



Group Lesson Safety

**** Safety is our #1 Concern ****

By working in cooperation with your school Board and staff, we will ensure that a well-planned, well-supervised and safe outdoor education experience is provided to students. Calabogie Peaks carefully adheres to the Safety Guidelines for Out-of-School Trips for Winters Sports Education Programs document published by the Ontario School Boards Insurance Exchange (OSBIE) and the Ontario Ski Resorts Association (OSRA).

1. Parents and students should consult the skill-classification guideline provided in the "Guide for Parents" and check the appropriate ability level on the registration form. Calabogie Peaks instructors will also conduct a brief assessment of ability for ALL participating students to confirm ability levels. Calabogie Peaks instructors must have the right to make the final determination of the participants' ability level.
2. Snow conditions are constantly changing. Calabogie Peaks instructors must have the right to deny access to terrain that they feel is unsuitable to the students on that given day. Plenty of games, obstacle courses, skills and drills can be taught to all ability levels in a fun manner on gentle terrain.
3. Supervisors/chaperons must be assigned to each group in accordance with the ratios appropriate for each age/grade (refer to Physical Education Ontario Safety Guidelines). These supervisors **MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE** in either skiing or snowboarding. The supervisors must also be able to "keep up" with the ability level of their assigned group. All supervisors must receive orientation in order to ensure they will be effective.
4. In addition to the formal lesson, students will be participating in PRACTICE TIME. Schools are responsible for organizing their supervisors and monitoring their students during this time. Calabogie Peaks recommends that students be required to practice in their groups with direct supervisor accompaniment OR supervisors may be stationed at key monitoring locations throughout the ski area. Practice Time is meant for students to build on the skills introduced during the lesson in a safe but less formal setting.
5. We will attempt to conduct all lessons prior to Practice Time. In the event of a large school group, however, all non-skiers/snowboarders and beginners must be given their lesson first. Intermediate and advanced level students may be assigned drills to work on during Practice Time first, and then meet at a designated location at a specified time for their formal lesson. Clocks are located at the bottom and top of the lift as well as in the ski lodge.
6. All program participants must wear helmets.