



Shared Ski Adventures Instructors

2020 Ski Season

January 11 – February 29th



Greetings Instructors!

Welcome to the Shared Ski Adventures 2020 Season at Swain Ski Resort. We are pleased to offer another great season of skiing through the partnership of Shared Ski Adventures and CP Rochester. Shared Ski Adventures has existed as an organized program since 1986 offering safe, affordable, high quality ski opportunities to people of all abilities.

Who are our instructors? People who enjoy skiing and the outdoors, want to be challenged, and are willing to give and receive equally. All our instructors are volunteers of CP Rochester and must complete the paperwork required for the agency.

Who are our students? Individuals of all abilities, including people with visual, physical and cognitive challenges. Students come to our program because we are attentive to the student's needs and learning style and can provide the support of adapted equipment and trained instructors.

Program Details

- Each lesson is from 9am-12pm on Saturday mornings at Swain Resort (Swain, NY).
- Instructors are trained volunteers from all backgrounds who share their love of skiing with our students.
- All participants (instructors & students) must provide their own transportation to Swain Resort.
- All participants must wear a helmet while skiing. The helmet must fit correctly and be strapped on.
- Students needing assistance with personal care must have a parent/caregiver on-site to attend to these needs. Volunteer instructors are not allowed to assist with these duties.
- Our Instructor to Student ratio is at least one-to-one; we will pair up two instructors per student when possible.

Instructor Registration – Please submit ASAP

The number of students we can enroll in the program is dependent upon the number of instructors we have registered. Keeping this in mind, **the earlier you send in your registration, the better we can plan for our students.** Registration paperwork includes the [Registration Form](#), [Liability Release Form](#), & [Media Release Form](#).

Lift Tickets

We appreciate all of the volunteers and instructors in our program and welcome all who are interested in helping our skiers and riders on the slopes or are otherwise willing to assist the program. In order to participate as an on-slope instructor or volunteer and to be able to use the chairlifts and ski at Swain, you must have a valid lift ticket for that day. You have several options to obtain a lift ticket. You can purchase a season pass, a “pack” of lift tickets or daily tickets directly from Swain. However, as in the past you can make a donation to SSA and SSA will provide you with a full day lift ticket. The cost of the donation to SSA is: \$280 for lift tickets for the training day and the full season of 8 weeks of lessons or \$150 for lift tickets for the training day and the first half or second half season of 4 weeks of lessons. Volunteers who make a \$280 donation to SSA for the 8 weeks of lessons can upgrade to a full Season Pass for an additional donation of \$40 (\$320 total donation). Unfortunately, SSA does not have the funds to provide lift tickets to instructors or volunteers who do not make a donation to the program.

**CP Rochester is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and your donation is tax deductible; you will be provided with documentation of your contribution to CP Rochester, designated specifically to Shared Ski Adventures, for your records. You can make more of a financial impact by checking with your employer to see if they have a matching gifts program.*

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Instructor Trainings

- Thursday, December 5th – Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm Indoor Training @ CP Rochester
 - All instructors **both new and returning volunteers** will meet at CP Rochester for training
 - Information reviewed will include disability awareness, safety updates/refreshers, learning styles, and techniques for working with students
 - We will brainstorm ways to help both new and returning students
 - For new volunteers this is an opportunity for all to learn how to effectively work with our students and for new recruits to meet the other SSA instructors
 - For returning volunteers this is an opportunity to regroup as a team, welcome new volunteers, refresh on skills and learn about program changes

- Saturday, January 4th – Time: 8:00am-4:00pm On-Hill Training Day @ Swain
 - A full-day training is provided for all registered instructors.
 - Our on-the-hill training day takes place at Swain Resort the week before the students are scheduled to start
 - Light morning refreshments and a catered lunch is provided for instructors
 - We ask “off hill” volunteers to come as well to learn their roles for the season

Family Program

This program allows the family and friends of instructors and students to receive discounted lift tickets at Swain for the day of the SSA lessons (Saturdays) only.

- All Family and Friends purchases will be handled through Swain day of
- No refunds or exchanges for purchased tickets

Lift tickets: \$45 each
Rentals: \$29 each

Thank you for making a commitment to join us in an activity that will increase your ski skills, enable you to meet new friends and enjoy upstate New York’s snowy winters!

Sincerely,

The Shared Ski Adventures Team

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