

**Dear Adventure Team Families** - We are so excited to share another incredible Snowbird winter with you!

Below you will find important information for the upcoming season's Adventure Team program. Please take some time to read this information carefully and note that we have added some additional programs since last season to better accommodate your family.

1. We now offer a Late Pick-Up option so parents can enjoy a few more laps after the children's lessons have ended. We will offer fun indoor and outdoor activities for children of all age groups until 4:30 pm. This service can be requested by contacting the Mountain School office directly and is available for \$50/day or \$250 for each complete Adventure Team session.
2. We don't think your kids should be the only ones tearing up the mountain with our staff this winter. Skip the lift lines and join the fun yourself with our guides during a fun social experience exploring the best terrain of the day. This program starts after Adventure Team and ends with plenty of time before pick-up, making it a great accompaniment:

[Adventure Team Parents](#)

### 1. Dates

The Youth & Teen Multi-Week Programs consist of 5 or 10 full-day sessions:

<b>Saturday Session 1*:</b>	Jan 6, 20, 27; Feb 3, 10
<b>Sunday Session 1*:</b>	Jan 7, 21, 28; Feb 4, 11
<b>Saturday Session 2:</b>	Feb 24; Mar 2, 9, 16, 23
<b>Sunday Session 2:</b>	Feb 25; Mar 3, 10, 17, 24

Lift tickets are not included for ages 7-15. The Adventure Team Unlimited Season Pass at \$299 for youth (age 7-12) and \$379 for teens (age 13-17) is recommended; or include your child with your Season Pass for free via the [\*\*Freeloader Pass\*\*](#).

*\*Please note that Adventure and Expedition teams will not meet the weekend of Jan 13-14 due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.*

## 2. Drop-Off and Pick-Up Times

Drop off begins at 9:15 am. An adult (parent or designated caretaker) will need to sign the student in at that time. Classes depart at 9:30 am, so please give yourself enough time to park and drop off on time.

Pick up time is 3 pm. An adult (parent or designated caretaker) will need to sign the student out at that time unless our Late Pick-Up option has been purchased.

There will be no supervision available before 9:15 am. If you arrive early, please consider waiting in your car or inside the nearby Creekside Café & Grill.

## 3. Location



As you proceed up Little Cottonwood Canyon, turn right at Snowbird Entry 1 and park in Gad Valley. ([map](#)) Walk down the Creekside stairs or down the hill and head towards the Gadzoom lift, where you will see a fenced-off, designated ADVENTURE TEAM area.

Please note that we no longer have access to indoor space. The upstairs area of the Creekside building is not public access.

#### 4. Transportation & Parking

Parents are responsible for transportation to and from Snowbird. Please note that the Utah Department of Transportation requires you to have a vehicle with winter tires and 4-wheel drive or chains to get up Little Cottonwood Canyon. Cars without these provisions can slide off the road and cause serious accidents and delays!

It takes about 20 minutes to drive from the bottom of Little Cottonwood Canyon to Snowbird. With weekend traffic, that time could easily double, especially on snowy days. We highly recommend carpooling.

Parking at Snowbird fills up very quickly. The sooner you arrive, the more likely you are to find a spot near our drop-off area.

Free parking is available to the west of the Creekside building and on the north side of the Gad Valley parking lot.

The south/lower lot of Gad Valley can be reserved in advance for a fee. You can explore all of Snowbird's parking options here: <https://www.snowbird.com/parking/>



Also, on Adventure Team days there will be a temporary waiting zone just as you come in via Entry 1. This is not full-day parking so you can temporarily leave your car and drop your kids off for the program and then re-park as above. Again, we strongly encourage carpooling.

Parents who are also skiing at Snowbird can consider parking at the Snowbird Center (Entry 2) or at the Wilbere lift and then skiing down with their students to our drop-off area by the base of Gadzoom.

## **5. First Day Logistics**

Once you have parked, please walk your student and their gear to the drop-off area by the base of Gadzoom to the right-hand side of the lift as you are walking towards it. Please note that you will be walking on snow!

There will be a tent (weather permitting) and a table with a blue ADVENTURE TEAM banner. This is where you will check in.

If your child has a season pass to pick up please be sure to get this in advance of the start date of the program. The Season Pass Office—located at the Snowbird Center (Level 3, Plaza Deck) is open daily from 8:30 am to 4 pm.

Please note: Parents will not be allowed into the drop-off area.

## **6. Daily Schedule**

9:15 am: Sign in and drop off

9:30 am: All groups leave with their instructor

Lunch: Students will eat lunch with their instructor and take breaks as needed

3:00 pm: Sign out and pick up

4:30 pm: Latest pick-up time available if the Late Pick-Up option has been purchased

While parents are not allowed inside the drop-off area at the start of the day, they are welcome to enter this area and check in with their child's instructor at the end of the day.

## **7. Grouping**

On the first day, students will be grouped according to the ability level indicated during registration. As the instructors get to know their students better, there is a possibility that your

child will be moved to a more appropriate group. Please know that this is always done in the student's best interest. We want students to be in the group that best fits their needs and abilities. While we try to keep students with their friends or age group, we cannot always guarantee this. The primary factor in grouping is age and ability.

## **8. Lunch**

Lunch is included in the cost of the program. Students will have a choice of several lunch options. Instructors will stay with their students during lunch. The location of lunch will vary depending on the group.

## **9. Late Arrivals & Early Dismissals**

All Ski & Ride Groups leave the drop-off zone at 9:30 am so that we may get those who have arrived on time their full lesson experience. We try extremely hard to have the groups leave on time so plan accordingly. Thank you in advance.

On **snow mornings**, when traffic tends to be delayed, we will do a rolling start as children and staff arrive. We will do our best to get the kids on the hill as soon as possible. If there is a chance of snow or a road delay, please be sure to get an early start (minimum 7:30 am at the mouth of the canyon). We suggest you download the [Snowbird App](#) for free on your phone and follow @SnowbirdAlerts on Twitter. UDOT also has a Twitter handle (@UDOTcottonwoods) and an app that are informative. Often, even a five-minute difference in the time you arrive at the mouth of the canyon can result in 60 minutes or more additional time waiting in traffic. Please plan accordingly. The early bird gets the powder in Little Cottonwood Canyon!

If your child needs to leave early, please notify their instructor at drop-off. We can arrange an early pick-up at lunch time only.

If a student becomes ill or gets injured, they will stay with Mountain School Support Staff inside the Creekside building (upper floor) until they can be picked up. Parents will be notified via phone.

## **10. Late Pick-Up**

**If you have purchased this option for your Adventure Teamer their pickup time is 4:30 pm, upstairs at Creekside.**

## **11. Program Cancellation**

In the rare but plausible circumstance that the program must be cancelled for the day to extreme weather and road situations, every effort will be made to reach out to all Adventure Team families via email the night prior or early the morning of. Families will be able to enroll students into our Mountain Adventure or Kinderbird Day Programs to make up for the missed Adventure Team Day.

## **12. Considerations**

Students will be outside all day, except when they eat lunch or take breaks. Please make sure they are dressed warmly, wear sunscreen and bring hand warmers if needed. There will not be an option for students to store any belongings. Please plan accordingly.

Lost & found items can be claimed at Public Safety at the Snowbird Center.