

CHOPPERS PLANNER



2008/2009

GREETINGS

Welcome to Choppers! We are experiencing another extraordinary season here at Copper Mountain. Whether you're a new member or a veteran Chopper, this Chopper Planner has been put together to answer any remaining questions you may have about the program. To keep this a fun and rewarding program please adhere to our long standing policies; making sure you and your children understand the program in its entirety.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions. Thanks again for joining Choppers!

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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| General Information Line | 1-866-385-0144 |
| Choppers Coordinator | 1-866-385-0144 x60101 |
| Choppers Bus Hotline | 1-866-385-0144 option#1 |
| Late Line | 970-968-3263 |

2.1 PROGRAM DATES

9:00 AM – 3:00PM: Instructors will be returning to pick-up/bus area at between 2:30- 2:45pm daily!

8 WEEK SESSION

Saturdays January 10 – March 7
Sundays January 11 – March 8

4 WEEK SESSION

Sundays January 11 – February 1
Sundays February 8 – March 8

2.2 PRESIDENTS WEEKEND

Choppers **WILL NOT** run Presidents weekend, **February 14-15**. Instruction days will resume as normal the following weekend, February 21-22.

2.3 SEASON PASSES

If your child has a pass from last year you will NOT need a new pass, the old pass has been re-activated for the 2008-2009 season.

The included Rocky Mountain Super Pass is valid November 14th – April 19th. You can get your child's picture taken and pick up their season pass **prior** to the first lesson at:

- Copper's season pass office, located in the Mountain Adventure at the Guest Service Desk, in

Center Village. Or, visit www.passwagon.com for a list of Denver area fall sales locations.

We will have day lift tickets for those who have lost, forgotten, or have not yet picked up their pass.

3.1 LUNCH

Although students eat lunch with their instructor, Choppers participants are responsible for providing their **own** lunch. We ask that you send with your child either a completely disposable lunch or a **recommended \$12 - \$15 to buy lunch** at one of the restaurants. Clearly mark your child's disposable lunch with their name. We will not be responsible for lost or misplaced lunches.

3.2 BUSES

Busses pick up Choppers and chaperones in the Front Range between 6:00 AM and 7:00 AM. Specific times will be listed in the December newsletter. You will be contacted the week before your start date by the chaperone assigned to your child's bus. They will go over specific information regarding your bus and may be able to answer any other general questions you may have. **Note that depending on enrollment numbers, some or all the busses may combo with another stop; making one bus have to two stops.** This will be determined & set the week before the program starts.

Role call is taken by chaperones to ensure everyone is present. **Please call YOUR CHAPERONE the night before if your child is not going to ride the bus!**

Age appropriate movies or Ski & Ride movies are played on the bus.

3.3 CHOPPERS BUS HOTLINE

1-866-385-0144 option #1

After 4:30 PM on Saturdays and Sundays, this line will be activated for you to call and check on the status of your child's bus arrival in the Front Range.

3.4 NO BUS OPTION

Meeting time is 9:00 AM at Center Village between the American Eagle and American Flyer chairlifts. Please allow plenty of time for your commute to Copper Mountain as well as your bus ride to **Center Village**, if you are late (after 9:15AM), go to the base of the American Flyer lift. We will do our best to try to contact your child's class, but there are **no guarantees** (Recommend be there by 8:45AM). If you have forgotten your season pass, please go to the regular meeting area; we will have spare lift tickets for those who have forgotten.

3.5 SKI AND RIDE SCHOOL PARKING LOT

A FREE parking lot has been designated for our Ski and Ride School Youth Programs guests. As our special guest, we want you to spend more time on the mountain and less time parking your car. With an airport-style drop off zone (for dressed and ready-to-go guests) and removal of long-term parking at Union Creek, we strongly recommend that your family utilize the FREE and time-saving Ski and Ride School Parking lot. Click [here](#) for a map of your new parking lot. Check the Youth Programs website for parking updates throughout the winter.

Getting Here

- Take I-70 West to exit 195 (Copper Mountain)
- Follow Highway 90 past the Copper Mountain entrance

- Turn right at Alpine parking lot (free)
- Park, gather equipment, walk towards Transportation Building
- Take the Blue Route bus to Center Village

Meeting Area

- There will be Ambassadors to help direct you once you get off the bus
- **Choppers meet at Center Village between the American Eagle and American Flyer lifts**
- There will be signs at the meeting area denoting ability for children to follow.

Pick Up

- **3:00 PM is pickup time to the West of American Flyer.**
Please be on time to pickup your children.
- If you are going to be late, please call 970-968-3263.

4.1 A TYPICAL DAY

- 6 – 7 AM** Busses pickup Choppers from the Front Range. Role call is taken by chaperones to ensure everyone is present.
- 9:00 AM** Busses arrive at Center Village and unload. “No Bus” option kids must be at meeting area.
- 9:15 AM** Groups depart for the lifts with their coach.
- 11- 1PM** Lunch may be taken depending on group, typically 1 hour in length.
- 3:00 PM** The day ends at Center Village; instructors drop off “No Bus” kids with their parents and escort their class back to the buses.

3:15 PM Role is taken and busses depart for the Front Range

4:30 PM The Choppers Bus Hotline opens up; you will be able to check approximate bus arrival times. Bus arrival depends on road conditions. The hotline will be continually updated, however, times are approximates, within 15 minutes.

4.2 BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

To ensure the fun and safety of program members and supervisors, we ask that you take the time to review the following information with your child(ren). Any action which may jeopardize the safety and welfare of other Choppers, instructors, supervisors, or drivers may result in disciplinary action.

Choppers is a supervised program. Any attempt to skip or ditch class may result in loss of skiing/snowboarding privileges for the day or expulsion from the program. No refunds will be issued in a case where a child's inappropriate behavior or lack of participation in class is directly responsible for their removal from the program.

- All members will adhere to driver / chaperone / instructor directions.
- No member will fight, scuffle, or throw objects.
- No member will bring knives, firearms or any object that may cause a hazard.
- There will be no smoking, spitting, drugs, alcohol, or open flames permitted.

- Inappropriate gestures or language will not be tolerated in any form.
- No passengers will extend arms, legs, head, or throw any object out the bus windows at any time.
- All passengers will maintain a safe noise level on the bus. Headphones must be used with any music playing device.
- No passenger will mar or deface the bus or property of Copper Mountain.
- No passenger will tamper with the emergency exit or with any emergency equipment on the bus.
- Passengers must remain seated and keep aisles clear when the bus is loading or unloading.

5.1 EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

Equipment is **not** included with the Choppers program. Your child(ren) must have his or her equipment in hand before the lesson starts. If you do not have your own equipment, we highly recommend season rentals, which are available at most Front Range ski/board shops.

To ensure proper fit, we suggest that you have your child(ren) try on their equipment before the program begins.

We recommend that you label all of your child(ren)'s equipment. Copper Mountain or the bus companies are not responsible for lost or stolen belongings.

When dressing, remember layering is important. Dress warmly and come prepared for varied weather conditions.

- **Helmet** – Copper Mountain Resort recommends that skiers and snowboarders of all ages educate themselves on the benefits and limitations of helmets. At our resort, wearing a helmet is a matter of personal choice. If you choose to wear a helmet, please ski or ride as if you are not wearing one. Use your head and always follow 'Your Responsibility Code.' Please checkout www.lidsonkids.org for more information on helmets.
- **Hat** – A hat or helmet is a necessity.
- **Eye protection** – Goggles or sunglasses must be worn at all times.
- **Sunscreen** – SPF 15 or higher, waterproof sunscreen should be applied in the morning and carried in a pocket and reapplied throughout the day.
- **Long underwear** – This helps trap body heat and wick away moisture. No cotton.
- **Jacket** – A waterproof jacket with plenty of zippered pockets, make sure it is roomy enough to fit over several layers.
- **Gloves or Mittens** – Waterproof is a must! No cotton.
- **Socks** – One pair of synthetic or wool socks is all that is needed. No cotton.
- **Snow pants** – Waterproof snow pants or bibs are required.

- **Skis/boots/poles and snowboard/boots** – Beginner skiers do not need poles until advised by their instructor.

6.1 CHOPPERS BUS LOCATIONS

**ARRIVE 15 MIN BEFORE DEPARTING TIME!
BUSES CANNOT WAIT FOR LATE ARRIVALS!**

Saturdays

1. Wadsworth & Bowles - Christy Sports
Departs: 6:45AM
2. Holly & Orchard - Christy Sports
Departs: 6:30AM
3. 1st & University - Cherry Creek Mall
Departs: 6:30AM
4. Hampden & Monaco - United Artists Theatre
Departs: 6:30AM
5. NEW!!! Colorado & Alameda
Departs: TBD
6. Orchard & Quebec - Greenwood Village Athletic Club
Departs: 6:30AM
7. S. University & Arapahoe - South Glenn Mall
Departs: 6:15AM
8. Boulder - Carpenter Park - 30th & Arapahoe
Departs: 6:15AM

9. I-70, Exit 263 - Denver West Village
Departs: 7:00AM
10. County Line Rd & I-25 - Park Meadows Mall
Departs: 6:15AM

Sundays

- 21, 41, 51 Wadsworth & Bowles - Christy Sports
Departs: 6:30AM
- 22, 42, 52 Holly & Orchard - Christy Sports
Departs: 6:30AM
- 23, 43, 53 1st & University - Cherry Creek Mall
Departs: 7:00AM
- 24, 44, 54 Hampden & Monaco - United Artists Theatre
Departs: 6:30AM
- 25, 45, 55 NEW!!! Colorado & Alameda
Departs: TBD
- 26, 46, 56 I-70, Exit 263 - Denver West Village
Departs: 7:00AM