



Ski Bus Chaperone Program

What it means to be a chaperone

Chaperones are the heart and soul of any successful ski bus. They have the unique opportunity to create and foster positive relationships with their group not only as a mentor, but also as a role model. Our chaperones are selected not only for their ability to manage a youth group effectively and to create lasting relationships, but also to help get youth active outdoors. It's all about the kids.

An attempt will be made to ensure an equal mixing of male and female chaperones on each bus.

Requirements

Chaperones are selected based on several criteria. Priority goes to past ski bus chaperones, ability to commit to the full six week program, experience managing kids, experience handling a position of responsibility. Chaperones must be over 21 years of age, submit to a criminal background check, fill out appropriate volunteer paperwork, and participate in a short training. There is a strict no smoking, no drugs, and no alcohol policy. Under no circumstances may chaperones visit the bar while they are working with the Bainbridge Island Ski Bus. This includes getting food from or checking sports scores.

Description of duties

Chaperone responsibilities include checking in youth participants at the meeting site, helping load the vans/buses with gear, managing kids while aboard the bus and/or ferry, rotating through a duty schedule on the mountain, and assisting staff in disciplinary action among other tasks. The duty schedule consists of spending 45 minutes to 1 hour staffing the Bainbridge Island Ski Bus table at the lodge in case kids who are wet, cold, tired, lost, etc need someone to talk to or be with. After manning the lodge, that chaperone will check in with ski patrol to see if anyone is injured, then head out to enjoy the mountain powder or a good book by the fireplace.

Compensation

Lift tickets, transportation, and ferry fees are freely provided to chaperones. Chaperones can transfer their earned lift tickets to their dependent child. If a chaperone misses a week due to any circumstance, a lift ticket will not be provided. Please make an effort to show up consistently every week. Ski bus depends on our amazing chaperones!

How to apply

Please fill out the information below and email it to Jeff Ozimek – Outdoor Programs Manager - at jeff@biparks.org. Expect to hear back late November – early December. Selected chaperones will be emailed volunteer, medical, and concussion waivers, as well as a criminal background check form. Becoming a chaperone is dependent upon passing the criminal background check.

To help us to get to know you better, please answer the following questions.

Name: _____ **Email:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Which ski bus would you like to chaperone? Steven's Pass / Crystal Mountain / Both

Please list which weeks are you available to chaperone:

Have you ever been a chaperone for any youth trips in the past? Yes / No
(If yes, please describe with who, for how long, and what your duties were)

Please describe your experience working with or managing youth groups:

Why do you want to be a Ski Bus chaperone?

THANK YOU! If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Ozimek – Outdoor Programs Manager - at (206) 842-2306 x115 or jeff@biparks.org