



2009/2010 Volunteer Instructor Information

Volunteers are the back bone of success at the Telluride Adaptive Sports Program (TASP). In the 2008/2009 season, TASP recruited 175 volunteers who put forth an incredible 7,650 hours of direct service with our adaptive students. A lot of hard work and dedication goes into continually making TASP one of the most reputable adaptive ski and snowboard school's in the world. Bring your time and talents to our family, and help us create an environment where learning and independence can thrive.

Our students

Our students represent a broad cross-section of skiers/riders and include children, youth and adults with physical, mental, emotional or multiple disabilities. Physical disabilities may include visual impairment (VI), amputation, spinal injury, hearing impairment, or other conditions related to congenital physical issues or accidental injury. Cognitive disabilities can be congenital or the result of injury. Cognitive impairments may include development delays, autism, ADHD, Down Syndrome, or many other conditions which impact an individual's ability to learn and interact with their environment.

Volunteer "Lead" Instructor

Volunteer Lead Instructors receive training specific to adaptive teaching techniques, disability awareness, and safety. Instructors lead adaptive ski/snowboard lessons and ensure a positive and safe learning environment for our students. Lead instructors go through a stringent educational and validation process to ensure TASP students receive the most professional ski/ride lesson they deserve.

Volunteer "Assistant" Instructor

The Volunteer Assistant Instructor role is to directly assist the Lead Instructor in the benefit of the student throughout each lesson. Training is specific to lifting/loading procedures, on-hill safety, disability and adaptive equipment knowledge.

New volunteer instructors are required to attend 2 days of on-snow training plus 1 day of indoor orientation. Returning instructors are required to attend one day of on-snow training plus one ½ day indoor orientation. Training dates will be available on the website or at our volunteer orientations in November.

Volunteer Ticket Program

- The volunteer ticket program is utilized by the majority of our volunteer instructors. These instructors receive a non-transferable ski day pass (ticket voucher) for every 12 hours of volunteering, as well as day passes for themselves on the days of volunteering if needed. Due to the training we invest in each volunteer instructor, at least six days of volunteering is required throughout the season.

If you are interested in volunteering for TASP's winter adaptive skiing/snowboarding program, please attend one of our volunteer orientations on **Thursday, November 12th at 6 pm in the Wilkinson Library in Telluride, or on **Monday, November 16th at 6 pm** in the Ridgway Elementary School library. If you cannot attend one of these orientations, but would still like to volunteer, please contact Tim McGough or M'Lin Stansbery at the information below. Thanks for your interest!**

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