

## *Buddy Werner Tahoe*

### *The Weekly Update*

For Sunday, December 15th, 2019

Weather Forecast: 16° to 30° F

Expected Conditions: Clear

Hello Buddy Werner families!

This is our first newsletter for the 2019-2020 season, so it will be a little longer than normal. Please bear with us and *make sure you read everything*.

#### **Sunday, December 15 – Coaches meeting, Parents Meeting, and New Skier Evaluations**

This Sunday, December 15, will be our first official on mountain event at Sierra-at-Tahoe for the 2019-2020 season. And, although the primary event will be new skier evaluations, we will also be having a coaches meeting and a parents meeting, so returning families may want to join us as well.

##### **Tentative Schedule:**

- 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. – **check-in** at the Buddy Werner lodge desk for all new skiers. The Buddy Werner lodge desk (table) will be in the northeast corner of the Aspen Café, located in the upstairs portion of the main lodge (near the coffee bar). FYI – this will be the same location for check-in and check-out for all future Buddy Werner on mountain events.
- 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. – **coaches meeting**. All returning coaches and any new parent or guardian who may be interested in coaching or assistant coaching this season, are invited to join us for a quick run through of “a day in the life of a Buddy Werner coach” and to assign returning coaches to lead small groups of new skiers through a few runs to help make team decisions. We will also discuss the possibility of a coaches clinic.
- 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. – **parents meeting**. All returning parents and guardians and all new parents and guardians are invited for a quick explanation of: (1) what to expect during a typical Sunday Buddy Werner on mountain event; (2) what our race days will likely look like this year; (3) what volunteer positions entail; (4) an explanation of the opportunities for our skiers to race outside of the Buddy Werner program in the Tahoe Race Series and what that would entail for you if you do decide to register your skier for a Tahoe League race; (5) a question and answer period so that you may get any other questions you have answered.
- 9:00 to Noon (approximately) – **new skier evaluations for new skiers only**. For those returning families that joined us for the coaches’ meeting or the parents’ meeting, please feel free to ski with your child or allow your child to free ski with other returning Buddy Werner skiers. But please be aware, our Buddy Werner coaches will only be skiing with new skiers today – we will not be checking in returning skiers.
- Noon to 12:30 – check out. All new skiers will be returned to the Buddy Werner lodge desk area in the Aspen Café and must be checked out by their parent or guardian. Our lodge desk volunteers cannot leave for the day until all new skiers have been checked out.
- 1:00 to 3:00 – **team formation meeting** for returning coaches and Buddy Werner Board members in the Pub.

##### **Procedures for new skier evaluations:**

For our new skiers, when you check in at the desk in the morning, you will be given a temporary bib that must be worn at all times during the evaluation while you are skiing with Buddy Werner. Please turn it back in at the end of the day. The bibs are important so we can identify our skiers on the mountain and so that Sierra at Tahoe staff can identify skiers

as belonging to our group. Please have your skiers dressed and ready to go no later than 9:00 a.m. They must have all appropriate ski equipment, including a helmet, which must be worn at all times while skiing with our program.

Also, please be aware, bags and other belongings MAY NOT be stored on tables in the Aspen Café and we have very limited floor and wall space available to us in the Aspen Café. So to the extent possible, please consider leaving your bags in your car.

During the new skier evaluations, the coaches will primarily be free skiing with their assigned skiers; they'll be getting to know your kids and each of their skiing abilities. We hope to use what we learn about your skier and his or her abilities to ensure that they are placed on a team of other kids with like abilities. Not only does this produce a safer environment for the skiers on a team, it also helps promote team cohesion.

If you still need to secure your season pass and/or your fast pass, please try to be in line for the season pass office before they open at 8:00 AM. You want to be the first in line, otherwise you might not be ready in time for the start of new skier evaluations. (Coaches – that includes you!)

If your skier isn't ready to go at the start of new skier evaluations, we will ask the coaches to get the rest of the group out the door and on the slopes. When your skier is ready, have them check in at the front desk and we will call out to the coach your skier has been assigned to for evaluations. The next time the group is close to the lodge, we will send your skier to the Buddy Tree to meet their group. They cannot leave the Buddy Tree until the coach meets up with them. If they get separated from their team, they need to ski back to the lodge, check in with the desk, and then wait at the Buddy Team for their coach.

Our number one goal is to keep everyone safe. Our number two goal is that all skiers have a great time and want to continue to ski with Buddy Werner. To keep everyone safe, we have a couple of basic rules, and ask all coaches and parents to enforce these rules, whether the skier is in your group or another.

1. If you are not securely on the chair, when your skis leave the ground, get off immediately. You may have to lie down, or jump to the side, to avoid the being hit by the chair. We don't want anyone to fall from the chair!
2. When getting on the lift with young skiers, please give them the outside seats on the chair.
3. If available, put the bar down on the chair.
4. Absolutely no horseplay while on the lift!
5. No horsing around in the lift or race line. Keep your pole baskets on the ground.
6. When crossing a trail, point and look uphill. This will keep you from colliding with another skier.
7. Don't ski up behind a snow boarder. They won't see you.
8. Know your team number and your coach's name.
9. Know where the Buddy Tree is located.
10. Be Smart!

Coaches and parent assistants; if a skier is hurt and needs ski patrol, first place your skis in an X at least fifteen yards up hill from the injured skier. Then radio the lodge. If the lodge doesn't respond, radio all Buddy Werner coaches. The lodge team has a Sierra-at-Tahoe radio and will radio ski patrol. If the lodge can't be reached, ask all Buddy Werner coaches to let ski patrol know your location. Keep the hurt skier warm and the rest of your team safe. If you have an adequate number of parent assistants, one parent must remain with the hurt skier, but the coach can proceed with the team, as soon as ski patrol is on the way.

All medical releases are kept at the lodge desk. If a skier is heading to first aid, someone from the lodge will meet them there with the appropriate paperwork and contact the parent(s) using the emergency contact information provided with registration.

Buddy Werner has a great partnership with Sierra-at-Tahoe. Parents and coaches, please make certain that our teams are a great example on the mountain and in the lodge.

1. Keep the lodge picked up in the morning, at lunch and when you leave for the day. Do not leave bags or gear on the tables. Make sure all gear is stashed along the walls and tables are available for others to use.
2. Pay attention to the slow zones; especially on Sugar & Spice and Corkscrew.
3. Keep our skis picked up and as close as possible to the Buddy Werner tree. Do not block ski patrol!

If you have questions when you arrive, they can generally be handled by the Buddy Werner check-in desk staff. If the desk can't help you, please be aware that the coaches and board members are trying to get the groups out the door and onto the slopes. If your question isn't urgent, consider waiting to ask after the groups have left the lodge or at end of the day. You can also email questions to [president@buddywernertahoe.com](mailto:president@buddywernertahoe.com).

That's it for this week. We will see you all bright and early on Saturday!

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