



Blackhawk's First Flight – Learn to Ski

Blackhawk's First Flight for beginners is comprised of three levels of alpine (downhill) ski instruction for children. Students are required to have their own equipment. The cost for instruction is \$85 per child for a ten-week session.

<u>Pre-Flight</u>	<u>First Flight</u>	<u>Second Flight</u>
<p>A program designed for first-time (never) skiers to provide individual instruction to very young children (ages 4- 6). Under 4 not eligible.</p> <p><u>Goals:</u> Children will advance to First Flight group lessons once they can ski independently down the hill by either making simple turns or controlling their speed in a wedge.</p> <p><u>Notes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Even without snow, early lessons focus on putting on/ taking off equipment, etc. ▪ Target instructor to student ratio is 1:3. ▪ Classes last 30 minutes. 	<p>This program is to provide group instruction to children who can turn or stop; or kids (ages 6 or older) with no skiing experience.</p> <p><u>Goals:</u> Children will learn to ski Hill #1 comfortably using wedge turns to control speed and independent use of the tow rope.</p> <p><u>Notes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Even without snow, early lessons focus on putting on/ taking off equipment, etc. ▪ Target instructor to student ratio is 1:5. ▪ Students may progress to next level when the instructor determines they are ready. ▪ Classes last one hour. 	<p>For skiers who can make simple wedge turns, control their speed on a steeper incline and ride tow ropes with minimal or no assistance.</p> <p><u>Goals:</u> Skiers will continue to develop speed and turning control and be introduced to parallel turning technique. Children will ski a short, gated course and may also try small jumps.</p> <p><u>Notes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Target instructor to student ratio is 1:7. ▪ There will be opportunities in the second half of the season to participate in ski jumping, cross country skiing and ski racing. ▪ Classes last one hour.

Important Notes for all Flights:

- **Classes begin on Monday, December 6th with or without snow.**
- Arrive at least **15 minutes** before the class to put on equipment and clothing.
- The program lasts for 10 weeks and children typically progress to different flights.
- Classes are held on Hills # 1 & 2 by the West Chalet.
- Ski equipment-Students are required to have their own equipment. Blackhawk doesn't rent downhill equipment. To save money, many parents of new skiers purchase gently used equipment until their child progresses with the sport.
- Please notify Kelley at blackhawkskiclub@yahoo.com if your child will be absent for any reason so we can be sure to use our resources in the best way possible.
- E-mail (blackhawkskiclub@yahoo.com) and the Blackhawk website (www.blackhawkskiclub.org) will be used to notify families of class cancellation/resumption and special events. Because of this, it is very important that you provide at least one e-mail address that you check regularly. The Blackhawk ski phone line can also be used to find out about class cancellation/resumption (West Chalet # 831-8460).

Session preference is determined in the order we receive the completed online applications. To the degree possible, children from a single family will be placed in the same session time. General First Flight questions can be directed to Kelley Linnan at blackhawkskiclub@yahoo.com.

Please carefully complete online registration. You will receive a confirmation email to verify your membership renewal. No changes or refunds are possible.

