



Shared Ski Adventures Instructors

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2025 Ski Season
January 11th – March 1st



Greetings Instructors!

Welcome to the Shared Ski Adventures 2025 Season at Swain Ski Resort. We are pleased to offer another great season of skiing through the partnership of Shared Ski Adventures, CP Rochester and Swain Ski Resort. Shared Ski Adventures has existed as an organized program since 1986 offering safe, affordable, high quality ski opportunities to people of all abilities.

Who are our instructors?

People who enjoy skiing and the outdoors, want to help others, and are willing to give and receive equally. All our instructors are volunteers of CP Rochester and must complete the paperwork required for the agency.

Who are our students?

Individuals of all abilities, including people with visual, physical and cognitive challenges. Students come to our program because we are attentive to the student's needs and learning style and can provide the support of adapted equipment and trained instructors.

Program Details

- Lessons for the 2025 season will be 9:30am – 12:30pm and will take place on Saturday mornings at Swain Resort (Swain, NY)
- Instructors are trained volunteers from all backgrounds who share their love of skiing with our students.
- All participants (instructors & students) must provide their own transportation to Swain Resort. ***For liability purposes, volunteer instructors should not transport participants***
- All participants & instructors must wear a helmet while skiing. The helmet must fit correctly and be strapped on.
- Students needing assistance with personal care must have a parent/caregiver on-site to attend to these needs. Volunteer instructors are not allowed to assist with these duties.
- Students and Instructors needing rentals will be responsible for obtaining and putting on their equipment *before* the start of their lesson. Instructors may help with adaptive equipment.
- Our Instructor to Student ratio is at least one-to-one; we will pair up two instructors per student when possible.

Instructor Registration *Please submit ASAP*****

The number of students we can enroll in the program is dependent upon the number of instructors we have registered. Keeping this in mind, the earlier you send in your Registration Form and Donation (if applicable), the better we can plan for you and the students.

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Lift Tickets

We appreciate all of the volunteers and instructors in our program and welcome all who are interested in helping our skiers and riders on the slopes or are otherwise willing to assist the program. In order to participate as an on-slope instructor or volunteer and to be able to use the chairlifts and ski at Swain, you must have a valid lift ticket for that day. You have several options to obtain a lift ticket. You can purchase a season pass, a “pack” of lift tickets or daily tickets directly from Swain. However, as in the past you can make a donation to SSA and SSA will provide you with a full day lift ticket. The cost of the donation to SSA is: \$310 for the full season of 8 weeks of lessons or \$190 for lift tickets for the first half or second half season of 4 weeks of lessons. Volunteers who make a \$310 donation to SSA for the 8 weeks of lessons can upgrade to a full Season Pass for an additional donation of \$60 (\$370 total donation). Unfortunately, SSA does not have the funds to provide lift tickets to instructors or volunteers who do not make a donation to the program.

CP Rochester is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and your donation is tax deductible; you will be provided with documentation of your contribution to CP Rochester, designated specifically to Shared Ski Adventures, for your records. **You can make more of a financial impact by checking with your employer to see if they have a matching gifts program.*

Instructor Trainings

- TBD – Time: Indoor Training Day @ TBD
 - All instructors will meet for training, this is a required training
 - Information reviewed will include disability awareness, safety updates/refreshers, techniques for working with students and review of any new safety requirements
 - We will brainstorm ways to safely support students with any presented new challenges
 - This is an opportunity to regroup as a team, meet new instructors, refresh on skills and learn about program changes

- Saturday, January 4th – Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm On-Hill Training Day @ Swain
 - On-mountain training is provided for all registered instructors, **lift tickets included.**
 - Our on-the-hill training day takes place at Swain Resort the week before the students are scheduled to start
 - We ask “off hill” volunteers to come as well to learn their roles for the season
 - A small breakfast, coffee and lunch will be provided at training

We’re looking forward to another great season full of fond memories, learning experiences and new adventures for all involved in SSA! Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

The Shared Ski Adventures Team

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