

## Volunteer Roles for Ski Families for 2021-22 \*

\*subject to change if Covid-19 situation changes

**Background:** Ski Boosters supports the ski program and organizes fundraising to reduce costs for ski families. One of our main fundraising activities during the ski season is to act as a **club host** which involves being a friendly, helpful ambassador for the BV Nordic Centre, checking that skiers have valid passes, and helping to keep the lodge clean and safe. This income goes towards paying for our head coach, our program coordinator, and extra supplies and equipment. The volunteer duties also support the Nordic Centre operations.

Club host shifts occur every weekend while the trails are open, and during the Christmas holidays, Family day long weekend, and Spring break (if still snow). Four shifts per weekend, each shift is 3 hours.

Ski Boosters also schedules lodge parent sessions (during ski practices), cleaning shifts on weekends, and for some ski groups, on-snow parent support (when needed by volunteer coaches).

**Each family will be responsible for a certain number of shifts as club host, as well as cleaning and lodge parent sessions. U10 and U12 parents may also be asked to ski with the groups during the on-snow sessions.**

### **Quick facts about the Nordic Centre & where the money collected from day passes and membership fees go (for when you are being a club host).**

The BV Nordic Centre has 52 km of groomed trails, of which 5 kilometres are lit and 10 kilometres are dog-friendly.

The PistenBully (our large groomer) costs about \$100 for every hour it is used. After fresh snow the PistenBully takes about 16 hours to trackset everything. The dog trails and other high use areas get extra grooming between snowfalls.

Smaller grooming machines are used for low snow in the early season and later when the PistenBully is being serviced or to touch up trails at a lower cost.

It costs around \$85,000 a year to run the Nordic Centre. Season pass and day ticket sales pay for the operation and maintenance of grooming and plowing machines, insurance, utilities and building maintenance. None of that income goes toward club programs or events. Most years, some of the surplus from programs and events are contributed to the Nordic Centre.

BV Nordic Centre trails are on Crown land. Skiing is managed by the Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club under a Partnership Agreement with Recreation Sites and Trails BC. The partnership agreement and Recreation Regulations authorizes our club to collect user fees.

### **Summary of changes due to pandemic:**

During the pandemic, the club has taken precautions to ensure the safety of all members and athletes. As a result, the club has decided to:

- no longer sell day passes at the ticket booth or on the trails to avoid close interactions and cash handling – day passes available at McBikes or self-serve stations
- not assign cleaning duties to youth (youth may assist parents at family's discretion)
- limit kitchen use to approved functions/events with Food Safe protocols based on current regulations
- increase cleaning and disinfecting
- encourage safe behavior in parking lots and trails
- continue to check for passes on the trails at a safe distance

### **SUMMARY OF VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS**

We are a volunteer driven club!

The basics:

- Lodge Parent Shifts – during ski practice
- Club Host Shifts – club ambassador and ticket checking
- Lodge cleaning and chores – keeping the lodge clean and safe!
- On-snow parent help
- Baking for practices and ski events (currently on hold)

Other ways to contribute, each ski family is involved in at least one of the following:

- race organizing, officiating, wax team, camp organizing, volunteer coaching, ski boosters, lodge kitchen team, organizing fundraising events, BVCCSC board positions, and coach and programs support. See here:

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