



Schools on Snow - Info & Safety Package

2025/26

You are required to review the following information with your students before your visit to Mt Sima. This document **must** be made available to parents and caregivers.

New for 2025/26

- **Mandatory Lessons:** All students marked as Level 1 will be required to participate in a mandatory ski or snowboard lesson,
- **Staggered Start Times:** Some groups will be expected to arrive at 9:30 AM for a 9:45 AM safety briefing in the Cafeteria, while other groups will be expected to arrive at 10:00 AM to ensure a smooth operational flow.

Fast Facts

- Only visits which are confirmed will take place,
- Teachers are **required to fill out a Lesson & Rental Request form** (sent in your confirmation email) no later than three days before your visit date. These forms are unique to each visit/booking and must be filled out online using the link provided,
- Classes should **head immediately to the Cafeteria upon arrival** and wait for the safety briefing (groups will be sent to the rental shop afterwards),
- Students renting equipment **must first check if their boots fit** before grabbing their skis/board. If boots do not fit, students must take both boots and skis/board to the rental counter for binding and safety release (DIN) readjustments,
- **All students are required to take a skills assessment** on their first visit. Students who pass their skills assessment will not be required to retake the assessment on subsequent visits,
- Students marked as level 1 on your Lesson & Rental Request form will be **required to take a ski or snowboard lesson**,
- Students are **NOT permitted to use the Coyote Park, Triple Jump Line, or Big Air** unless special permission is granted by the Snow School manager,



Assessments

All students are required to take a skills assessment on their first visit (with the exception of Level 1 students who will start immediately with a lesson). Students who pass their skills assessment will not be required to retake the assessment on subsequent visits.

Students should head directly to the bunny hill to complete their assessment after the safety briefing.

Skills assessments will be conducted on the bunny hill. Only students who meet the following criteria will get a green mark on their lift ticket / season's pass and be permitted access to the main hill via our chairlift;

For Skiing

1. **Control Speed:** Maintain a consistent speed—neither too fast nor too slow.
2. **Turn Side to Side:** Demonstrate smooth, controlled turns from one side of the slope to the other.
3. **Stop Safely:** Stop in the center of the slope without losing balance.
4. **Ski Stability:** Maintain control of the skis; they should not shake or wobble.
5. **Big Turns:** Perform wide, deliberate turns to regulate speed and direction.
6. **Body Position:** Maintain a balanced stance with knees slightly bent, weight centered or slightly forward, and arms positioned for stability. Ensure they can safely descend a green track.

For Snowboarding

1. **Control Speed:** Students must demonstrate the ability to manage their speed effectively and consistently.
2. **Side Slipping on Heels:** Perform controlled, side-to-side "falling leaf" movements using the heel edge.
3. **Stopping:** Stop safely in the center of the slope without falling or losing balance.
4. **General Control:** Maintain consistent control of the snowboard. Descending without control of speed and/or direction is considered a fail.
5. **Body Position:** Ensure proper body positioning:
 - Weight should be centered or slightly forward, distributed on the lead leg.
 - Knees, hips, and ankles should be bent to maintain stability and balance.
 - If the weight is placed on the back leg (tail) leading to loss of control, it is considered a fail.



Lesson & Rental Request Forms

All teachers are required to complete a Lesson & Rental Request form prior to your visit, once your visit has been confirmed.

Your attention to detail and filling only accurate information is essential to the smooth running of the Schools on Snow program during your visit date (particularly with respect to lessons and the equipment rental process). This form gives us critical information on:

1. The number of instructors Mount Sima needs to schedule for lessons and assessments,
2. Metrics used to set the safety setting on students' rental equipment,
3. If there are any students who require special considerations,

Please ensure you complete your Lesson & Rental Request form via the link provided in your confirmation email. This is an online, sharable form which is made available to the Mount Sima Snow School and Rental Shop. **DO NOT download this form and send us a .xls (excel/spreadsheet) file**, as a downloadable version of this form will not be viewable for all those who require access.

Rules

All students are expected to follow the below list of rules during their Schools on Snow visit. **A visit via the Schools on Snow program is different from a visit as a member of the public**, so please ensure you review the following rules with your students prior to your visit.

1. All students are required to wear a helmet when skiing and snowboarding,
2. Students are not permitted to use the Coyote Park, Triple Jump Line, or Big Air unless special permission is granted by the Snow School manager,
3. Students are not permitted out of ski area boundaries (marked by an orange sign and / or blue fencing),
4. Students are not permitted in areas marked as closed (marked by a red sign and / or blue fencing),
5. Students must lower the restraining bar when riding the chairlift,

Mount Sima takes these rules seriously and institutes a one strike policy: Students who fail to comply with the above rules will have their day ticket / season's pass revoked for the day and will not be permitted to access the mountain.



How to Prepare

Here are a few things you can do to prepare for your visit and ensure the day goes as smoothly as possible.

1. Have your **Lesson & Rental Request** form completed as soon as possible (minimum three days before your visit date),
2. Experience tells us that **the more chaperones / parents you are able to bring, the more organized your visit will be,**
3. Ensure your students know the day plan,
 - a. Go **straight to the cafeteria** for a safety briefing (required on every visit),
 - b. **Students who need rentals or lift tickets** can do so after the safety briefing,
 - c. **Students with their own equipment** can start their assessments immediately after the safety briefing,
 - d. **Establish meeting places** and times for the end of the ski day,
4. Ensure students **arrive with all the proper equipment and clothing**; warm layers, goggles (not included in equipment rental), ski and snowboard equipment if not renting, a properly fitting ski/snowboard helmet, warm gloves/mitts.
5. **Review the rules** with your students before your visit.

Alpine Responsibility Code

All parents/guardians and teachers are required to discuss the below Alpine Responsibility Code with their children/students prior to their first visit.

- 1) Always stay in control
- 2) People ahead of you have the right of way
- 3) Before starting downhill or merging onto a trail, look uphill and yield to others
- 4) Do not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible from above
- 5) If you are involved in or witness an accident you must remain at the scene and identify yourself to ski patrol
- 6) Always use proper devices to help prevent run away equipment
- 7) Observe and obey all posted signs and warnings
- 8) Keep off closed trails and closed areas
- 9) Do not use lifts if your ability is impaired by alcohol or drugs
- 10) You must have sufficient physical dexterity, ability and knowledge to load and unload lifts. If in doubt ask a lift attendant.



Injuries and Incidents

If an injury / incident occurs:

- **During a lesson:** Students should notify the ski instructor, who will radio Ski Patrol.
- **During free ski time:** students should phone ski patrol (phone number is on lift tickets and season passes), or ask another skier / rider to go inform ski patrol or guest services

Ski Patrol will notify the Snow School Manager and the teacher in charge.

A Note on Participation Fees

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 from the Department of Education 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.



At Mount Sima, we prioritize the privacy and security of student information collected through our Schools on Snow program. All personal data, limited to student names, rental information, and ski / snowboard assessment results, is used solely for the purposes of lesson organization, safety, and equipment preparation. We ensure this data is stored securely, accessible only by authorized personnel, and never shared with third parties except as required by law. At the end of each school year, all student information is permanently deleted from our systems. Schools or parents may request early deletion of data by contacting us directly.