

**SCHOOL / GROUP
INFORMATION PACKAGE**



CANYON

SKI RESORT

2026 / 2027

23
RUNS

538
VERTICAL FEET

80
ACRES

6
LIFTS

350 FOOT
MAGIC CARPET LOCATED
IN THE BEGINNER AREA

SCHOOL/GROUP

Information Package

As Alberta's largest non-mountain alpine resort, Canyon Ski Resort is the ideal destination for school groups to learn and experience skiing, snowboarding, and snow tubing. We offer programming for Grades K-12 that promotes snow safety, builds confidence, and highlights the importance of outdoor recreation as part of a healthy, active lifestyle. With cost-effective, all-inclusive packages for lift tickets, lessons, and rentals, we make it easy for every student to participate.

Our curriculum-aligned programs support Alberta Physical Education outcomes, including daily physical activity, cooperation, and overall health and wellness. Lessons are delivered in a safe, supportive environment and focus on proper technique, hazard awareness, and essential skills, while encouraging enjoyment and long-term participation in winter sports. Our certified instructors—trained through CSIA (Canadian Ski Instructors' Alliance) and CASI (Canadian Association of Snowboard Instructors)—engage students in ways that support physical, social, and cognitive development. We also have CADS-trained staff available to support a wide range of special needs, ensuring an inclusive experience for all students.

Conveniently located just 5 km east of Red Deer, Canyon offers a unique midweek experience with uncrowded slopes and, for larger groups, the opportunity for exclusive use of the resort. With features like our 100-metre Magic Carpet and one of Alberta's best snow tube parks, we provide a fun, accessible environment for beginners while still offering enough variety to challenge more experienced participants.

This guide is designed to help you plan your school's visit with ease and confidence. We look forward to welcoming your group to Canyon Ski Resort for a safe, engaging, and memorable winter experience.

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RESORT INFORMATION



Why choose us?

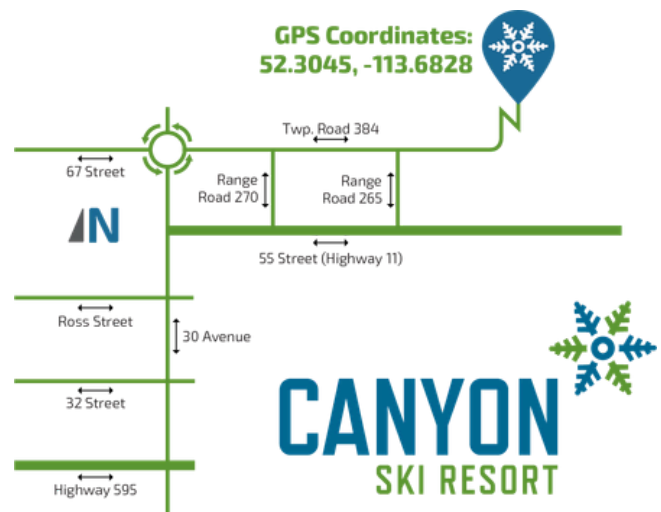
- **Uncrowded Midweek Experience**
 - Enjoy a relaxed, low-traffic environment that allows students to learn and participate without the congestion of larger city resorts.
- **Exclusive Group Opportunities**
 - Large school groups (300+ participants) may have the opportunity to enjoy the resort privately, creating a unique and controlled experience.
- **Beginner-Friendly Terrain**
 - Our gradual slopes and 100-metre Magic Carpet provide an ideal learning environment for first-time skiers and snowboarders.
- **Top Snow Tubing in Alberta**
 - Our snow tube park is one of the best in the province, offering a fun and accessible option for all students—no experience required.
- **Central Location**
 - Conveniently located just 5 km east of Red Deer, Canyon is easily accessible for schools across Central Alberta.
- **All-Inclusive, Cost-Effective Packages**
 - Simple flat-rate pricing includes lift tickets, lessons, and rentals—making planning easy and budgets predictable.
- **Qualified & Inclusive Instruction**
 - Lessons are delivered by CSIA and CASI certified instructors, with CADS-trained staff available to support students with diverse learning needs.

How to find us?

We are located only 1 hour and 30 minutes from both Calgary and Edmonton.

Directions:

- Take the 67th Street Exit from QE2 HWY East until you reach the round-about, taking the east turn off.
- Follow the signs until you reach the gates of Canyon, continue all the way down the hill to the Canyon Ski Lodge.



NEW FOR 2026/2027



Introducing our evening Middle School Ride Club

A more engaging, structured evening ski & snowboard experience for middle high students.

Middle High Ride Nights are designed for groups attending 3 or more evening sessions, focusing on consistency, progression, and fun.

How It Works

- Students are placed into small, consistent groups
- Each group rides with the same instructor each visit
- Every night includes a dedicated Ride Night session with guided skiing/riding and group challenges
- Sessions end with a short wrap-up to recognize progress

Why It Works

- More Engagement – Students stay involved when they're part of a group
- Better Progression – Instructors get to know students and support improvement
- *Built-In Accountability – Attendance tracked within groups*

What Stays the Same

- Same pricing
- Free ski time included
- Open to skiers and snowboarders

What We Need From Schools

- Student list submitted in advance
 - Students will be groups with students from their school and assigned a consistent instructor who will progress through the sessions with the youth.
- General ability information
- Identification of Never-Ever participants
 - Students in the Never Ever group may progress to other levels or stay as a group dependent on their individual progression.

Middle School Ride Nights create a more organized, social, and rewarding experience — helping students get the most out of every visit. It solves the problems of youth skipping out on their lessons.



60-Second Quick Start Guide

A quick overview for planning your school's trip to Canyon Ski Resort



1. Choose Your Activities

Canyon offers two options for school groups:

- Skiing and/or Snowboarding – Includes lesson & rentals (skiing recommended for Grades 3-12, Snowboarding recommended for Grades 5-12)
- Snow Tubing – 10:00 AM-1:00 PM only (great for K-12)

2. Complete the NEW Online Booking Form

- [Access the New Online Booking Form Here](#)
- We confirm availability within 3 business days.
- Once confirmed, we'll send you your school's Timesaver link. (Bookings made prior to September will receive their Timesaver Links in late September or Early October)

3. Collect Student Info

You'll receive two forms:

- Student Information Form (send to parents)
- Timesaver Spreadsheet (for teachers to enter rental + lesson details)
- Submit your final Timesaver numbers the Tuesday **the week prior** your trip

4. Prepare for Your Visit

- Check weather at canyonski.ca
- Arrange meeting points for rentals, lessons & lunch
- Remind students to dress for active winter weather

5. Day-Of: How It Works

- Students STAY ON THE BUS for a short welcome & safety talk
- Group leader checks in at guest services for lift tickets & rentals
- Students go directly to rentals → lessons → the hill
- Morning group lessons start once rentals are done

6. End of Day

- Return unused lift tickets for invoice adjustment
- Students return equipment + RFID cards
- Groups depart at their arranged time

Questions or Need Help?

We're here to make your trip smooth and stress-free.

Email: groups@canyonski.ca

Phone: (403) 346-5588



2026 – 2027 Pricing

GST is included in all school pricing

Valid Wednesday – Friday Only



ELEMENTARY

Package	Price
A – Lift Pass, Complimentary Lesson, Rental	\$ 55
B – Lift Pass, Complimentary Lesson	\$ 32
C – Season Pass Holder– Lesson ONLY Fee	\$ 20

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Package	Price
A – Lift Pass, Complimentary Lesson, Rental	\$ 61
B – Lift Pass, Complimentary Lesson	\$ 37
C – Season Pass Holder– Lesson ONLY Fee	\$ 20

SUPERVISOR / ADULT

Each school/group receives 1 Free Supervisor Lift Pass & Rental package for every 10 students. Additional passes are available for purchase at the following rates.

Package	Price
Additional Supervisor Lift Pass, Rental*	\$ 61
Additional Supervisor Lift Pass Only	\$ 37
Parent / Adult Lift Pass, Rental	\$ 61
Parent / Adult Lift Pass Only	\$ 37
Walking Pass	\$ FREE

Supervisors: Adults responsible for supporting all students during the visit, including assisting with group coordination, rentals, and collaborating with Canyon staff as needed.

Walking Passes: Unlimited walking passes are available for staff and volunteers to assist students in the Magic Carpet area. Any person on the snow must have a walking pass.

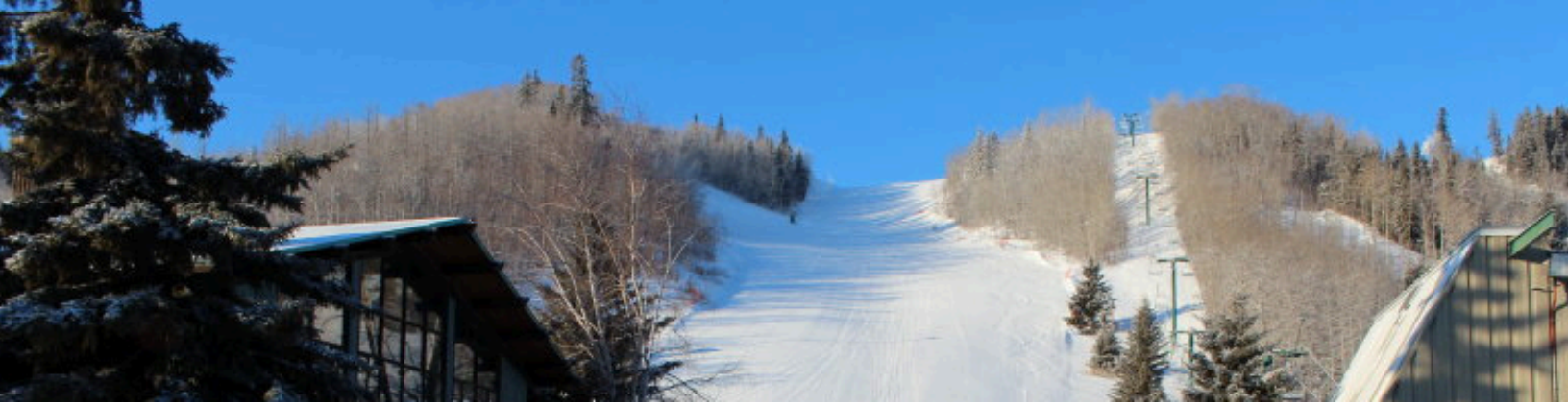
SNOWTUBING

Snowtubing (10:00 AM – 1:00 PM)	\$ 23
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MEAL OPTIONS

Pre-Ordered Lunch *Minimum 20	\$ 15
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BOOKING / PLANNING PROCESS

Canyon Ski Resort has developed a check list to assist in planning your group trip. Follow these guidelines to help prepare for your ski trip:

Initial Booking

- Complete the online [Group Booking Form Here](#)
- Canyon will confirm availability within 3 days or suggest alternate dates.
- Once confirmed, canyon will email you with a confirmation and links to your school groups 'timesaver(s)'.

One-Two Months Before Trip

- Distribute Student Information Form to parents.
- It is important to utilize the provided form to gather participant information. If you wish to do so electronically, please ensure that the lesson and rental information is accurate.
- Transfer details to the School Group Timesaver via links sent to you.

Two Weeks Before Trip (Critical Step)

- Submit final numbers for students, lessons, rentals via the Timesaver **Tuesday, the week prior** to your trip. You only need to fill in the master page, the rest will auto fill.
- Set up a day-of agenda: meeting points for transportation, rentals, lessons, and lunch.
- Order Your Meals: Help students save money and keep lunch running smoothly by pre-ordering meals. Orders must be submitted through our online form at least one week in advance.

Few Days Before Trip

- Few Days Before Trip
- Double-check student ability levels against your submitted info; notify Canyon of any changes.
- Check weather and conditions at canyonski.ca.
- Weather Cancellations: Please let us know as early as possible (ideally 24+ hours) if you need to cancel due to weather. Last-minute changes affect staffing. We'll do the same if we need to cancel.



DAY OF TRIP PROCESS



Arrival by Bus

- Students **remain on the bus** until a Canyon rep boards and gives a welcome & safety talk.
- **1 Group Leader checks in at Guest Services** for lift tickets.
- **1 Group Leader Checks in at Rentals**
- Hand out tickets to students **upon unloading.**
- Direct students to day lodge.
- Students getting rentals are then directed to either the **rental shop for skiers** or the **South Room for Snowboarders.** (unless otherwise directed)
- Assign one chaperone in the Day Lodge as a check-in point.
- Students go to lessons (Snow School Meeting Area) **immediately after getting equipment.**

Individual Arrivals

- Group Leader arrives 30+ minutes early to check in and get tickets.
- On-time arrival is crucial to avoid missing safety talks and lessons.

Lessons

- Meeting area: North of Day Lodge (Next to Drop off parking lot)
- Students will be grouped and divided by ability levels.
- Max 10 students per instructor.
- Lesson start times posted on outdoor chalk board once students have cleared the Rental Shop
- Never Ever Lessons will always begin first. Depending on numbers, other levels will begin at the same time or afterwards. These times will be posted on the outdoor chalk board
- **Student Attendance Reminder:** All students registered for lessons are required to attend. Please ensure a volunteer from your group is available to track attendance. Accurate attendance helps us maintain proper supervision, ensures student safety, and allows instructors to deliver a full and organized lesson. No-shows create gaps that can impact both safety and the learning experience.

End of Day

- Return unused lift tickets to Guest Services for invoice adjustment.
- Group Leader collects rental equipment; allow ~30 minutes.
- Return RFID cards to Return Box's; students can enjoy a small treat upon card return.



TIMESAVER



Canyon Ski Resort uses a Google Sheet “Timesaver” form to collect all participant information for lift tickets, lessons, and rentals. This form will be sent to you in advance and allows for the seamless collection of student and group data in one place, significantly reducing wait times in the rental shop, lesson organization, and lift ticket distribution.

All participants must be included on the Timesaver form, including students, supervisors, and any additional adults requiring lift tickets, rentals, or lessons.

What information do we collect and why?

- **Name** – To identify each student & supervisor.
- **Grade** – Helps us place students in the appropriate lesson groups.
- **Lift Ticket** – Ensures accurate billing.
- **Lesson / Skill Level** – Allows us to plan lessons and assign instructors based on ability levels.
- **Rentals Required** – Helps us prepare the necessary rental equipment ahead of time.
- **Weight (lbs)** – Used to pre-set skis accurately for safety.
- **Height (cm)** – Helps us choose the correct ski or snowboard size.
- **Shoe Size** – Ensures boots are fitted properly.

Helpful Tip: If collecting information on a different spreadsheet, try match up columns and information so you can copy/paste into this spreadsheet. It is essential that information in drop downs is an exact match to ensure it is compatible with formulas. Please ensure you right-click and select paste values only.

Rentals Process

Students renting ski equipment will be directed to go **down to the rental shop via the stairs adjacent to the office**. Once downstairs they can use the self serve ski-boots, then proceed to line up for skis and helmets from the rental bench.

Students renting **Snowboarding Equipment** will be directed to the **North Room on the main floor** of the Canyon Ski Lodge. Their boots and snowboards will be labeled with their name. They can put on their boots, sign out helmet and proceed directly to the Snow School meeting area.

Please assign teachers/chaperones to the following positions to assist getting students on the hill as quickly as possible.

1 - Lead Ski Rentals (Responsible for equipment sign-out)

1 - Lead Snowboard Rentals (Responsible for getting youth out Snow School ASAP)

1 Leader per 20 Students getting Ski Rentals to support with boot fitting and tightening

1 Leader per 20 Students getting Snowboard Rentals to support with tightening



TRIP ESSENTIALS OVERVIEW

Everything you need to know before your visit.



Snow Tubing

Our Snow Tube Park has four lanes and a dedicated tubing lift, so no one walks uphill. Groups of any size (25–125+) check in at the Guest Services Kiosk in the upper parking lot. You will receive tubing passes, tubes, and helmets for up to three hours of tubing.

RFID Area Passes

Everyone at the resort must wear a valid RFID area pass.

- Students and participating supervisors require a ski/snowboard/tubing pass.
- Non-participating teachers who supervise outside may use a free foot pass.
- Wear passes on the left side, away from phones, credit cards, or foil.
- Students without pockets may borrow an armband holder.
- Return unused passes immediately so you are not charged.
- Returned RFID cards receive a small treat at the end of the visit.

Terrain Park

- The Terrain Park is marked Expert Terrain.
- Schools decide whether students may enter the park.
- If you allow access, we recommend having a supervisor present in the area.
- Canyon Ski Patrol visits regularly, but direct supervision remains the responsibility of the school once lessons are over.

Safety is our top priority.

- All participants must follow the Alpine Responsibility Code.
- Helmets are mandatory for all school groups and included with rentals.
- Canyon may revoke passes for unsafe or reckless behaviour.
- **Our programs follow safety guidelines from Canada West Ski Areas Association and school boards.**

What to Wear

Students should dress for changing weather conditions and winter activity.

Recommended clothing:

- Warm, water-resistant jacket and snow pants
- Warm gloves or mitts
- Neck warmer or turtleneck
- Long underwear
- Goggles or sunglasses
- One pair of warm wool socks
- Toque or winter hat
- Helmet (included with rentals)



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Everything you need to know before your visit.

Emergency Contacts

- Teachers must keep emergency contact information for all students with them at all times.
- Parents should ensure their contact number is correct and written down for the student and school.

Food & Beverage

- Meals and snacks are available in the Day Lodge.
- Pre-ordered meals are \$15 (fries, drink, and hot dog, chicken strips, or corndog).
- Regular cafeteria meals are \$16+.
- Groups may choose buffet-style service or individual meal vouchers.
- Meal orders must be submitted one week in advance.

Cancellations and Weather

- Please notify Canyon as soon as possible if your numbers change.
- Trips may be rescheduled if temperatures are expected to be -25°C or colder.
- Same-day adjustments may occur for sudden, unexpected weather changes.

Lost and Found (Located at Guest Services)

- Students should avoid bringing valuables.
- Single-use coin lockers are available on the main floor.
- Backpacks and lunches must be placed in the wall cubbies.
- Items left behind are kept for 30 days before being donated.



Coordinator Responsibilities

- Know how many students and supervisors are attending each day.
- Ensure supervisors maintain oversight of students at all times.
- Pick up and distribute all passes (student, supervisor, volunteer, parent, and foot passes).
- Keep one supervisor in the lodge as a central check-in point.
- Meet with Canyon staff before departure each day to review and confirm the invoice.

Supervision Requirements

- Students must be supervised at all times, indoors and outdoors.
- Recommended ratio: 1 supervisor for every 10 students.
- One free supervisor pass and rentals are provided for every 10 paying students.
- Supervisors assist with rentals, lift ticket distribution, lesson grouping, and equipment return.
- Keep at least one supervisor indoors at all times and one near equipment return and bus loading.



Please Complete This Form

To help us provide the best experience for your child, please fill out this form with accurate rental and lesson information. Completing it ensures we can plan safely, assign the right equipment, and make the day smooth and fun!



Participant Rental and Lesson Information:

Participant Name: _____

Grade: _____ Skiing: Snowboarding:

Required for Rentals

Weight: _____ (lbs) Height: _____ (cm) Shoe Size: _____

Lesson Ability Level (use charts below):

(Most Schools require lessons be attended. Lessons are always highly recommended)

Never Ever: Level 1: Level 2: Level 3: No Lesson:

Ski Lessons Abilities Levels

Never Ever: Has never skied before; Still learning how to stop or turn

Level 1/Beginner: Can stop and turn; Is confident on staying in control from the top of magic carpet; Is confident on Beginner Green runs

Level 2/ Intermediate: Has been on the T-bar or Chairlift; Is confident on Intermediate Blue runs; Starting to parallel ski

Level 3/ Advance: Comfortable on Advance Black Diamond runs; Parallel skiing, no more snowplough (pizza) stops or turns

Snowboard Lessons Abilities Levels

Never Ever: Has never snowboarded; Is not confident stopping on heel edge or doing zig-zags on heel edge

Level 1/ Beginner: Is confident doing heel edge stopping and zig-zags; Ready to begin toe edge

Level 2/ Intermediate: Is confident doing heel edge stopping and zig-zags; Is confident doing toe edge stopping and zig-zags; Ready to begin S-turns

Level 3/ Advance: Is confident doing S-turns on Intermediate Blue and/or Advance Black runs

ALPINE RESPONSIBILITY CODE



THERE ARE ELEMENTS OF RISK THAT COMMON SENSE AND PERSONAL AWARENESS CAN HELP REDUCE. ALWAYS SHOW COURTESY TO OTHERS. PLEASE ADHERE TO THE CODE LISTED BELOW AND SHARE WITH OTHERS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A SAFE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE.

- 1** Always stay in control. You must be able to stop or avoid people or objects.
- 2** People ahead or downhill of you have the right-of-way. You must avoid them.
- 3** Stop only where you are visible from above and do not restrict traffic.
- 4** Look uphill and avoid others before starting downhill or entering a trail.
- 5** You must prevent runaway equipment.
- 6** Read and obey all signs, warnings and hazard markings.
- 7** Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.
- 8** You must know how and be able to load, ride and unload lifts safely. If you need assistance, ask the lift attendant.
- 9** Do not use lifts or terrain when impaired by alcohol or drugs.
- 10** If you are involved in a collision or incident, share your contact information with each other and a ski area employee.

Know the Code - It is Your Responsibility

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