



Outdoor Recreation and Community Access Adaptive Ski Program

Want to learn to teach, improve your skiing, make new friends, AND improve the lives of others? Maybe you should volunteer with the ORCA Adaptive Ski Program!

What is the ORCA Adaptive Ski Program?

Our program teaches people of all ages and abilities how to ski and snowboard. Students experience a variety of disabilities including developmental disabilities, cerebral palsy, spinal cord injuries, mental illness, and more.

Volunteers are trained in how to work with people who experience disabilities, and, if interested, to use adaptive ski equipment. Students and volunteer instructors are then matched up based on compatibility. It is a great way for everyone to learn, have fun, and make new friends!

How are volunteers trained?

Training is offered at the beginning of the season and continuing on throughout the ski season. ORCA uses ATS, the American Teaching System. There is an opportunity to learn these teaching techniques and then be certified as an Adaptive PSIA (Professional Ski Instructors of America) Instructor.

What sort of time commitment is it?

Volunteers teach on Saturdays & Sundays. After completing training, volunteers sign up for the days on which they are available. We are flexible to our volunteers' schedules, however, we do expect that volunteers will teach a minimum of 2 days per month. Lessons are from 10 am - 3 pm.



Do volunteers ski for free?

Eaglecrest provides instructors with a lift ticket for the day that they are teaching. On days that volunteers sign up to teach, they are expected to dedicate their time to the program. However, for each lesson taught, ORCA & Eaglecrest award volunteers with a complimentary voucher for a free ski pass that is good for any day of the season.

So, do YOU want to volunteer?
Call the friendly ORCA staff at
586-0104

