



2023/2024 Outreach Ski/Ride Program At Gunstock Mountain Resort

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Durham Parks & Recreation's Youth Ski/Ride Program at Gunstock Mountain Resort (Gilford, NH) offers discounted season passes available to students **ages six (6) through eighteen (18)**. Students are not required to attend lessons; however, it is recommended.

Gunstock's Outreach Program offers students two options for season passes (Midweek and Prime). *Included in either season pass option* is four (4) 50-minute lessons, ski/snowboard rentals during scheduled lessons, vouchers for discounted lift tickets, admission to Gunstock's cross-country/snow-shoe area, and discounts on food/retail!

Durham Parks & Rec is participating in both Session 1 and Session 2 for the Outreach Program this season. In each session we can allow a max of 65 participants in the group lessons. So, 65 lesson participants in session 1 and 65 lesson participants in session 2. In addition to the 65 Outreach lesson participants per session, we can have 120 "pass only" registrants in the program. **Participants cannot register for both session 1 & session 2. Registration is limited to one session per registrant.**

Important Information for families with 6 & 7-year old's:

Gunstock has changed the eligible age for the Gunstock Outreach Program to 8 - 18 years old. 6 & 7-year-old participants will be allowed to purchase a pass & receive complimentary rentals during the 4 scheduled program lesson dates/times. **Outreach Lessons are no longer available for this age group.** However, with a Season Pass, younger students can receive discounted private and semi-private lessons through the ski school (not available at Night).

PASS DETAILS:

Midweek Youth Season Pass:

Passes are valid from beginning to end of season Monday-Friday during Non-Holiday Periods. Midweek passholders receive 50% off lift ticket purchases every Saturday and Sunday and during our holiday periods, which are 12/25/23 to 12/29/23 (vacation week), 1/1/24, 1/15/24 (Martin Luther King Day), and 2/19-2/23/24 (vacation week). Please note: ORCSD's February vacation week is Feb. 26th – March 1st, 2024, so your mid-week pass will be valid during this week!

Prime Youth Season Pass:

This pass is unrestricted & has no black-out dates, including weekends. *Winter Youth Season passes will benefit those who plan to ski weekends and during vacation weeks.

Once participants have registered with Durham Parks & Rec and completed the registration process with Gunstock, participants can pick up their season pass(es) anytime Gunstock is open and start enjoying your pass and vouchers for the 23/24 season! **If you already have an RFID Card from the previous season, your season pass is automatically loaded onto it.**

For more information on Gunstock Season Passes and Pass Benefits please visit: gunstock.com

REGISTRATION:

Step 1. Register through Durham Parks & Recreation for either **Session 1, Session 2** or **Pass Only** option at: durhamrec.recdesk.com

Step 2. Durham Parks and Rec will email you a link specific to our group discount along with step-by-step registration instructions.

Step 3. Complete your registration for the Outreach Program on the Gunstock Website using the link specific to our group. Registration for your seasons pass option, rentals, and lesson level are completed through Gunstock.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

The deadline to register for this program with Durham Parks & Rec. is **Thursday, November 16, 2023** for both session 1 and session 2. Registrations must be completed with Gunstock by **Friday, Nov. 17th-NO EXCEPTIONS.** Gunstock will **NOT** make any exceptions this year, sorry.

*****Gunstock reserves the right to alter the registration period and/or cut off Season Pass sales once capacity has been reached. So please don't miss out register early.*****

PROGRAM FEES:

Program Fees	Fee On or Before 10/27/22	Fee 10/28-11/17/22
DPR Administrative Fee	\$15.00	\$15.00
Midweek Youth Season Pass (restrictions on weekends/holidays)	\$175.00 Includes 6 BFF 50% off lift ticket vouchers	\$225.00 Includes 4 BFF 50% off lift ticket vouchers
Prime Youth Season Pass (unrestricted/no black-out dates)	\$325.00 Includes 6 BFF 50% off lift ticket vouchers	\$375.00 Includes 4 BFF 50% off lift ticket vouchers

PROGRAM DATES & REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

Session 1 Lesson Dates & Time: <i>rentals are available during the 4 scheduled lesson times.</i>	Wednesdays at 5:30pm: 1/3, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24 Make-up date: 1/31	Lesson Groups: Min of 20, Max of 65
Session 2 Lesson Dates & Time: <i>rentals are available during the 4 scheduled lesson times.</i>	Wednesdays at 5:30pm: 2/7, 2/14, 3/6, 3/13 Make-up date: 3/20	Lesson Groups: Min of 20, Max of 65
Pass Only-No Lessons	Use of season pass throughout the 22/23 season	Max of 120
Registration is limited to one session per participant.	Equipment rentals are available for registered participants during the 4 lesson dates per session	Group lessons are 50 minutes.

SCHEDULED LESSON TIMES:

Lessons will be held on **Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm for both Session 1 and Session 2**. Gunstock offers one make-up day for each session. ***Gunstock reserves the right to change your class time to accommodate class sizes.**

CHAPERONES:

Volunteers are necessary for this program and without parent support this program cannot operate. Gunstock requires a volunteer for each lesson group. Gunstock will give 1 free chaperone ticket valid on each of our lesson dates/time (3pm-8pm). **Priority will be given to those who can commit to all 4 lesson dates. We will do our best to place chaperones in a group with their child but cannot be guaranteed.**

General Chaperone Responsibilities:

- Supervise and assist students throughout the rental process; students will not be issued equipment without a chaperone or parent present.
- Meet other students and chaperones in designated meeting areas at designated times.
- Help students report to their appropriate lesson flags (next to the Stockade Lodge) at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled lesson start time.
- Stay with your group, even during lessons.
- Be available and willing to assist instructors as requested during lessons.
- Be capable of skiing or riding above the level of the group you are assigned to chaperone; even first-timer groups will require skiing/riding chaperones as soon as their skills allow them to ride the chairlift.
- If lesson groups go out without a chaperone, meet the returning group, and accept hand-off responsibility for the students (see Lesson Release Policy).
- Remain with your group and ensure they arrive back to the check-out location on time.
- If possible, Chaperones should arrive early and have their equipment set and ready to go so they are available to assist students through the process.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

To qualify for a Outreach Program scholarship, there must be 10 students registered in this program. Gunstock offers 1 scholarship of a Mid-Week Pass for every 10 students enrolled in the program (families must qualify for the Federal Free Lunch program). **PLEASE CONTACT THE P&R OFFICE DIRECTLY TO APPLY FOR AN OUTREACH PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP.**

LESSON PLACEMENT- Please use this guide if you are selecting lessons for your child.

Please note: The Gunstock outreach program offers 4 weeks of 50-minute lessons to many participants. Signing up for the right class and coming to the first week can sometimes be overwhelming. Students signed up for lessons can expect to learn new skills and improve their skiing /riding skills weekly.

Lesson Specifics:

- 50-minute group lesson (participants can expect approximately 3-4 runs during this 50 min lesson)
- Class Size- typically 6-10 students

- Groups might be adjusted to keep kids of similar skills or on similar terrain.

Groups may have students with higher or lower skill levels. During your first Program Day; Gunstock's professionally trained Instructors will be evaluating and assessing all students in their respective groups. They will note any recommendations for adjustments to be made to their assigned groups. Instructors will continue to evaluate students throughout the 4 weeks and make recommendations as appropriate. We will also move students if they feel overwhelmed by the speed or terrain of the group and would be more comfortable moving to a lower-level group. Lessons may be conducted on easier terrain than your child typically skis or rides. This is especially true in the first week, when instructors are evaluating and assessing all students assigned to their groups. Even in later weeks, instructors may use lower-level terrain to teach higher-level skills.

Here are some common answers to frequently asked questions and concerns:

- Lessons may be conducted on easier terrain than your child typically skis or rides. This is especially true in the first week, when instructors are evaluating and assessing all students assigned to their groups. Even in later weeks, instructors may use lower-level terrain to teach higher-level skills.

Students will only be moved between groups for two reasons:

- The student's instructor has indicated that the student's skills would be better matched with another group.
- The student feels overwhelmed by the speed or terrain of the group and would be more comfortable moving to a lower-level group.

Ski & Ride Ability Chart

SKI

FIRST TIMER: You have never skied before. Or you are working on the basic movements of skiing.

BEGINNER: You are becoming consistent in stopping and turning using a wedge on the easiest green trails.

INTERMEDIATE: You can control yourself on all green trails and are gaining control on the easier blue trails. At times you are in a wedge and at times you are parallel.

ADVANCED: You ski mostly parallel on blue and some black trails and are trying to master challenging conditions.

SNOWBOARD

FIRST TIMER: You have never snowboarded before. Or you are working on the basic movements of riding.

BEGINNER: You can side slip and traverse the slope on one edge or complete an independent heel and toe turn on green terrain.

INTERMEDIATE: You can link turns from heel to toe and toe to heel. You can control direction and speed on all green terrain. You are gaining control on easier blue trails.

ADVANCED: You can ride with confidence on groomed blue trails and some black trails and are trying to master challenging conditions.