

# BRUNDAGE INSTRUCTOR APPRENTICE PROGRAM

Train, observe, gain experience and earn your Brundage season pass.

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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The Brundage Instructor Apprentice Program provides excellent training and a possible future work opportunity. Instructing can be a fun and rewarding experience for any teacher. However, preparation and knowledge are the keys to success for you and your students. You will have the opportunity to not only apprentice at Brundage but also to earn certification. You will get a first class education on how to be a snowsports instructor while you earn your Brundage Season Pass. Select participants may also gain opportunity to earn their level I certification and join the Brundage snowsports staff. During the program you will improve your own skiing/riding and in the process learn about...

- Fun teaching tips and tricks
- Creative teaching progressions
- The skier's responsibility code
- Safety and class management
- Concepts of teaching & learning
- Terrain & equipment selection
- Movement Analysis and technique
- Tactics for All-Mountain Skiing
- The instructor certification process

Participants must apprentice for 10 days (usually 2-4 hours of time per day) during the Holidays and busy weekends. Once you have complete your volunteer work you can keep your season pass and ski for the rest of the season. Your work responsibilities as an instructor apprentice will primarily involve assisting in lessons. This will generally include chair-riding and accompanying children's groups during lessons. Safety and responsibility are paramount not only for the instructor, but for the apprentice as well. As such, apprentices will be trained on how to safely and effectively assist or shadow lessons prior to starting work.

## GETTING STARTED

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Apply for the Brundage Instructor Apprentice Program.

- Contact Brundage snowsports director, Seth Jacobsen, at 634-6531 or [sethjacobsen@brundage.com](mailto:sethjacobsen@brundage.com).
- Fill out a Brundage apprentice application and complete an interview with the Brundage snowsports director
- Complete applicable paperwork and pass a drug test and background check
- Attend new instructor training in December
- Commit to at least 10 days of apprentice time at Brundage

Apply for the Little Ski Hill volunteer program (Recommended). Selection preference will be given to Little Hill volunteers:

- Contact Little Ski Hill programs director, Shayne Large, at 315-1987 or [skilarge@gmail.com](mailto:skilarge@gmail.com).
- Complete an interview, and secure a volunteer position

## F.A.Q.s

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- **Can I still apprentice at Brundage if I am not a volunteer instructor at the Little Hill?** Yes. However, hiring preference will be given to Little Hill volunteer instructors and space is limited.
- **What if I have already purchased my season pass for the season?** No problem. Your individual season pass can be refunded after the Christmas holiday or deferred to the next season. Sorry. No portion of a family pass can be refunded.
- **What is the minimum age for the apprentice program?** The minimum age for the instructor apprentice program is 14 years of age. A letter of support or consent with contact information is requested from the parents of those who are 14 or 15.
- **Do I get to free-ski/ride as an apprentice?** Yes, Brundage encourages this. Apprentices will have plenty of opportunity throughout the workday and on off-days to hit the slopes. However, apprentice obligations must be met in a prompt manner or your pass benefits will be limited or revoked until you can.
- **Can I earn my PSIA/AASI Level I Cert?** Yes, if you have a minimum of 20 hours of real teaching time at the Little Hill and you devote yourself to the training process. Certification is not free. Contact Seth Jacobsen directly if you are interested.
- **Will I be guaranteed a paid position at Brundage in the future?** No, participation in the program does not guarantee you a position on the staff. Invitations to join the staff in the 2012/13 season will be given to apprentices who show dedication to professional excellence and a clear ability to perform the job. Your experience and performance in the apprentice program will positively affect your starting wage as an instructor. Certifications gained as an apprentice will be highly regarded.
- **What if I'm a snowboarder?** Snowboarders are welcome but will work primarily with children's ski groups.
- **Will I be covered under worker's compensation insurance?** Yes, you will be full covered while assisting lessons.
- **What documents do I need?** To complete your employment packet you will need a current or expired U.S. passport **OR** a combination of picture ID with legal name (School ID or Driver's License) and your birth certificate or social security card (no photo-copies). You will need to know your social security number regardless of what documents you present.