Crystal Mountain After School Program Information

The Crystal Mountain After School Program offers discounted season passes and rental equipment for students ages 7-18 that includes professional on-hill instruction. This program has been a part of Crystal Mountain for over 40 years in some way, shape, or form. Many of our local skiers and snowboarders can say they have been a part of this program at some point in their lives. Thank you all for making it possible.

Lift Ticket & Equipment Rental Options for the 2026-2027 Season

Our Pass options allow choices and flexibility.

- **After School Pass Options** –

Student Pass W/Rental	$150
Student Pass W/Out Rental	$115
Adult Pass W/Rental	$220
Adult Pass W/Out Rental	$185
Sunday Add on W/Rental	$120
Sunday Add on W/Out Rental	$85
Instruction Only (For Premier Pass Only)	$75
Junior Seasonal Rental	$149
Premier Junior Pass	$319
Premier Lite Junior Pass	$219
Premier Adult Pass	$579
Premier Lite Adult Pass	$519

- **NEW THIS YEAR –**
    - Premier Junior Pass and Premier Lite Junior Pass will include lessons
    - Junior Seasonal Rental For $149 (Please call for Purchase)

- **Rental Equipment** – Our Rental waiver that states the person using the equipment is responsible for any damages.

  I further accept for use AS IS the equipment listed on this form without any warranties other than those stated in the agreement. I agree that I accept full financial responsibility for the care of the equipment while it is in my possession. I also agree that I will be responsible for the replacement at full value of any equipment rented buy not returned to the rental shop. I agree to return all rental equipment by the agreed date and time.

- **Rental Fitting** – We will offer a rental fitting in which students will be sized for their equipment, and have all necessary waivers completed prior to the actual program start date in January. Advance rental fitting will be offered **December 13th** from 9am to 4:00pm. **These dates and times are subject to change based on resort operation.**

- All participants will receive 20% off of Cross-Country Skiing, Fat-tire Bike Rental, Snowshoe Rental and Ice Skate Rental during your regular scheduled afternoon or evening.

    - Please visit or contact the Park at Waters Edge at 231-378-2000 Ext. 7000 for additional information. Offered 1/5/27 – 2/11/27. Subject to availability

Program Schedule

Dates for this year's regular program are **January 5th, 2026, through February 11th, 2027**. These dates include lessons on your scheduled evening of Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Skiing and snowboarding will still be available in the weeks following instruction and for the entire month of March. As in prior years, there will be a daily charge for rental in March, if applicable.

Skill Assessments for Returning Participants - Skills Assessments are for returning and experienced students only, and will be offered **December 13th** at 1:00pm, 2:00pm & 3:00pm. This assessment is not for first-time skiers or snowboarders. This will allow students to be placed at a certain sticker level prior to their first week of lessons to ensure they are in the correct lesson for their skill level. These dates are subject to change based on resort operation.

Remainder of February – Starting February 12th, students will still be able to ski or snowboard on their regular scheduled days of the week at no additional rental cost. These weeks are included for lift access, but lessons will not be offered. Students are encouraged to practice their skills and enjoy additional time on the slopes.

March – All after school program passes purchased will become valid any day of the week in March.

- **If students are renting, there will be a $25 charge on any day that isn't their regular scheduled day of the season. Example: If your scheduled day is Tuesday your rental will be free. But if you visit on a Friday your rental charge will be $25.**

Mar-27						
28-Feb	1	2	3	4	5	6
9-6	9-6	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9-6	9-6	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9	9-9
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9-6	9-4:30	9-4:30	9-4:30	9-4:30	9-6	9-6
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9-4:30	9-4:30	9-4:30	9-4:30	9-4:30	9-4:30	9-4:30
28	29	30	31	1-Apr	2	3
9-4:30	9-4:30	9-4:30	9-4:30	9-4:30	9-4:30	9-4:30
Apr-27						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9-4:30	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	

Snow Day Special: Students receive 50% off daytime lift tickets when a normally scheduled school day is cancelled due to weather. Rentals will be $25.

Lesson Information

- **Lessons –** Once registrations and payment are complete, go to https://www.crystalmountain.com/ski/lessons-programs/after-school-programs and look for the big BOOK LESSON TIME NOW button! **Lessons must be booked 72 HOURS in advance!** (Example: Tuesday Lessons booked by Saturday)

Participation in a Skill Assessment is required for ages 7-18 to access lifts and certain slope areas. A sticker must be displayed on your pass in an armband for access to lifts.

Participants ages 7-18 will need to meet at the Mountain Adventure Zone Beginner Area after checking in with our Snow Sports team at the check-in window of the Mountain Adventure Zone.

- We ask that students are at the Mountain Adventure Zone Beginner Area and ready for check in no later than 10 minutes prior to the start of their lesson. "Ready" means they have all their equipment and gear on.
- All lessons are 45 minutes, and will start and end in the Mountain Adventure Zone Beginner Area
- Students will need to have their passes visible in their armbands so instructors can place them in the correct lesson based on ability level (sticker color).
- The parent, advisor, chaperone team is responsible for making a clear drop off/ pick up plan with their students. This includes identifying **who** is dropping them off and picking them up, and to **only** go with that person! Also identify a meeting place for a parent, advisor, or chaperone who can help them if needed.

Students in the program are guaranteed 4 lessons this season - We will be offering 6 weeks of lessons to allow flexibility in case of conflicts in scheduling or due to weather or change in resort operation. Students are able to take lessons for the full 6 weeks if they choose. As always, this is subject to change, due to weather and resort operation.

Note: After School lessons are for students able to participate and progress in a group setting. If your child requires individualized instruction for successful learning, please consider private lessons with Crystal Mountain's Snowsports School. https://www.crystalmountain.com/ski/lessons-programs/lessons

Important Lesson Information:

- Lessons are offered on your scheduled day at 4:30pm, 5:30pm or 6:30pm
- Helmets are **required** for all lessons. Students will be sent back to the rental area to rent a helmet for $5 if they do not have one.
- As stated above, a sticker must be displayed on your pass in an armband for access to lifts.
- **SNOW DAY - If your school is cancelled due to weather, please check CrystalMountain.com snow report to ensure lessons are available.**

Lesson Skill Levels/Proficiency

All students must attend a skill assessment at the start of each season.

- Instructors will evaluate skills and issue a colored sticker to denote the student's skill level. This sticker will be applied to the pass and ensures that the students are allowed on trails/lifts according to their ability. All school program passes MUST be worn in an armband with the pass and sticker visible.

Lesson and Sticker Levels:

Skiers and snowboarders must demonstrate controlled turns and stops before using any of the lifts. Levels are as follows:

The Pink sticker includes all beginner level participants from their first time learning to turn and stop until they are ready for, and have successfully completed, a controlled Green Run (easiest). Participants with Pink stickers are welcome to use the Crystal Carpets in the Mountain Adventure Zone Beginner Area to practice their turns and stops

- **Pink Sticker: Beginners, pre-chairlift**
    - Students at this level improve their skills in the Mountain Adventure Zone beginner area.
    - First-timers begin with boot work and learn basic skills working toward turning and stopping.
    - Students who demonstrate controlled linked turns and stops will be prepared for riding the chairlift.
    - Some students may require several lessons in the Mountain Adventure Zone beginner area before advancing to the chairlift.
    - **Pink stickers are given out after** the first lesson in the Mountain Adventure Zone beginner area. Pink stickers may be updated with specific tasks as students work toward turns, stops, and preparing for the chairlift.
- **Green Sticker: Advanced Beginner**
    - Students at this level are working on controlled stops and linked turns on Green (easiest) terrain.
    - **Green stickers are given out after** students demonstrate appropriate turns and stops on Green terrain and ride the chairlift safely.
    - Green stickers allow access to the Loki Quad and Crystal Clipper chairlifts.
    - Students may ski or ride Green runs.
    - Students will successfully demonstrate beginning parallel turns before moving to Blue
    - **This sticker does NOT allow Terrain PARK access!**
- **Blue Sticker: Intermediate**

- Students at this level are working on controlled stops and turns on Blue (medium/ more difficult) terrain.
- Skiers will be working on beginning parallel turns. Snowboarders will be working on more dynamic skidded or carved turns.
- **Blue stickers are given out after** students demonstrate appropriate turns and stops on blue runs (medium pitch).
- Students are allowed to use all lifts and they have access to green and blue runs.
- Skiers will demonstrate linked parallel turns before moving on to Black.
- **<u>This sticker does NOT allow Terrain PARK access!</u>**
- These skiers or riders are usually participants who have been involved with the program in the past and must test into this level if they are returning for the season.

- **White & Black Sticker: Advanced**
  - Students at this level are working on controlled stops and linked turns on Black Diamond (most difficult) and other terrain.
  - Skiers at this level demonstrate controlled, linked, open parallel turns and stops. Snowboarders will demonstrate dynamic skidded or carved turns.
  - **White & Black stickers will be given out <u>after</u>** students demonstrate appropriate turns, stops on advanced terrain (steeper pitch).
  - Students are allowed on all lifts, and permitted to explore more advanced terrain.
  - **<u>This sticker does NOT allow Terrain PARK access!</u>**
  - These skiers or riders are usually participants who have been involved with the program in the past and must test into this level if they are returning for the season.

- **Orange Sticker: Terrain Park SAFETY**

  Students who have demonstrated skiing or snowboarding proficiency in advanced terrain will be led by a Freestyle Certified instructor through Terrain Park Safety, Park S.M.A.R.T. guidelines, and appropriate basic Freestyle skills. The sticker is earned when participants demonstrate basic Freestyle skills and that they can make safe choices in Terrain Park and Freestyle settings. Students are NEVER required to perform tricks on terrain park features during a lesson.

  - **Subject to availability, specialized staff required!**
  - While "Freestyle" elements of skiing and snowboarding may have been introduced in previous lessons, this lesson is specifically a SAFETY lesson for terrain park usage.
  - Students at this level will learn the basics of Crystal's Terrain Parks, including the Park S.M.A.R.T. Guidelines for making safe choices in terrain parks. Students will learn how to identify and understand terrain park features, and use them appropriately.

- **Orange stickers will be given out <u>after</u>** students demonstrate an understanding of Park S.M.A.R.T. Guidelines, applying them to terrain park features, and making safe choices in and outside of Crystal's terrain parks.

Levels can take multiple lessons to complete. Students are encouraged to take additional lessons to improve skills and gain additional lift and slope access.

ADDITIONAL POINTS TO KNOW –

- **Armbands – Armbands with a visible pass and lesson sticker are REQUIRED for After School Program participants. This will help the RFID scanners read the passes on all students.**
- **Students are expected to ski and snowboard safely and within their ability level.**
- **Students who disregard rules will be given a warning and will be required to take the next scheduled lesson.**
- **Continued disregard for safety or Responsibility Code may result in the loss of lift privileges and pass.**

<u>Responsibility Code</u>

Skiing and snowboarding can be enjoyed in many ways. At Crystal Mountain, you may see people using alpine skis, snowboards, tele mark skis, cross country skis, and other specialized equipment. Regardless of how you decide to enjoy the slopes, always show courtesy to others and be aware that there are elements of risk in skiing that common sense and personal awareness can help reduce. Observe the code listed below, and share with other skiers and riders the responsibility for a great skiing experience.

Ten Points to Your Responsibility Code

1. Always stay in control, and be able to stop or avoid other people or objects.
2. People ahead or downhill of you have the right of way. You must avoid them.
3. Only stop where you are visible from above and do not restrict traffic.
4. Look uphill and avoid others before starting downhill or entering a trail.
5. You must prevent runaway equipment.
6. Read and obey all signs, warnings and hazard markings.
7. Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.
8. You must know how and be able to load, ride and unload lifts safely.
9. Do not use lifts or terrain when impaired by alcohol or drugs.
10. If you are involved in a collision or incident, share your contact information with each other and a ski employee.

KNOW THE CODE: IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

Make sure all participants read the Responsibility Code and the Crystal Mountain Behavior Agreement

CONDUCT and BEHAVIOR Agreement

"By participating in this program, I am agreeing to the following points:

- Be respectful, and courteous to other skiers and snowboarders, Ski Patrol and Crystal Mountain employees.
- Have Fun, but be aware of your space and surroundings. Loud and rude behavior or inappropriate language will not be tolerated.
- Respect Crystal Mountain equipment and property. Misuse of Crystal Mountain rental equipment will result in loss of pass and privileges.
- Do not be wasteful. Reduce waste and recycle. Pick up after yourself.
- Do not Litter.
- Ski/Ride at the level of your ability (sticker), straight running and out of control behavior is prohibited. Lessons are available to advance in your skills.
- Any activity that places yourself or others at excessive risk will be deemed out of control and will result in a loss of your pass and privileges.
- Any Crystal Mountain Representative or School Program advisor is granted the right to enforce these rules and other conduct
- Take advantage of the lessons offered. Everyone can improve their skills.
- Learn what you need to know to become a snow sports instructor!
- Stay safe and have fun! We look forward to seeing you on the slopes."

Thank you!