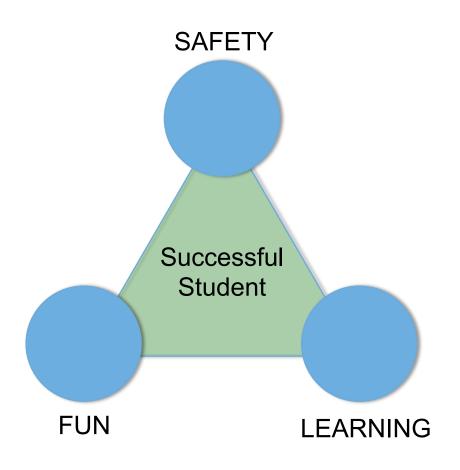
SNOW SPORTS EDUCATION

GRAND TRAVERSE SKI CLUB

SAFETY. FUN. LEARNING.





SAFETY



Know The Code:

- Always stay in control.
- 2. People ahead of you have the right of way.
- 3. Stop in a safe place for you and others.
- 4. Whenever starting downhill or merging look uphill and yield.
- 5. Use devices to help prevent runaway equipment
- 6. Observe signs and warnings and stay off closed trails
- 7. Know how to use lifts safely



FUN

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Activities:

- 1. Interactive
- 2. Educational
- 3. Encourage Play

LEARNING

Learning

A Culture:

- Interaction where student is involved.
- 2. Games or drills provide teachable moments.
- 3. Students learn to access their own skiing by use of video.
- Students learn tactics by understanding the basics of course setting.
- 5. Students learn about their equipment, putting it on and taking care of it.
- 6. Students learn about a life time activity.
- Students learn respect for themselves other students, and parents.



SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

CAP

- Cognitive How Children think.
- Affective How Children feel.
- Physical How Children move.

General Age

- 3-6
- 7-12
- Teens

Learning Style preferences

- Visual
- **Auditory**
- Kinesthetic (doer, watcher, thinker, feeler)

Successful Student

FUNDAMENTALLY SPEAKING

Building Blocks:

- Control the relationship of the center of Mass to the base of support to direct pressure along the length of the skis.
- Control pressure from ski to ski and direct pressure to the outside ski.
- Control edge angles through a combination of inclination and angulation.
- Control the skis rotation (turning, pivoting, steering) with leg rotation separate from the upper body.
- Control the magnitude of the turn through ski/snow interaction.



PROGRAMS

GRAND TRAVERSE SKI CLUB

LEARN TO SKI (LTS)

CRITERIA

- Change minimum age to 5yrs.
- Goal is a 2/1, skier/coach ratio
- Parent education, intro to GTSC, warm & fuzzy
- Discuss equipment (gloves, boot fit, helmet, etc.)

END GOAL:

- Turn Right, Turn Left, Stop
- Ride the Bunny tow rope independently
- Put on their own equipment
- Know at least 1 of the 7 Skier Responsibility points

ADVANCED BEGINNER

REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum age is 5yrs (5+)
- 8/1, skier/coach ratio
- Grouped by age & ability
- Skiers must be able to perform the following skills:
 - ✓ Turn right, turn left, stop
 - ✓ Ride Birch tow to the 3rd Barrel
 - ✓ Put on their own equipment
 - ✓ Know at least 1 of the 7 skier responsibility code.



ADVANCED BEGINNER

END GOAL

- Skiers must pass the following to advance:
 - ✓ Ride <u>all</u> tows independently
 - ✓ Basic parallel turn down Buck trail
 - ✓ Know all 7 points of the Skiers Responsibility Code



REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum age is 5yrs, maximum 6th grade.
- 7/1, skier/coach ratio
- Grouped by age & ability. BLUE / BLACK groups.
- Skiers must be able to perform the following skills:
 - ✓ Ride <u>all</u> tows independently
 - ✓ Basic parallel turn down Buck trail
 - ✓ Know all 7 points of the Skiers Responsibility Code



ABILITY LEVELS



BLUE:

Meets all requirements (from Advanced Beginner)



BLACK:

- More proficient at all the fundamentals, on all trails at Hickory.
- At least 1 year experience in 430/630 clinics
- Incorporates equipment in an advanced manner

FEEDBACK SCORECARD

(work in progress)

Fundamental	Phase	(1)	(2)	(3)
Explain Skiers responsibility code:			_	_
Stance centered tip to tail: Control pressure ski to ski: Directing pressure to the outside ski: Control edge angles with angulation and inclination:			_	_
		_	_	_
		_	_	_
		_	_	_
Control skis rotation with leg rotation	n separate			
from the upper body:		_	_	_
Control pressure through ski snow interaction:		_	_	_
Explain equipment:		_	_	_
Diagram SL and GS courses :		_	_	_
Explain SL & GS rules:			_	

END GOALS

1. Love skiing

become a skier that can ski all terrain independently

2. Ski on the Middle School Race Team

perhaps race High School

3. Ski on the USSA Travel Team

intends to race High School - and perhaps beyond



MIDDLE SCHOOL RACE TEAM

REQUIREMENTS

 Must be in 6th grade, or age/grade appropriate as allowed by coaches

END GOAL:

Ski all terrain independently, perhaps race on High School Team

USSA TRAVEL TEAM

REQUIREMENTS

- Must be in 6th grade, or age/grade appropriate as allowed by coaches
- Meets all USSA member criteria, etc.

END GOAL:

Race on the High School Team, and perhaps beyond.