit, our ski patrol will provide a mandatory safety talk to teach students about safe and responsible skiing / riding.

For more information on safe skiing / riding with school groups please see: cwsaa.org/links/school/

Students with additional support needs can be included in the lessons. Please contact us in advance with this information so we can schedule accordingly to support students with such needs.

You are welcome to contact me at (867)-668-4557 ext. 4 or email me [snowschool@mountsima.com](mailto:snowschooll@mountsima.com) for more information.

Sincerely,

Rachel Boubaya
Snow School Manager

(Please see following page for our Booking, Cancellation, and Cold Weather policies)



Booking & Refund Policy

Bookings must be made no less than 14 days prior to the requested visit date.

School bookings are reserved for the number of student lessons and rentals that have been confirmed with the Snow School Manager. If these numbers change, Mt Sima might not be able to accommodate your group. If you choose to cancel your visit because of this, our cancellation policy still applies (see below).

Changes to your booking must be approved by the Snow School manager.

If a school cancels their visit:

- More than 2 weeks in advance – 100% refundable
- Less than 2 weeks before – 50% refundable
- Less than 24hrs before – 100% non-refundable.

An invoice will be emailed to schools after their visit is complete. Schools will be charged as follows:

- Rentals: Schools will be charged (at a minimum) based on the number of students who requested rentals (rental gear is prepared the day before). Changes must be communicated 72 hours or more in advance.
- Lessons and lift tickets: Schools will be charged based on the number of students who are present on the day of the visit.

Cold Weather Policy

-30 or Below: The hill will be closed. In the event of a closure in the middle of an operational day, day pass holders will receive a credit for a future day pass.

-25 to -30: An operational decision will be made based on mitigating or exacerbating factors. This decision will be published on our website, our Facebook page and on our snowphone (8676677547). In the event of a closure in the middle of an operational day, day pass holders will receive a credit for a future day pass.

Please Note: Outside of these specific circumstances The Friends of Mount Sima Society and the Mount Sima management reserves the right to close based on exceptional environmental factors (high winds, icing etc.)