

## IMPORTANT RULES ON OKEMO

1. Volunteers need to be at Okemo by 11:45 a.m. to sign in (@ the Ski School desk) and get ready for students to arrive. **You should be dressed and ready to hit the slopes when the bus arrives so you are available to help with students in the Rental Shop. Please DO NOT plan to get your winter wear on or pick up rentals after the bus arrives.** Please meet the students outside of the Rental Shop when the bus arrives and accompany your group through rentals. **Volunteers must sign in before meeting your group outside rentals.**

2. **Meeting Spot:** All volunteers must meet their group down by the Rental Shop exit and be checked off BEFORE going on the mountain. This includes non-renters! **DO NOT** take your group skiing until you have checked in. Volunteers will wait until every member of the group is ready before leaving the Rental Shop. Do not make any changes to your group.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NOT TO CHANGE FROM THEIR ASSIGNED GROUPS or ADD OR REMOVE STUDENTS FROM THEIR GROUP WITHOUT CONSULTING WITH BRYAN**

3. **END of DAY:** By **2:20 p.m.** you must bring your group back to the Rental Shop for rental returns and escort to the bus to be checked off again. ALL students must come down even if they are staying on the mountain. **DO NOT** drop the students off at this point - you must bring students back through Rentals and then escort them to the bus.

4. NO student should **EVER** be alone on the mountain. You must accompany the students in your group everywhere they go! This includes bathroom breaks and returning rentals. Chaperones **MUST** escort students to the bus after returning equipment to the Rental Shop. Please **DO NOT** drop them off there and leave as you will need to be checked off at the bus.

5. You **MUST** go into Rentals with your group to help them get equipment and return equipment. There is not enough help in the Rental Shop to allow students to be on their own. Please do not leave students in the Rental Shop at the end of the day – after they have returned their equipment they need to be escorted to the bus.

6. If you do become separated from a student, have a discipline issue or a child falls and gets hurt, **PLEASE** go directly to the base and notify Bryan or the Lodge Volunteer.

7. If a child is hurt and cannot move, contact an Okemo employee immediately. If that isn't possible then flag down a passerby and ask them to alert ski patrol. **MOST IMPORTANTLY**, do not leave the student, move the student or leave the group. Stay together until help gets there. If your group does become separated, everyone should go to the meeting area until reunited. (In the event of an emergency, Bryan cell phone # 779-4202).

8. Beginner skiers and snowboarders **MUST** be in control, turning and stopping **BEFORE YOU TAKE THEM ON A LIFT**. Then, the Open Slope lift (bottom A/B Quad) is the only appropriate lift until the skier / snowboarder has had ample practice to master the steeper slopes. Do not rush going on higher lifts until you are sure the child can ski safely and in control!

9. All skiing groups must have **TWO** instructors at all time. **One volunteer will be leading and one following the group.** All students should be skiing between the two adults.

10. Students who do not follow directions or ski /ride unsafely should be removed from the group and brought into the base lodge to be supervised by the Lodge Volunteer or Bryan Cupoli.

**ABSOLUTELY NO DIAMOND TRAILS OR TERRAIN PARKS** (except Hot Dog Hill)

If you will have a cell phone with you while on the mountain please give the number to Bryan. This will only be used in the event of an emergency or so that we may call if you & your group have not checked in at the end of the day.

Okemo Mountain is requiring all rental fees to be paid in advance this year. If you are planning to rent equipment at any point in the season payment is due on *before* the ski program begins. Please go directly to the Rental Shop to fill out the required forms and provide payment sometime BEFORE **January 6<sup>th</sup>**.

Okemo will be issuing volunteer ski passes this year, which **must** be worn each week even if you have a season pass from Okemo.

We are asking volunteers to provide us with the days they can absolutely commit to volunteer on the attached calendar so that we may be better prepared to find coverage. Please keep in mind that the days you commit to on this calendar are firm and we will be planning on your attendance that day. If you are unsure about a day please do not mark it down as it is often easier for us to find people in advance to cover rather than last minute. You will be responsible for finding your replacement. Please return the calendar by *December 12<sup>th</sup>*.

**Arrival time this year:** We are asking volunteers to arrive at Okemo by 11:45 a.m. and be ready for student arrival at 12:00 p.m. Your prompt arrival on ski days is greatly appreciated.

Okemo is offering the “Free Ski or Ride Program” to 1<sup>st</sup> time skiers and snowboarders again this year. This program will run every day November 29<sup>th</sup> – December 24<sup>th</sup>. Please call Okemo Ski School desk for reservations to participate in this program.

Thank you so much for volunteering your time and experience for our students! We appreciate everything you do!

**MOST IMPORTANT...HAVE FUN!!!!**

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