

# Park Sharks

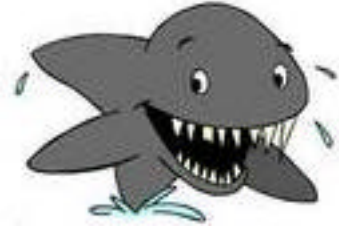
## 2009-2010 INFORMATION GUIDE



**ALL OF YOUR  
QUESTIONS ANSWERED!**

**Please save this ALL SEASON  
as a reference guide!**

## PARK SHARK QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE



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### WELCOME BACK SHARKS!

The snow has been falling here in Winter Park and we are gearing up for the best Park Shark season ever! Soon happy Sharks will be skiing and riding on the fluffy snow. Please read and save this guide for reference throughout the season.

### **\*\*\*NEW FRIDAY PARK SHARKS\*\*\***

New for this season, we will be offering Friday Park Sharks. It will have the same daily time schedule as the weekend Sharks and include a season pass and lunch. We are offering both skiing and snowboarding programs at this time. See below in Shark Calendar for start and finish dates.

### EMAIL/PHONE NUMBERS/WEBSITES YOU SHOULD KNOW

Competition Center General

[ccenter@skiwinterpark.com](mailto:ccenter@skiwinterpark.com) - 970-726-1590 or 303-316-1590

[jzunno@skiwinterpark.com](mailto:jzunno@skiwinterpark.com) – Jerady Zunno – Business Supervisor

[www.wpcompcenter.com](http://www.wpcompcenter.com)

[www.skiwinterpark.com](http://www.skiwinterpark.com)

[www.teamwinterpark.net](http://www.teamwinterpark.net)

Competition Center Fax

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Helena Powell – Development Director

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970-726-1679 or 303-316-1679 – other way

## **FEEDING FRENZY! SHARK LUNCHESES**

This season the Park Sharks will be eating on the mountain at SNOASIS again. We will have the bottom level for programs, and the groups will come in at rotating times between 1130am and 1230pm. This location proved last season to be nicer due to less Winter Park base area confusion at lunch time, and it was also be safer for our children since the restrooms are right near our eating area.

We have been working with Ski School and Food Service to have friendly and quality staff serving our Sharks food, as well as balanced and tasty nutrition options, so Sharks will have plenty of energy from yummy food to excel through the afternoon. Menus will be posted at the Comp Center office and sent out to parents in an email newsletter. As always, if your child does have a food allergy or special dietary needs, please make us aware of it. We can provide an alternative menu to ensure that every Shark eats well and has plenty of energy for the afternoon.

Any parent who would like to volunteer for lunch help would be greatly appreciated. You can earn free lift tickets just for a few hours of work! You earn one lift ticket for every 2 lunches worked. Please contact Helena Powell by email or in person to volunteer. Volunteer information sheets are available in the Competition Center office.

## **SHARK CALENDAR**

Mark your calendars at home! Here is how the Shark schedule looks for our 2009-2010 Winter Season:

### OCTOBER

- 9-10- 25th Annual Winter Park Ski and Snowsports Swap
- 10 - Comp. Center Programs Orientation
- 15 - Early Season Discount program sign-up ends

### NOVEMBER

- 18 – Rejoice! Winter Park Opens!

### DECEMBER

- 4 – Shark’s first day on snow! Friday Groups
- 5 – Shark’s first day on snow! Saturday Groups
- 6 – Shark’s first day on snow! Sunday Groups
- 25, 26, and 27 Holiday Break – NO TRAINING

### JANUARY

- 1 – Happy New Year 2010!
- 22, 23, and 24 - Parent/Coach/Athlete Meeting

## FEBRUARY

- 12, 13, and 14 - President's Day Break – No Sharks

## MARCH

- 12, 13, and 14 – End of Season Evaluation Forms distributed
- 19 - Shark Spring Fling (last day and party) Friday Groups
- 20 - Shark Spring Fling (last day and party) Saturday Groups
- 21 – Shark Spring Fling (last day and party) Sunday Groups

## **OPTIONAL COMPETITIONS**

Sharks have the option of competing in every discipline that snowsports have to offer. Competition is not mandatory, but encouraged. Coach approval for competing is required. **\*\*NEW THIS SEASON\*\*** Sharks are welcome to participate in the NEW WP internal alpine race series. Since this is a series of internal events, Sharks will not have to get USSA licenses to compete in alpine racing. Sign up will be online at [teamwinterpark.net](http://teamwinterpark.net) or through the Comp Center office. Shark athletes who want to compete in the Winter Park Devo Freestyle Series or King of the Grommets freeride event should sign up online at [teamwinterpark.net](http://teamwinterpark.net) or in the Comp Center office, and no additional licenses are necessary either.

More event details will be available when the ski season begins via Shark Tales Newsletters.

## **COMMUNICATION**

Good communication is the key to any relationship! Our tools so you know what's going on with your Shark:

1. **The Shark Tales Email Newsletter** with ConstantContact. It will be a bi-monthly publication. It will be emailed to those who provide email addresses on your registration forms, and print editions will be provided in the Competition Center office for those who do not have access to the internet. All of the Competition Center newsletters and information is color coded. Shark color is LIGHT ORANGE (salmon, to be precise!). All paper Shark correspondence will be on the right wall as you walk into the Competition Center office. The Shark Tales newsletter will contain menus for the month, highlight upcoming events for Sharks, provide competition schedules for those who choose to race, and provide any other pertinent information for Sharks and their parents. **IF YOU HAVE PROVIDED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS AND HAVE NOT RECEIVED A NEWSLETTER BEFORE DECEMBER 1, PLEASE EMAIL HELENA SO YOU CAN BE ADDED.**

2. **Coffee with the Coach.** There will be two sessions of Coffee with the Coach, dates to be announced. These will be informal meetings between the parents and the Shark Program Director, Helena Powell, outside Coffee and Tea Market in the Balcony House. We will meet after the Sharks and coaches leave the base area to go ski/ride for the day. Comments, questions, and concerns will be addressed on Shark skills

development, general program and competition information, as well as anything else under the sun (you may even learn some secret powder stashes!). This is not mandatory by any means, but it is a good forum to share ideas.

**3. Athlete Evaluations.** Coaches will again fill out two Athlete Evaluations for the season. The first one will be given out at the Parent/Coach/Athlete meeting in January, and the second will be a full season evaluation given to participants the second to last week of the program. The January meeting will be held at the end of the ski day so parents and coaches can all be on the same page as to where their child's skill development is heading, and how daily fun activities benefit this path.

Additional comments, questions, concerns? As always, there is an open door policy all season for questions and issues in the Park Shark Program. Send any emails to [hpowell@skiwinterpark.com](mailto:hpowell@skiwinterpark.com).

## **NASTAR INFORMATION**

Nastar is a free race course benefit for Sharks when they are with their coaches on a program day. All Sharks will be given forms to register with Nastar and have their own national number. Nastar numbers can be put on each child's helmet so every run will be logged. Nastar registration can be done on the web at [www.nastar.com](http://www.nastar.com) or paper registration can be obtained in the Competition Center office.

## **SHARKS SEPARATED FROM THEIR GROUP**

We all know it happens from time to time: Coach turns left and a Shark goes right. What is a lost Shark to do? First, take a deep breath and know that everything is okay. Then, go to the nearest lift shack and inform the lift operator that you are a Park Shark and your group is lost.

Sharks will receive a credential tag that will be attached with their season pass. The tag will have the Shark's name and contact information for the Comp Center for the lift operator or Ski Patroller. This will help speed up the process of reuniting the Shark with their group, so they can go play on the mountain again.

## **WHICH WEBSITE DOES WHAT?**

The Team Winter Park website at [www.teamwinterpark.net](http://www.teamwinterpark.net) is your best source of information. The Team Winter Park website is for members of the Competition Center only. This website requires a log-in which is emailed to you when your registration is processed. Contained in this website is Competition Center news, an interactive and color coded calendar, sign-ups for events, articles, photos, and more! Check it out today!

Our other website [www.wpcompcenter.com](http://www.wpcompcenter.com) will still be up and running as well. This site is mainly for general program information. If you have any questions or concerns about the websites, please email Helena at [hpowell@skiwinterpark.com](mailto:hpowell@skiwinterpark.com)

## **PARENT KAHUNAS AND WPSP**

Do you want to be able to ski/ride everywhere your kids can? Are you a good skier/rider, but not quite ready for a Masters program? Kahunas and WPSP are for you! \*\*\*NEW\*\*\* this season is WPSP (Winter Park Snowboard Parents) the parent snowboard coaching that you have been looking for! The program fee includes a season pass and four days of coaching from our expert staff and guest coaches. If four days isn't enough, you have the ability to purchase additional sessions for just \$50 each. These program runs in January and February, and there are seven weekends available for coaching. There will be a free trial day December 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, so come join us to see if the Kahuna program or WPSP are right for you. All skill levels are welcome! For more information and registration, please contact Helena Powell at [hpowell@skiwinterpark.com](mailto:hpowell@skiwinterpark.com) or Head Coach Mike Plante at [sportshots50@msn](mailto:sportshots50@msn).