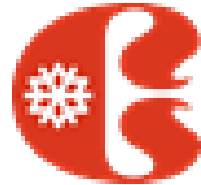




CHOPPERS PLANNER



**2011/2012
SEASON**

GREETINGS

Welcome to Choppers! This Choppers Planner has been put together to answer any questions you may have about the program. The policies outlined in this planner were put into place to ensure the most enjoyable experience for all participants. Please make sure you and your Chopper understand and adhere to the program guidelines in their entirety.

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

Best,

Chopper Coordinator

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

General Information Line 866-385-0144

Choppers Bus Hotline 970-968-3079

Late Line 970-968-3263

OVERVIEW

Choppers will take your skiing or riding skills to the next level, while solidifying a love of the sport. Choppers is a youth oriented program including lessons with the same group the entire session, a Copper Mountain Pass, GPS tracking, and optional bus transportation from select Front Range locations.

Ages: 8 – 18

Discipline: Ski or Snowboard

Days: Saturdays or Sundays; Jan. – Mar.

Session Length: 8 Weeks (4 Week Session Available on Sundays Only).

Ability Levels: All

Time: 9:00 – 2:30

Meeting Location: Center Village between the Flyer and Eagle Lifts

Pick up location: West of the American Flyer Lift

PROGRAM DATES

9:00 AM – 2:30 PM: Instructors will be returning to pick-up/bus area at between 2:15-2:30 pm daily.

8 WEEK SESSION

Saturdays: Jan. 14 – Mar. 10 (Excluding Feb. 18)

Sundays: Jan. 15 – Mar. 12 (Excluding Feb. 19)

4 WEEK SESSION

Sundays: January 15 – February 5

PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND

Choppers **WILL NOT** run President's weekend, **February 18-19**

SEASON PASSES

The Choppers program includes a **complimentary Copper Mountain Pass** which is valid all season long. 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 Copper Sports at the Guest Service Desk, in Center Village, or the Colorado Mills Christy Sports location in Denver West.

Please make sure your child has their season pass in-hand prior to the first lesson.

LUNCHES

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. Please note that Copper Mountain Youth Programs and Youth Ski School is a **peanut free zone; please do not put any products containing peanut or peanut parts in your student's lunch.** We occasionally have students with a parts per million peanut allergy and even a bag of peanuts opened near them can be very harmful.

BUSES

Buses pick up in the Front Range between 6:00 AM and 7:00 AM. Specific times will be confirmed by the Chaperones on your student's bus, they will contact you the week before your start date. They will go over specific information regarding your bus and may be able to answer other general questions you may have. 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 or ski & ride movies are played on the bus. We suggest sending bus snacks for your student; they have been up for a long time and have been working hard all day!

CHOPPERS BUS HOTLINE

This line begins updating after 4:15 PM on Saturdays and Sundays so that you may call and check on the status of your child's bus arrival in

the Front Range. ***The bus hotline number will be given to you by your Chaperone the week before the program starts.***

“NO BUS” OPTION

Lessons start at 9:00 AM at Center Village

between the American Eagle and American Flyer chairlifts (we recommend you be there by 8:45AM). Please allow plenty of time for your commute to Copper Mountain as well as your bus ride to **Center Village.** If you are late, call the late line and we will try our best to place your child(ren) with their coach. However, we cannot guarantee your child(ren)'s participation in the program day.

PARKING

The Alpine lot is the FREE parking lot at Copper Mountain. It is located just past the main Copper entrance; follow the signs to “Free Parking”. Shuttle buses drop you right off in Center Village (be sure you pay attention to the bus signs we have several buses). We also have two pay parking lots in Center Village and a pay parking area in West Village.

Getting Here

Take I-70 West to exit 191 (Copper Mountain). Follow Highway 91 and turn right just past the Copper Mountain entrance for free parking or turn into the main Copper entrance for pay parking. If at Alpine Lot; park, gather equipment, walk towards bus signs, take the Blue Route bus to Center Village.





Meeting Area

Choppers meet at Center Village between the American Eagle and American Flyer lifts

There will be signs at the meeting area to help break students into groups based on ability level.

Pick up is at 2:30 PM

Pick up location is just to the West of the American Flyer lift. You can access the pick-up area by parking in the 15 minute parking at Copper Circle, If you are going to be late, please call 970-968-3263.

A TYPICAL DAY

6 – 7 AM Buses pickup Choppers from the Front Range.

9:00 AM Buses arrive at Center Village and unload. “No Bus” option kids meet at meeting area.

9 – 9:15 AM Groups depart for the lifts with their coaches.

11- 1 PM Lunch duration taken depends on group; typically 1 hour in length.

2:30 PM The day ends at Center Village just to the west of the American Flyer lift

2:30- 2:45 PM Buses depart for the Front Range

4:15 PM The Choppers Bus Hotline begins updating; you will be able to check approximate bus arrival times. Bus arrival depends on road conditions and location.

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 and instructor directions.

- No member will fight, scuffle, or throw objects.
- No member will bring knives, firearms or any object that may cause harm.
- There will be no smoking, spitting, drugs, alcohol, or open flames permitted.
- Inappropriate gestures or language will not be tolerated in any form.





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- 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.

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. We cannot rent gear for your student if they forget or break their equipment without your consent and payment so please remember your student's gear. **We recommend that you label all of your child(ren)'s equipment.** Copper Mountain and the bus company are not responsible for lost or stolen belongings.

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

weather conditions. The following items are required:

Helmet – Copper Mountain Resort requires all students in youth programs or lessons wear a helmet.

Eye protection – Goggles or sunglasses must be worn at all times (100% UV protected goggles are STRONGLY recommended, sunglasses tend to leave students unhappy on snowy or cold days)

Sunscreen – Waterproof SPF 15 or higher, 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. There are synthetic and wool varieties available at most outdoor stores. No cotton!! Cotton will keep your student cold and miserable!

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 or snowboard/boots – Beginner skiers do not need poles until advised by their instructor.

Snacks - we suggest that you send your student with snacks for the bus ride to and from Copper. They tend to





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work up a pretty good appetite during the day and on bad days it can take a little while for the buses to get home.

REAL TIME GPS TRACKING

For industry leading safety, confidence, and peace of mind, Copper Mountain is in its fourth year of a partnership with Flaik™ for real time GPS tracking. Each day your child will be fitted with a GPS tracker which will record their day including lifts taken, trails skied, elevation gain and loss, and speed. Please obtain your child’s four digit number at the end of each day from your child’s instructor and visit www.flaik.com to re-live the day and season with your child. *(Please note that you cannot see your child’s day in real time, for safety we keep that information confidential until the end of the day)*

CHOPPERS BUS LOCATIONS

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

Buses will depart from the Front Range between 6 and 7 am. Your student’s chaperone will contact you to let you know the exact departure time a week before the program start date.

Saturdays

1. Wadsworth & Bowles - Christy Sports
2. Holly & Orchard - Christy Sports
3. Colorado & Alameda- Super Target

4. Hampden & Monaco - United Artists Theatre
5. I-70, Exit 252; Evergreen – Home Depot
6. I-70, Exit 263-Denver West Village
7. Boulder - Carpenter Park - 30th & Arapahoe
8. South university & Arapahoe-Southglenn Mall
9. County Line Rd & I-25 - Park Meadows Mall

Sundays

Wadsworth & Bowles - Christy Sports

1. Holly & Orchard - Christy Sports
2. Colorado & Alameda- Super Target
3. Hampden & Monaco - United Artists Theatre
4. I-70, Exit 252 - Evergreen Home Depot
5. I-70, Exit 263; Denver West Village





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What if my child already has a Copper Mountain Pass? Not a problem, we will refund you the amount that you paid once you have enrolled in the program.

Is the Copper Mountain Pass only valid during the program? No. The included Pass is valid for the entire season. It is a full, unlimited pass accepted only at Copper Mountain.

Can I upgrade my student's pass to include Winter Park and Steamboat? You can add a Winter Park pass to your student's pass for \$60 for children 5-12 and \$100 for ages 13 and up at a Winter Park pass office. You may add a Winter Park plus 6 days at Steamboat for \$110 for children 5-12 and \$200 for ages 13 and up. You will need to bring your Youth Program confirmation email with you.

Can my child be in the same class as his/her friend or brother/sister? Every effort is made to keep friends or family of the same age and ability together. If abilities are different, the student with the higher level must move to the lower level group. Please make coaches aware of requests on the first day of the program

Is my child supervised all day? Yes. Children are under the supervision of their instructor at all times, including lunch. If they take the bus they will be supervised by the Chaperone.

Does the program include rentals? No. Children are expected to have their equipment and be ready to go at the start of the lesson. We highly recommend season rentals, which are available at many Front Range ski shops.

Are the days interchangeable? No. You must enroll for either the Saturday or Sunday program. There is NO switching or substituting.

What if my family is late on a program day? If you are going to be *more than 30 minutes late* on a program day, call the late line at 970-968-3263. Then go directly to the program meeting area. Note that we will try our hardest to place your child(ren) with their coach, however, we cannot guarantee your child(ren)'s participation in the program day.

What about adverse weather conditions? There are no make-up days for bad weather, including precipitation, temperature, or wind. Please review the weather for the Copper Mountain Area and road conditions on the Colorado Department of Transportation website. If you are driving from the Denver area, keep in mind that it might take several hours to get to Copper Mountain. Driving on I-70 during severe winter weather is a likely possibility on all program days. Please plan accordingly, and make decisions best for your families' situation.





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Do you offer refunds? We do not offer refunds or make-ups for missed lessons. The only exceptions are for illnesses or season ending injuries with a valid doctor's note. We are unable to accommodate guests or any substitutions. If your child has a medical reason for missing his/her lesson, please call or email us at 866-385-0144 or youthprograms@coppercolorado.com.

What if my child suffers a season ending injury?

Participants with a season ending injury, who provide a valid doctor's excuse, will receive a prorated refund based on the number of days they participated in the program. If your child has a medical reason for missing his/her lesson, please call or email us at 866-385-0144 or youthprograms@coppercolorado.com.

What if my child misses a lesson? If your child has missed a lesson for any reason, please call or email us at 866-385-0144 or youthprograms@coppercolorado.com. We can schedule a make-up lesson in our Group Lessons which run out of the Schoolhouse with a valid Doctor's note. Make-up lessons must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance, and will not be scheduled during peak times.

When does enrollment stop being accepted?

Enrollment closes at 5:00pm the Wednesday before Choppers begins. For exact dates refer to the website. Programs do fill up, at which time

enrollment forms may stop being accepted. To ensure enrollment, make sure you enroll early!

Who do I tell about my child's severe allergy or medical condition? We take allergies very seriously at Copper Mountain Ski and Ride School. Please note your child's severe allergy or medical condition on his/her enrollment form. ***On the first day of the session, describe your child's condition to his/her instructor.*** For detailed information regarding epi-pens, medications, and inhalers in Ski and Ride school, please call or email us to speak with a Youth Programs Coordinator.

