

## Kids Lessons / Rosebuds

### LIFT RIDING POLICY - Revised Nov. 4, 2016

No Turtles (entry level class) of any age will be allowed to ride the lift unless all of the following apply:

- Child is in a private lesson (one student + one instructor.)
- Child is wearing a handle bib.
- Child is deemed safe to ride the chairlift by a supervisor.

ANY level of child that is deemed *unsafe to ride the lift* by a supervisor **will be signified by an ORANGE VEST**. This child will not be allowed to ride the chair lift within a lesson for the day.

ALL parents **will initial** that they have watched the video or read the Rosebud Chairlift Riding Policy on the child's tech form.

ALL instructors **will be signed off** by a Rosebuds supervisor/manager prior to being allowed to ride the chair with classes. First Year instructors will not be allowed to ride the chair with classes.

### Instructors must thoroughly explain lift safety in every lesson:

#### LOADING THE LIFT

- Demonstrate the lift loading process on a static chair.
- Ensure each child can demonstrate safely how to load the static chair.
- Show the kids the "Red Board." Explain this is where they (group loading the chair) stand "side-by-side," ready to go only when the time is right to proceed to the "Green Board."
- The students will watch the chairs as they go around the bull wheel. Explain how the group loading the chair will immediately follow the chair in front of them while making their way from the "Red Board" to the "Green Board".
- When the chair arrives, instruct the kids to sit down on the chair, and scoot themselves backwards to the point that their backs are against the seatback.

#### LIFT RULES

- Any unsafe loading practice will exclude the child from riding the lift during the lesson for that day.
- The Children must ride the chair with an instructor or adult, no exceptions.
- The ratio of children to adults when riding the lift is 2 students to 1 adult
- The instructor always rides up on the first chair, so they can assist in the unloading process of the entire class at the top.
- For Wizard and Galena Lifts, the kids should ride on the outside of the chair with the instructor/adult between them, as it allows the lift operators to more effectively assist in the loading and unloading process
- For Northwest chair the class will enter the right side double line with the instructor on the left and two kids on the right.
- Rosebud classes are not allowed on Slide Side without prior authorization from a Manager, Ski Patrol Dispatch, and lift operations.
- Rosebud classes are prohibited from Lakeview and Chuter Lifts.

**GUIDELINES WHILE RIDING THE LIFT** -Instructors will teach kids obey the following rules:

- Sit with their rear back in the chair, and back upright.
- Sit completely still (no clicking skis together, playing, or hanging over the retention bar)
- Hold on (either to the hand rail or arm rest)
- Look ahead (no twisting around to observe people behind you)

### **UNLOADING THE LIFT**

- Before beginning the *loading* process, instructors will explain to the kids what expect when they reach the top of the lift (unload station.) Then they will elaborate on when & how to unload the chair as well as answer all questions and concerns.
- Instructors are taught to BE AWARE of kids tendencies – Specifically jumping off the chair before they reach the unload area. Since the kids cannot always physically see the unload ramp, but do see the top terminal of the lift, they know it is almost time to get off the lift and sometimes they assume they need to “jump off the chair” in order to get off.
- Instructors are taught to NOT lift the restraining bar until the chair is within 10 feet of the unloading area.

### **AFTER UNLOADING THE LIFT**

- Instructors will direct their class to an area away from the unloading area.
- Instructors will assist kids who have fallen down while unloading the lift - picking them up & moving them to a safer area.