



# 5th GRADE RIDE FREE PROGRAM

## 2011-12 Application

### ① Ride Card Info and Eligibility

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

5th Grader's Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

5th Grader's Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### ② Secure Equipment Check-in

Check your skis or snowboard in an employee maintained secure area while you are in the lodge for lunch or a break. Only **\$10.00 for unlimited use** of the equipment check-in for the entire season!

Yes  
 No

### ③ 5th Grade Ride Free Program Rules

1. The 5th Grade Ride Free Program participant will get FREE lift tickets for the 2011-12 season. **THE 5TH GRADE RIDE FREE PROGRAM CARD IS NOT A SEASON PASS**, and the minor participant will need to obtain a free daily lift ticket each time he/she visits the mountain. Just show his/her card at the ticket office with an accompanying adult to get the free ticket.
2. All 5th Grade Ride Free Program **CARDS MUST BE PROCESSED AT THE BELLINGHAM BUSINESS OFFICE** or through the mail; 5th Grade Ride Free Program Cards will not be made or replaced at the ski area.
3. When applying for the 5th Grade Ride Free Program Card the applicant must have **PROOF THAT HE/SHE IS CURRENTLY IN THE 5TH GRADE**. Proof consists of a report card, school ID, or teacher note on school letter head. For Homeschoolers to be eligible, please bring a letter of intent when applying for the Ride Card. All applicants must be between ages 9-11 as of December 31, 2011 to qualify for the 2011-12 5th Grade Ride Free Program. The applicant can only be enrolled in the program for one season.
4. **AN ADULT WHO BUYS A LIFT TICKET OR HAS A SEASON PASS MUST BE WITH THE 5TH GRADE RIDE FREE PARTICIPANT IN ORDER FOR THE PARTICIPANT TO GET A 5TH GRADE RIDE FREE TICKET FOR THE DAY.** There is a maximum of two 5th Grade Ride Card holders per each paying adult.
5. If the **5TH GRADE RIDE FREE CARD IS FORGOTTEN**, the 5th Grade Ride Free Participant must **PURCHASE A DAILY LIFT TICKET** at the full daily lift ticket rate.
6. **NO ONE ELSE CAN USE THE MINOR PARTICIPANT'S 5TH GRADE RIDE FREE CARD** or lift tickets. There will be a charge of \$25 to replace a lost card.
7. The 5th Grade Ride Free Program Card is **NOT TRANSFERABLE AND NOT EXCHANGEABLE** and is valid only during the 2011-2012 season. The Card may be used only by the original owner. **ANY ATTEMPT** to sell or transfer use of the 5th Grade Ride Free Program Card subjects the user of the card as well as the minor participant to **FINES AND PROSECUTION** under Washington State Law, as well as revocation of all skiing and snowboarding privileges at Mt. Baker Ski Area. If the Card is misused or if any of the information on this application is inaccurate, the minor participant's card privileges will be revoked.

### ④ Please sign Minor 5th Grade Ride Free Participant Release Agreement

#### Office Use Only

Processed By: _____	Proof (check one):	<input type="checkbox"/> School ID	Equipment Check -In
Date: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Report Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash
Release Signed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Verified By: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Intent	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa/MC
		<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Note	<input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

**MT. BAKER SKI AREA, INC.**

**2011-2012 Minor 5th Grade Ride Free Participant RELEASE AGREEMENT  
Acknowledgement of Risks and Hazards and Agreement Not To Sue  
PARENTS/GUARDIANS PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

If you are unwilling to assume all the risks associated with all of your minor 5th Grade Ride Free Program participant's mountain activities and the use of any Mt. Baker Ski Area facility, **DO NOT** sign this document, in which case the minor 5th Grade Ride Free Program participant will **NOT** be authorized to use a Mt. Baker 5th Grade Ride Free Program Card. If you sign this document, **BUT** make any alterations to it, the minor 5th Grade Ride Free Program participant will **NOT** be authorized to use a Mt. Baker Ski Area 5th Grade Ride Free Card.

**This RELEASE AGREEMENT pertains to use of any and all facilities at Mt. Baker Ski Area  
NOTE: Mt. Baker Mountain Policies and Guidelines ARE LISTED ON PAGES 5 - 8 OF THIS  
PACKET - additional policies are posted at the ski area and our website [www.mtbaker.us](http://www.mtbaker.us)**

The minor 5th Grade Ride Free Program Participant ("minor participant"), and the undersigned parent/guardian of the minor participant named on this Agreement, agree and acknowledge that by participating in the Mt. Baker 5th Grade Ride Free Program, the minor participant is subject to the following rules and conditions of use by Mt. Baker Ski Area, Inc. and both the parent/guardian and minor participant agree to these terms:

1. I, the undersigned parent/guardian of the minor participant ("I"), understand that as a visitor to Mt. Baker Ski Area, I and the minor participant will encounter an ever-changing and at times severe mountain environment. **I UNDERSTAND THAT BOTH MY AND THE MINOR PARTICIPANT'S SAFETY IS NOT GUARANTEED.**
2. I understand that it is the minor participant's responsibility to be safety conscious at all times, to respect all warning signs and to use common sense and act responsibly for his/her own safety and the safety of others while at the ski area.
3. I understand that the minor participant may be seriously hurt (including fatal injuries) using the facilities of Mt. Baker Ski Area. I accept full responsibility for all medical expenses incurred as a result of the use of this 5th Grade Ride Free Program card and/or any Mt. Baker facility.
4. All visitors to the ski area are expected to adhere to **ALL MT. BAKER SKI AREA MOUNTAIN POLICIES AND GUIDELINES**. I understand that **VIOLATION** of any of these policies **MAY RESULT IN FINES, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE MINOR PARTICIPANT'S SKIING OR SNOWBOARDING PRIVILEGES WITHOUT REFUND, FINES AND/OR POSSIBLE PERMANENT TRESPASS FROM THE SKI AREA**. Infractions of any of the policies will remain on file and will affect eligibility for future pass purchases and/or use of Mt. Baker facilities.
5. I understand and acknowledge the following: **WARNING - SKIING, SNOWBOARDING, and MOUNTAIN ACTIVITIES ARE HAZARDOUS AND THE ENTIRE SKI AREA EXISTS IN A HAZARDOUS MOUNTAIN ENVIRONMENT**. Dangers include but are not limited to: Bare spots, variation and changes in snow, ice and terrain along with bumps, deep snow, tree wells, creeks, holes, moguls, stumps, forest growth and debris, rocks, cliffs, extreme terrain, sliding or falling snow, avalanches, risk-creating weather conditions, freestyle terrain, jumps, terrain modifications, equipment including but not limited to lifts and snow machines, collisions with structures, machines or devices and **MANY OTHER HAZARDS EXIST WITHIN THE MOUNTAIN ENVIRONMENT OF THE SKI AREA. SUCH DANGERS ARE RECOGNIZED AND ACCEPTED** whether they are marked or unmarked, on or off the slopes and they may occur without warning. **I AND THE MINOR PARTICIPANT ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS WHILE AT THE SKI AREA**. Falls and collisions with other people do occur and I and the minor participant understand that the minor participant assumes all risks as well as the responsibility to ski or snowboard under control at all times.
6. I understand that helmets, safety equipment, proficiency checks, supervision and/or enforcement of rules **DO NOT AND CAN NOT GUARANTEE** the minor participants's safety.
7. The minor participant assumes the risks associated with riding, loading, unloading and activities related to **RIDING CHAIR LIFTS or TOWS**.
8. Mt. Baker Ski Area reserves the right to close any or all facilities due to circumstances under its control or beyond its control: i.e., weather, lack of snow, road closures, etc. **FACILITY AND LIFT OPERATION MAY VARY**. I understand the season opening and closing dates are at the discretion of Mt. Baker Ski Area and may vary from printed schedules. **NO REFUNDS, CREDITS, OR EXTENSIONS OF THIS 5TH GRADE RIDE FREE PROGRAM CARD WILL BE ISSUED** due to variations in facility and/or Ski Area operation during the 2011-12 season.


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- 9. A) I agree to **RELEASE, INDEMNIFY** and **HOLD HARMLESS** Mt. Baker Ski Area, Inc., its owners, land owners, directors and officers, employees, sponsors, and agents ("Mt. Baker") from any and all claims related in any way to the minor participant's activities at or use of the Mt. Baker Ski Area, including any and all claims for death, personal injury, property damage, theft, or actions of any kind, where caused by negligence or otherwise.
- B) I agree to pay any and all legal fees incurred by Mt. Baker which may arise from any claims, actions or lawsuits by or on behalf of myself, the minor participant, or heirs, executors, or administrators.
- C) This **RELEASE/INDEMNIFICATION** clause shall be construed broadly to provide **INDEMNITY** and **RELEASE OF LIABILITY** to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law. This **RELEASE AGREEMENT** is governed by the Laws of the State of Washington and venue for any disputes regarding this **AGREEMENT** will be in the Superior Courts of Whatcom County.

PARTICIPANT	5th GRADER'S LAST NAME	FIRST NAME
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

PARENT / GUARDIAN	I certify that I have <b>READ, UNDERSTAND, AND ACCEPT</b> the terms of this Agreement and freely accept and assume the risk that the minor participant can suffer property damage, illness, severe personal injury or even death by using the Mt. Baker facilities or participating in mountain activities , not only in ways described, but also in ways that are unknown and unexpected, even if the minor participant follows instructions or advice. I agree not to sue Mt. Baker. I, and the minor participant have received a copy of Mt. Baker's Mountain Policies, Your Responsibility Code and Washington State Law RCW 79A.45.030 and understand and agree to the terms of these policies and I have reviewed the risks, terms, & policies in this document with the minor participant.	
	PRINT FULL NAME: _____	
	SIGNATURE: 	DATE:

OFFICE USE ONLY  
Verified By:



# 5th GRADE RIDE FREE ART CONTEST

In the box below, draw what best represents Mt. Baker Ski Area to you, & your artwork could be chosen to be displayed on the front of next year's 5th Grade ride free card!  
The winner(s) will receive a Mt. Baker t-shirt.

Please drop off at the Mt. Baker Business Office in Bellingham.

Good Luck and remember to use **lots of color** and **fill the space in the box!**

ALL STUDENTS WHO WILL BE FIFTH GRADERS IN THE 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER.

Please submit or mail entries to:

Mt. Baker Ski Area, Inc.  
Fifth Grade Art Contest  
1420 Iowa Street  
Bellingham, WA 98229

Questions? Call (360) 734-6771

First:																				
Last:																				
Address:																				
Phone #:																				

I understand that by submitting this artwork to Mt. Baker Ski Area I agree to allow it to be used for any legitimate purpose in connection with the promotion of this or future programs or the promotion of Mt. Baker Ski Area, Inc.

# Mt. Baker Ski Area

## MOUNTAIN POLICIES & GUIDELINES 2011-2012

As a visitor here, you will encounter an ever-changing and at times severe mountain environment.

**Your safety is NOT guaranteed.**

Other policies, warnings and guidelines may be posted throughout the ski area.

# MOUNTAIN SAFETY

## Guidelines

### ① YOUR RESPONSIBILITY CODE

**1. ALWAYS STAY IN CONTROL.**

Ski or snowboard under control and in such a manner that you can stop or avoid others or objects.

**2. PEOPLE AHEAD OF YOU HAVE THE RIGHT OF WAY.**

When proceeding downhill or overtaking others, you must avoid the person(s) below you.

**3. STOP IN A SAFE PLACE FOR YOU AND OTHERS.**

You must not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible from above.

**4. WHENEVER STARTING DOWNHILL, ENTERING A TRAIL, OR MERGING, LOOK UPHILL AND YIELD TO OTHERS.**

**5. USE DEVICES TO HELP PREVENT RUNAWAY EQUIPMENT.**

**6. OBSERVE ALL SIGNS.**

Respect warnings, and keep off closed trails and out of restricted areas.

**7. YOU ARE THE SOLE JUDGE OF YOUR ABILITY.**

Know how to use the lifts safely and use runs and facilities of your ability level.

### ② YOUR SAFETY IS NOT GUARANTEED

- As a visitor here, you will encounter an ever-changing and at times severe mountain environment. **YOUR SAFETY IS NOT GUARANTEED.**
- It is your responsibility to be **SAFETY CONSCIOUS AT ALL TIMES**, to **RESPECT ALL WARNING SIGNS** and to **USE COMMON SENSE** and **ACT RESPONSIBLY** for your own safety and the safety of others.

### ③ WASHINGTON LAW

as per RCW 79A. 45 et. seq. This is a partial list.

- (3) Every person shall **MAINTAIN CONTROL** of his or her speed and course at all times, and shall **STAY CLEAR OF ANY SNOWGROOMING EQUIPMENT, ANY VEHICLE, ANY LIFT TOWER, AND ANY OTHER EQUIPMENT ON THE MOUNTAIN.**
- (4) **A PERSON SHALL BE THE SOLE JUDGE OF HIS OR HER ABILITY** to negotiate any trail.
- (6) The primary duty shall be on **THE PERSON SKIING DOWNHILL TO AVOID ANY COLLISION WITH ANY PERSON OR OBJECT BELOW HIM OR HER.**
- (8) **ANY PERSON SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY COLLISION** whether the collision is with another person or with an object.

More Mt. Baker Mountain Policies available at the Ticket Office and at [www.mtbaker.us](http://www.mtbaker.us)

# CLOSED AREAS & ROPE LINES

## 1. CLOSED AREAS

- a) **DO NOT ACCESS CLOSED AREAS AT ANY TIME**
- b) Closed areas on the ski and snowboard hill are designated with closed signs at primary access locations.
- c) Closed or restricted facilities may be barricaded, roped or signed.
- d) If you enter a closed area you will become a trespasser and be subjected to fines, possible prosecution and/or permanent removal from the ski area *and possible prosecution under the NEW Washington State Law RCW.*

## 2. THE CANYON & GUNNERS BOWL

- a) The perimeter of the in-ski-area sections of The Canyon and Gunners Bowl are marked with a rope line, signs and/or access gates. The eastern boundary between the backcountry and Gunners Bowl and The Canyon is not marked.
- b) Access into The Canyon is strictly PROHIBITED FROM ANY POINT WHEN CLOSED.
- c) Access to Gunners Bowl from the Ski Area is strictly prohibited when CLOSED.

## 3. EXTREME DANGER ZONE & HAZARD ADVISORY ROPE LINES

- a) At your own risk, you may access Extreme Danger Zones or Hazard Advisory areas. **DO NOT** access CLOSED areas at any time.
- b) There is a minimum \$500 rescue fee for any rescue in an Extreme Danger Zone, Hazard Advisory, Cliff, Closed or Backcountry areas.
- c) Access into backcountry through boundary rope lines is subject to specific Backcountry Policy.

Information about the additional risks that Extreme Danger Zones possess is available on p. 3 of Mtn. Policies Packet and on-mountain signage

**RESCUE MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE**

**VIOLATORS WILL BE EXPELLED FROM SKI AREA!**

# WASHINGTON LAW

**WASHINGTON STATE LAW STANDARD OF CONDUCT** as per RCW 79A. 45 et. seq.

- (1) In addition to the specific requirements of this section, all skiers shall conduct themselves within the limits of their individual ability and shall not act in a manner that may contribute to the injury of themselves or any other person.
- (2) No person shall:
  - (a) Embark or disembark upon a ski lift except at a designated area;
  - (b) Throw or expel any object from any tramway, ski lift, commercial skimobile, or other similar device while riding on the device;
  - (c) Act in any manner while riding on a rope tow, wire rope tow, j-bar, t-bar, ski lift, or similar device that may interfere with the proper or safe operation of the lift or tow;
  - (d) Wilfully engage in any type of conduct which may injure any person, or place any object in the uphill ski track which may cause another to fall, while traveling uphill on a ski lift; or
  - (e) Cross the uphill track of a j-bar, t-bar, rope tow, wire rope tow, or other similar device except at designated locations.
- (3) Every person shall maintain control of his or her speed and course at all times, and shall stay clear of any snowgrooming equipment, any vehicle, any lift tower, and any other equipment on the mountain.
- (4) A person shall be the sole judge of his or her ability to negotiate any trail, run, or uphill track and no action shall be maintained against any operator by reason of the condition of the track, trail, or run unless the condition results from the negligence of the operator.
- (5) Any person who boards a rope tow, wire rope tow, j-bar, t-bar, ski lift, or other similar device shall be presumed to have sufficient abilities to use the device. No liability shall attach to any operator or attendant for failure to instruct the person on the use of the device, but a person shall follow any written or verbal instructions that are given regarding the use.
- (6) Because of the inherent risks in the sport of skiing all persons using the ski hill shall exercise reasonable care for their own safety. However, the primary duty shall be on the person skiing downhill to avoid any collision with any person or object below him or her.
- (7) Any person skiing outside the confines of trails open for skiing or runs open for skiing within the ski area boundary shall be responsible for any injuries or losses resulting from his or her action.
- (8) Any person on foot or on any type of sliding device shall be responsible for any collision whether the collision is with another person or with an object.
- (9) A person embarking on a lift or tow without authority shall be considered to be a trespasser.

## **EXTREME DANGER ZONE**

**When you access this area, you are entering an  
EXTREME DANGER ZONE**

which possesses additional risks to those already inherent to skiing and snowboarding.

**IF YOU CHOOSE TO ENTER THIS AREA, IT IS AT YOUR OWN RISK, and you need to treat this zone with heightened awareness of the mountain environment which requires additional precautionary steps.**

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**THIS REQUIRES ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONARY STEPS associated with this type of terrain and deep snow and tree well accident prevention, and includes but is not limited to the following:**

1. An understanding that **UNPREDICTABLE NATURAL HAZARDS EXIST IN THIS AREA**, such as:

- Cliffs and drop-offs
- Deep snow pockets & pillows
- Holes
- Tree Wells
- Potential snow slides
- Limited visibility
- Other unmarked significant natural hazards.
- Variable snow conditions and other hazards associated with ungroomed areas and extreme terrain.

2. Riding with **A PARTNER** who remains in visual contact at all times.

3. Knowledge of **YOUR ROUTE**.

4. Knowledge of current **SNOW CONDITIONS**.

5. Carrying a **TRANSCEIVER**.

6. Carrying a **SHOVEL**.

**DO NOT ACCESS AT ANY TIME WHEN CLOSED**

There is a minimum \$500 rescue fee for any rescue in an Extreme Danger Zone, Hazard Advisory, Cliff, Closed or Backcountry areas.

**RESCUE MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE.**

## **SLOW ZONES**

At a minimum, you must ski or ride at, or slower than, the flow of traffic in a slow zone and you must be able to stop and/or avoid others or objects at any time.

## **OPEN CONTAINER POLICY**

As per RCW 66.44.100, you may not leave your vehicle or walk around the Mt. Baker parking lot with an open container of alcohol.

# BACKCOUNTRY POLICY

If you leave the ski area boundary into the backcountry or re-enter the ski area from the backcountry, you must have all of the following or you will lose your ski area privileges:

1. Avalanche transceiver and demonstrated ability to use it
  2. A partner
  3. Shovel
  4. Knowledge of the terrain and your ability
  5. Avalanche knowledge
  6. Knowledge of local avalanche conditions;
    - know this winter's snowpack layers
    - know the recent snowfall & type
    - know current NWAC forecast
    - know today's weather forecast (snowfall, temperature & visibility)
- Probes and Handi-com radios are recommended.



# WARNING



You are LEAVING MT. BAKER SKI AREA, entering National Forest Backcountry Wilderness Area.

This area is **NOT CONTROLLED** for **AVALANCHES** or **PATROLLED!**

## BACKCOUNTRY WILDERNESS AREA HAS:

- Avalanches That Will Occur At **ANY TIME**
- Extreme Avalanche Hazards At All Times
- Extreme Cliff Areas
- Other Mountain Hazards

**BACKCOUNTRY WILDERNESS AREA IS DANGEROUS AT ALL TIMES**

You or your heirs will be charged for any rescue a minimum of: **\$500**  
**RESCUE MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE**

# TERRAIN PARK RULES & GUIDELINES

## 1. ONLY USE FEATURES OF YOUR ABILITY:

It is your responsibility to know your terrain park ability, to only use Features within your ability and to control your actions in the air and on the ground. Freestyle terrain can be dangerous and cause serious injury. By entering the Terrain Park, you are responsible for and assume all risk of injury or possibly death.

## 2. SCOPE THE PARK BEFORE YOU USE A FEATURE:

Before using any of the Features, go through the park at least once at a slow rate of speed. Inspect each Feature you plan to use.

Look For:

- A**pproach zone
- T**ake Off zone
- M**aneuver zone
- L**anding zone



Also look for:

- Blind Zone locations
- Difficulty level of Feature

## 3. SURFACE CONDITIONS CHANGE:

Know and understand that surface snow conditions are constantly changing and you must know and understand how these changing conditions affect the ATML of each feature. These changing conditions cause the difficulty level of each Feature to vary throughout the day.

## 4. WAIT FOR PEOPLE DOWNHILL OF YOU:

You must give right of way to the people who are downhill of you – even if you can't see them. As per Washington Law, you are **PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE** for injury caused by collision.

## 5. ONLY ONE PERSON AT A TIME MAY USE A FEATURE

## 6. WAIT UNTIL THE FEATURE IS CLEAR:

Wait until the person ahead of you on a Feature has landed and **SAFELY** moved completely out of the Blind Zone. As per Washington Law, you are **PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE** for injury caused by collision.

## 7. USE A SPOTTER:

It is recommended you ride with a spotter who ensures the Blind Zone is completely clear of people and equipment before signaling the Feature is clear for your use.

## 8. IF THE BLIND ZONE IS NOT CLEAR, GIVE A "NOT CLEAR" SIGNAL:

If there are people or equipment in the Blind Zone, signal the feature is **NOT** clear for use by placing your arms in the X signal position. When a Blind Zone is clear, you may give the "clear" signal by placing both your arms in the vertical II position above your head.

## 9. YOU MUST BLOCK THE APPROACH ZONE IF:

There is equipment or a person which can not be quickly moved from the Blind Zone. Block with any available apparatus.

## 10. CALL YOUR DROP-IN AND START FROM START AREAS:

Call your drop in and yield as appropriate as per WA Law and Your Responsibility Code.

## 11. INVERTED AERIALS ARE NOT RECOMMENDED

**Note:** *Park terminology and details of rules are available in a separate Terrain Park brochure and are posted at the Terrain Park.*