



Adaptive Winter Sports Program

Ski/Snowboard Instructors and Junior Instructors

Description of Positions-

Volunteer instructors personally commit to PSIA (Professional Ski Instructors of America) based training, and teach Double H Ranch students how to ski, snowboard, or snowshoe with the use of appropriate adaptive equipment.

Junior Instructor:

Must be 16 yrs of age prior to the program's first official day of operation (first scheduled teaching day) Once a Jr. Instructor has reached the age of 19 they may be promoted to the position of Instructor provided they have the capability to be a lead instructor.

- Must have the ability to self on-load and off-load the chairlift in addition to the ability to demonstrate the understanding of lift safety (*example: put the safety bar down, ability to connect seat belt*).
- Must have the ability to ski the entire slope with a student in control, with a number of safely executed turns, in both directions, with controlled left and right stops utilizing both the wedge and parallel style.
- Will be required to take a skiing/rider test (to prove their proficiency on the slopes), which will be conducted by an experienced instructor assigned by the Ski School Director.
- Must be capable of recovering and returning to their equipment without assistance should they fall.
- Must take all training as required and specified by the Double H Ranch.
- Must demonstrate sufficient maturity to assure the safety of students, instructors as well as their own safety as determined by the Ski School Director with input from lead instructors.
- Must have strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Will be asked to assist in teaching students in the sport of alpine, Nordic skiing and snowboarding if interested and able.
- Will be responsible for all expenses related to their skiing experience at the Ranch or any off-site teaching trips.
- May use the program's winter sports equipment provided it is not needed for students, or other authorized users of the slopes (families of students, senior instructors, etc).
- Must be able to ski/snowboard on an intermediate trail (BLUE trail at a public ski mountain).
- May join PSIA and attend clinics sponsored by PSIA with the full encouragement of the Adaptive Winter Sports Program.

Upon completion of successful training, junior instructors will be assigned as instructor assistants. Their schedules will be determined at the discretion of the Ski School Director.

Instructor

- Must be 19 years of age prior to the program's first official day of operation (first scheduled teaching day).
- Must be able to fulfill all instructional responsibilities expected of a lead instructor.
- Will co-instruct with a lead instructor in order to build teaching skills
- Must display proficiency of skills to Ski School Director in order to lead instruct

Lead Instructor

*Lead Instructor will be appointed by the Ski School Director, after completing all of training

The Lead Instructor will:

- Make arrangements for the transport of the student's equipment to and from area.
- Review documentation regarding instruction and oversee the signing of Binding Release forms from parents for Ranch equipment.
- Provide the parents with information on day's agenda, directions to area, meeting points etc.
- Schedule a pre-discussion and selection of appropriate teaching trails and weather/snow conditions with the other instructors.
- Do a rotating supervision of the other instructors and their students while on the slopes.



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Application Requirements

- The Double H Ranch requires an application each year for insurance purposes, and to run a current background check.
- The application can be found on our website: www.doublehbranch.org
- **Please note that if you are a new applicant, you will need to provide the following (the proper forms for this information will need to be printed after submitting your application on-line):**
 - two personal/professional reference forms completed by your referees.
 - a physical examination signed by your physician
 - provide the dates of the following immunizations
 - ✓ Tuberculosis (this will need to be within the last year)
 - ✓ Tetanus
 - ✓ Chicken pox vaccine (2 varivax vaccinations), or date of actually having the disease
 - ✓ Two MMR vaccination dates
 - ✓ Documentation of your seasonal flu shot
- Completed immunization records are required for **all** volunteers.
- Completed training and teaching date calendars of your available and chosen days (see below).

Volunteer Instructor Time Commitment for the Season (October-March)

Training:

- Orientation for ALL instructors is mandatory, and will occur in November.
- You choose from a series of trainings on various dates and times (October-December), but you will need to complete a total of at least 24 training hours.

Teaching:

- You choose from a series of weekend dates (some Friday day, night, and Mondays as well) which fit in with your schedule.
- You only need to commit to teaching on the hill for at least **6 total days** throughout the season (January-March).

What is the Schedule for a Typical Ski Day?

8:30am	Instructor arrival and meeting
9:00am	Student arrival and check-in and get equipment with instructor
10:00am	Lift Opens!
12:00pm	Lunch Break, yummy!
1:00pm	Lift Opens, let's hit the slopes again!
3:00pm	Lift closes and paperwork is completed. THANK YOU!