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Welcome to Keystone Explorers

Welcome to the 2011-2012 Keystone Explorers. We have designed this program with your child in mind. To ensure a safe, hassle-free experience for all of us, we ask that you abide by the procedures set forth in this guide. As always, if you have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Thanks for choosing Keystone Explorers.

Sincerely,
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Program Dates

- Session 1: Saturdays, December 3, 10 & 17
 - Session 2: Saturdays, January 7, 21, & 28
 - Session 3: Saturdays, February 4, 11 & 25
 - Session 4: Saturdays, March 3, 10 & 17
- Sessions are not interchangeable.*

Pricing		
Session	First Child	Additional Child
First Session	\$295	\$261
Additional Session	\$238	\$221
Late Registration Fee	\$100	\$100
<small>*Must be received 7 days prior to the first day of the session</small>		

Lift Ticket Information

Lift tickets are complimentary for ages 4 and younger. It is required that you go to the Mountain House Pass Office to acquire your complimentary season pass. This expedites the checking in process as there will not be a need to get a pass every time your child goes skiing.

Registration deadline and late fee

The registration deadline is 7 days prior to the first day of each session. All registration received after this date will be assessed a \$100 late fee per participant. Registrations assessed for the late fee, will be accommodated based on availability of classes.

Refund Policy: There are no refunds or make ups for missed day(s).

Class Day Information

Explorers classes meet in the **Mountain House base area** at the Children's Ski & Ride School between 8:00-8:30 am. Be sure to allow ample time for your commute to Keystone as traffic can become quickly backed up, especially if inclement weather comes through. Classes will leave the yard promptly at 9:00 am. If you know that you are going to be late (arriving after 9:00 am), please call and advise us by first **calling your child's instructor's number (given with class list) or 1-800-255-3715**. Please be sure that your child has used the restroom and are completely dressed and ready to go before meeting their class.

There is no free parking at Mountain House. Pay parking is available on the west side of Mountain House, in the Marmot Lot, and the east side, in the Porcupine Lot for \$20. You may park in the Montezuma Lot, near River Run, for no charge and take the free shuttle over to Mountain House. Skier drop-off is available on both the east and west sides of Mountain House.

A Typical Day

8:00 – 8:30 am: Parents drop off children at Mountain House Kid's Ski and Ride School.

9:00 am: Classes leave yard

11:30 am: Lunch

3:00 pm: Class ends and parents pick up children at the west end of Children's Ski School next to the Kroozers Koral

Lunch

Lunch is provided. Children will eat with their instructor in the Mountain House Children's Ski and Ride School.

Equipment

Equipment rental is not included in the Explorers lesson price. Your child must have equipment before the lesson starts. You may provide your own equipment or choose to rent from Keystone Children's Ski & Ride School. If you choose to rent from Keystone, please arrive by 8:00 am to ensure that your children meet up with their class on time. Try on all equipment before the program begins to ensure proper fit.

We recommend that you label all equipment. Keystone is not responsible for any lost or stolen items. Please keep in mind that your children will be in a high alpine environment, with changing weather conditions. Layering is important.

Your children will need the following items for every class:

Skis and boots/snowboard and boots - ski poles are not needed for beginner levels

Helmet - winter sport protective helmets are required for children 12 and under

Eye protection - goggles are highly recommended as they provide more sun protection and warmth than sunglasses

Long underwear - layering for warmth. No cotton

Jacket - waterproof with lots of zippered pockets. Be sure it is roomy enough for under layers

Mittens or gloves - mittens are recommended for young children. Be sure they are waterproof

Snow pants - waterproof snow pants or bibs are required

Socks - one pair only of wool or synthetic socks. No cotton

Sunscreen - please apply one layer in the morning. Additional layers can be applied throughout the day

Helmet Policy

Children age 12 and under must wear a winter sport protective helmet while participating in ski school. In addition, children over the age of 12 who participate in designated children's classes or programs must wear a helmet. Rental helmets are available for your convenience.

While helmets may reduce or mitigate the severity of some head injuries, their use does not guarantee safety and will not prevent certain injuries. The Resort reminds you that every winter sport participant shares responsibility for his or her safety and for that of others using the ski area facilities. Always show courtesy to others and be aware that there are elements of risk in skiing and snowboarding that common sense and personal awareness can help reduce. Know your ability level and stay within it. Become familiar with and observe "Your Responsibility Code" and share with other skiers the responsibility for a great skiing experience.

Buddy Requests

We will make every effort to accommodate requests for friends to be in the same class. Children need to be the same age and level. If your child's friend is younger or at a lower level and you would like them to stay together, your child must go to the class level that best accommodates the younger/lower student. Please remind your instructor of the request. Please let us know if you are requesting a specific instructor. We will try to honor your request.

Is your child ready?

Keystone Explorers is a full day program. Your child's success is largely determined by your ability to determine your child's maturity and limitations. To help prepare your child for lessons, talk about skiing or snowboarding. Explain to them that they will be having a lesson and lots of fun. The more excited your child is, the easier they will be to teach and the more positive their first experience will be.

Has your child been in daycare, preschool or headstart prior to Explorers?

If your child has not experienced a daycare, preschool or headstart program, this experience may initially be a difficult adjustment for them, and maybe you.

Can you trust another adult that you do not know with your child?

Our instructors care about your child. Please trust our instructors and their teaching style, even if it is something you are not accustomed to. We want to set your child up for success and instill in them a life-long love of snowsports and the outdoors.

Can your child follow simple directions and listen?

Is your child potty trained?

All children must be able to use the bathroom independently.

All classes will be established (split) by age and ability. The first day of each session instructors will ask you and your child about their skiing ability, and an on-hill assessment will be conducted.

Ability Levels

Please help us determine what level your child is by using the descriptions below.

Alpine

Level 1: First Experience

- First Timer

Level 1B: Slider

- Make a gliding wedge and stop
- Begin to use the Magic Carpet
- Stand still in a wedge

Level 2: Stoppers

- Stop when student wants and confident on Magic Carpet
- Get up on own and ski in group and follow
- Rainbow stop and assist being a Caboose (ski patrol)

Level 2B: Carpet Turners

- Begin turn in both directions and control speed
- Follow a marked course
- Walk like a duck (herringbone)
- Able to ski different types of terrain

Level 3: Beginning Chairlift Turners

- Master turning when want to
- Use turn shape to control speed & turn to stop
- Able to skate and use chairlift
- Able to ride chairlift

Level 4: Green Mountaineer

- Able to ski all green terrain
- Able to match skis at end and between turns
- Able to do Candy Canes (J Turns, Fishhooks)
- Understand Big Mountain Safety

Level 4: Blue Mountaineers

- Understand terrain tactics
- Match skis earlier in turn
- Hockey Stop
- Be a team leader in short section (Ski more independently as appropriate.)
- Understand Mountain Safety & know all 7 parts of the Responsibility Code
- Carving turns on groomed blues
- Confidently skiing larger bumps