

# **THREDBO SCHOOL GROUPS PLANNER – 2017**

The Thredbo Winter School Planner is intended to assist teachers and school organisers plan their snow trip to Thredbo.

The aim is to answer all those little questions you come across during the planning process.

Even if you have been bringing groups to Thredbo for years, please read through to keep up to date with all the latest Thredbo information to ensure your next trip is the best one ever.

The planner outlines general information along with details on, Snow Sport lessons, rental equipment and clothing.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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## **THREDBO OVERVIEW:**

Thredbo is open 365 days a year and is a gorgeous alpine playground located half way between Sydney (5-6.5 hours / 500km approx.) and Melbourne (5.5-7 hours / 500km approx.), a mere 2.5 hours / 180km approx. from Canberra.

## NATIONAL PARK ENTRY FEE:

The National Parks and Wildlife Service requires all vehicles in the park to have a valid entry permit displayed on their vehicle. For winter 2017 (June long weekend to October long weekend) the daily bus passenger rate is \$3.60 per student and \$11.45 per adult (1 adult free of charge per 10 paying students). A daily pass is valid for a 24hr period.

You can purchase National park passes from:

- The National Park Entrance Station, Alpine Way 13km before Thredbo
- Snowy Region Visitors Centre, Jindabyne (recommended)
- National Parks Visitors Centre, Khancoban
- Thredbo Guest Services Office, Nuggets Crossing Jindabyne (winter only, recommended)

## **BOOKING PROCESS:**

#### Step 1: Request for a Group Booking-

- Group booking requests must be received by Thredbo Guest Services: Groups no later than 2 weeks prior to the arrival date. In 2017, the allocation of lesson times for a group booking is on a first come first serve basis.
- Booking requests must be submitted on the Group Booking Form which can be requested from Thredbo Guest Services: Groups.

Please note:

- Your booking request will be reviewed and you will receive confirmation of approval or request to alter lesson times within 5 business days of your original request.
- Requested times for lessons or rental collection may not be available due to the demand of the products on a requested date, in which case alternate times or dates will be offered.

#### Step 2: Final Confirmation of a Group Booking-

- 10 days prior to arrival groups must submit a final copy of the group booking form, including guest numbers, names, an in resort contact and any medication or allergies that Thredbo staff should be aware of. This will help ensure correct allocation of instructors and the timely preparation and collection of orders.
- 1 week prior to the group's arrival Thredbo Guest Services: Groups will send an email containing valuable information to assist the group make the most of their time in Thredbo. The group contacts or leaders should view this information prior to arrival.

#### Step 3: Collection of a Group Booking-

• Thredbo Group bookings are to be collected from Thredbo Guest Services: Friday Flat, Jindabyne or Valley Terminal (Scenic pass orders only).

Please note:

- Friday Flat Guest Services collection: orders will be available for collection from 8.00am to 5.00pm daily during winter.
- Jindabyne Guest Services collection: orders will be available for collection Monday to Friday 10.30am 4.30pm and Saturday 1pm 4pm.
- Valley Terminal Guest Services collection: Scenic pass orders may be collected from staff at the Valley Terminal Guest Services.
- Medical Consent and Unaccompanied Minor Rental forms must be returned to Guest Services when collecting the Groups order, if not previously submitted.

Please note:

• The Unaccompanied Minor Rental form is only required if the group is renting equipment from Thredbo.

## **GUEST SERVICES AND RETAIL AND RENTAL WINTER OPERATIONAL HOURS:**

Guest Services Jindabyne:	Monday to Sunday 8am – 5pm*	
	*Subject to change	
Guest Services Friday Flat:	Monday to Sunday 8am – 5pm	
Guest Services Valley Terminal:	Monday to Sunday 8am – 5pm	
Friday Flat Retail and Rental:	Monday to Wednesday 8am – 5pm	
	Thursday 8am – 7pm	

Friday to Sunday 8am – 5pm

Organising groups on trips takes a lot of work and there can be unexpected delays so it is recommended groups allow plenty of time for travel and collection of National Parks entry permits, lift passes and rentals. The rental process can take longer than you think there is a lot to do, please allow at least 1.5 hours for outfitting the group.

Note: It is a good idea to collect your lift passes and rental equipment the afternoon prior to the groups start date if time allows.

## THREDBO SPORTS RENTAL INFORMATION:

Groups renting from Thredbo Sports receive great gear at competitive prices, plus the peace of mind knowing that the two outlets in Thredbo are right at the base of Friday Flat and Valley Terminal if something does not go according to plan. The friendly knowledgeable team at each location can make any adjustments if required.

All of group rentals are to be collected from Thredbo Sports Friday Flat location only.

Group rental products consist of the Sports range:

this is either:

- skis, boots and poles or
- snowboard and boots.

All group rental packages include a helmet as well as wrist guards for those snowboarding.

Note: It is essential that you arrive at Thredbo Sports at your allocated time, if you are late for collection it may result in longer than usual processing times.

## SNOW SPORTS LESSON INFORMATION:

Thredbo Snow Sports are the team you need to guide you from gentle green beginner runs all the way through to black diamond trails. There are over 200 experienced instructors from all corners of the globe teaching kids, teenagers and adults the skills you need to have fun on the slopes.

All Snow Sports group lessons meet at the base of Friday Flat. You will need to identify yourself to Snow Sports Group Supervisor they will be wearing a orange jacket. Please ensure the group is ready to be allocated into their groups 15 minutes prior to the group lesson starting time. It is important to note the lesson times need to be adhered to, if your group is late the lesson will still finish at the initial lesson end time.

Lesson times: 8.30am, 10.30am and 2pm Please allow enough time to arrive to your allocated lesson and call in advance if you are late 02 6459 4157

## **STUDENT ABILITY LEVELS:**

To ensure groups get the most out of their snow time, numbers and the skill ability level of every student is required this allows Thredbo Snow Sports to formulate the lesson plans and allocate the required amount of instructors.

The following ability levels are in-line with the DET guidelines:

#### **Skiers**

Level	Terrain	Ability
1	Beginner area	Never skied before.
2	On the Carpets	Stopping and learning to turn.
		Can snowplough stop. Working towards linking turns on the Magic Carpet.
3 Easy Does It Chairlift Snowplough turning.		Snowplough turning.
	Friday Flat & Giddy Up	Able to link snowplough turns from the top of Friday Flat.
4	Cruiser	Basic Christie turning on Green runs.
		Matching skis parallel at the end of every turn. Ski on Green runs and Village Trail.
5	Village Trail, Antons T-bar	Stem Christie.
	_	Stem to start the turn and matching skies parallel most of the turn.
6	Blue runs	Basic Parallel.
		Basic parallel turns with a pole plant.
7	Black & Blue runs	Carved Parallel
		Strong edge parallel turn on Blue and Black terrain. Can make short turns and link turns through moguls.
8	All Black runs	Steeps, Crud, Moguls, Race and Powder
		Able to ski dynamic parallel turns (long and short) on all runs. Able to ski fall-line moguls on steep terrain.

#### **Snowboarders**

Level	Terrain	Ability
1	Friday Flat	Never boarded before.
2	Friday Flat	Stopping heel side. Can heel side stop.
3	Friday Flat	Stop on heel and toe side.
		Able to stop on heels and toes. Learning to turn.
4	Cruiser	'S' turns down the Cruiser area.
		Able to make simple 'S' turns down the Cruiser area.
5	Green Runs	'S' turns down Green runs.
		Able to snowboard down Green runs making 'S' turns.
6	Blue runs	Confident 'S' turns on Green and easy Blue runs.
		Able to snowboard down all Green runs and easy Blue runs.
7	Black, Blue runs and Terrain Parks	Steeps, Crud, Moguls, Race, Powder and Park. Riding the whole mountain.

### WHAT TO BRING:

Some groups may be packing for their very first time at the snow. Here is a list of recommended items for an enjoyable and warm trip to the snow.

- Beanie, balaclava
- Neck gaiter/warmer
- Goggles
- Waterproof gloves
- Waterproof winter boots or shoes with good tread
- Bathing suit
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Lip balm
- Ski jacket and pants
- Long underwear/ thermals
- Ski socks
- Emergency numbers/ Medicare number
- Camera

If you arrive and realise have left something behind, there are a number of retail outlets that are sure to have what you need.

Remember to dress warm and in layers. A tip is polypropylene, silk or wool rather than cotton next to the skin and pair with waterproof outerwear.

When purchasing socks, it is advisable to select ones that are specifically designed for skiing or snowboarding. They will keep your feet warmer and dryer than regular socks. Only ever wear one pair of socks at a time.

The weather in the mountains is variable. As most of your body heat can be lost through the top of your head ensure that you always have a beanie or hat with you.

Eyewear is essential, make sure everyone has adequate goggles or sun glasses when on the mountain.

## **GROUP BOOKING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

#### **Booking & Payment Information**

- 1. Bookings must be made at least 14 days prior to arrival. (Priority given to early bookings)
- 2. All passes & Equipment Rental must be paid for prior to or on the day by bank or school cheque, cash or credit card.
- 3. Payment by Direct Deposit must be made no later than 3 days prior to arrival
- 4. Payment is per group, no individual payments.
- 5. Kosciuszko Thredbo Pty Ltd does not accept DINERS or AMEX cards or personal cheques.
- 6. If choosing the Direct Deposit method you must wait until your confirmation number has been provided and quote as a reference when depositing.

Direct Deposit Details are as follows:

Kosciuszko Thredbo PL

NAB BSB: 082 001 A/C: 53 364 0174

Cheques are to be made out to: Kosciuszko Thredbo PL

#### Ticketing Conditions & Information for School Groups

Bona fide school groups must consist of 20 or more to receive this offer.

- 1. Bona fide school groups to Year 12 will be charged at the Student rate and receive 1 teacher free for every 10 paying students.
- 2. <u>ALL passes must start on the same day.</u>
- 3. 1/2 day free ski is available on 5, 6 and 7 Day products from 1pm on the day prior to the first full day of riding. Start date of ticket to be based off the first half day. All passes are for consecutive days.
- 4. Student Lift & Lesson packages include all mountain lift pass and a 2hr group lesson daily. Group lessons are not available for children under 7 years of age. Please refer to the following link for information on the full day and 1/2 day Thredboland program: http://www.thredbo.com.au/winter/kids-club/
- 5. Adult Lift & Lesson packages include all mountain lift pass and a 2hr group lesson. Lesson is to be taken with the Students class.
- 6. All group ski & snowboard lessons meet at Friday Flat. Lesson times are 8.30am, 10.30am & 2pm ONLY.
- 7. Lessons meet 15 minutes prior to start times. i.e. 8.15am, 10.15am & 1.45pm.
- 8. Student 5, 6 and 7 Day Lift and Lesson passes include 5 x 2hr group lessons. First lesson can be taken at 2pm on first bonus half day then 8.30am, 10.30am or 2pm on the following four days; or lessons taken on 5 consecutive days at 8.30am, 10.30am or 2pm.
- 9. Extra 2 hour lessons are only available from 2 4pm, Monday to Friday and valid for students up to Year 12 only.
- 10. All Student passes include a Thredbo lanyard and a lift pass with the students information
- 11. Tobogganing is not available to school groups.

#### **Rental Conditions & Information**

- 1. Rental equipment is collected from Friday Flat Thredbo Sports only.
- 2. Rental collection times are booked in half hr intervals. Arriving late to your allocated time may put you behind the last group booked resulting in on snow delays.
- 3. The Group Information Form MUST be fully completed and returned no later than 10 days prior to the group's arrival to enable entry of guest rental information into our system to help avoid congestion when going through the Rental process.
- 4. Unaccompanied Minor Rental Forms must be completed prior to arrival and presented to Thredbo Sports Rental on arrival.

#### School Lunches Conditions and Information

- 1. Lunch order requirements must be pre booked at least 10 days in advance.
- 2. Minimum number of 20 is required to qualify for school lunch group rates.
- 3. Adults and Students are at the one rate. There are no free of charge meals.
- 4. Lunch times must be booked in and are at 45 minute intervals.
- 5. The lunch area booked is in the upstairs area at Friday Flat Bistro.
- 6. Lunch examples are a guide on what will be on offer, not all options may be available on the requested days.
- 7. Any particular dietary requirements must be forwarded 10 days in advance.
- 8. Cancellation of lunch orders must be 10 days in advance or an administration fee will apply.

## **CONTRACT FOR LIFT AND MOUNTAIN ACCESS**



#### **RISK WARNING:**

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING SKIING, SNOWBOARDING and MOUNTAIN BIKING) INVOLVE A SIGNIFICANT RISK OF PHYSICAL HARM OR PERSONAL INJURY INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY AND/OR DEATH TO PARTICIPANTS. ANY SUCH INJURY MAY RESULT NOT ONLY FROM YOUR ACTIONS BUT FROM THE ACTION, OMISSION OR NEGLIGENCE OF OTHERS.

#### Terms and conditions of use:

- 1. You acknowledge that you will observe the Alpine Responsibility Code (copies available on request and displayed throughout the mountain) and that you will conduct yourself in a safe and controlled manner at all times.
- 2. You must read all signs and follow all directions given by us, our employees or our agents.
- 3. You acknowledge that the risks associated with snow based recreational activities are not always prominent, conspicuous or physically observable.
- 4. You engage in any recreational activity at your own risk and you acknowledge that except to the extent that the law, including the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 provides that liability cannot be excluded, we are not liable for any breach of any warranty that services we provide will be provided with reasonable care and skill. Where that liability cannot be excluded, Thredbo (KT) will limit its liability to the maximum extent permitted by law.
- 5. You acknowledge that we provide "recreational services" as defined in the Competition and Consumer Act 2010.
- To the maximum extent permitted by this Act, we exclude liability to you for:
  - a) death;
  - b) personal injury;

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- c) the contraction, aggravation or acceleration of a disease; and
- d) the coming into existence, the aggravation, acceleration or recurrence of any other condition, circumstance, occurrence, activity, form of behaviour, course of conduct or state of affairs in relation to an individual:
  - 1) that is or may be harmful or disadvantageous to an individual or community; or
    - that may result in harm or disadvantage to an individual or community.

arising out of any failure by us, our employees, or agents to comply with any consumer guarantees applying to the services (including those set out in the Australian Consumer law). Where liability cannot be excluded, Thredbo will limit its liability to the maximum extent permitted by law.

- 6. We make no warranties in relation to the services to be provided. Without limiting paragraph 3 above, all warranties, representations or conditions relating to the services we provide (whether express or implied and whether arising out of contract, at common law or under statute) are to the maximum extent permitted by law expressly excluded and you acknowledge that our liability under any statutory right or any condition or warranty implied by the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 which cannot be excluded, is limited at our option to the resupply of the services or the payment of the cost of having the services supplied again.
- 7. Except to the extent that the law, including the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 provides that liability cannot be excluded, you acknowledge that we are not liable to you for any personal injury or death, which includes loss, damage, injury to you or any persons and any incidental, indirect, special, consequential or economic loss or damage to you or any persons (including loss of opportunities, exemplary or punitive damages) whether arising from default, negligence, misconduct or otherwise by us, our employees or our agents and you indemnify us against all such claims.

## These conditions form part of the conditions of entry and use of our facilities, equipment and services. This lift pass:

- (a) Is valid for the period of usage specified to or selected by you when purchased;
- (b) Remains the property of Kosciuszko Thredbo Pty Ltd (KT) at all times and:
  - 1) must not be resold
  - 2) cannot be transferred to another person, date or season
  - 3) Must not be altered in anyway
  - any breach of this condition will result in the confiscation of the pass and may invoke police action;
- (c) Be available at lift access points for verification of access if requested by KT employees or agents;
- (d) Will not be refunded or replaced if lost or stolen or if any facilities are not operating for any reason or if any portion of the pass is unused;
- (e) If damaged and no longer grants you access to Thredbo Facilities, a \$4.00 replacement pass is issued;
- (f) Entitles you to use all operating lifts at Thredbo for the duration of the period specified to you or selected by you on purchase of the Lift Access;
- (g) Does not entitle you to provide or receive ski or snowboard instruction except where provided by KT, its employees or agents; and
- (h) May be cancelled at any time KT considers appropriate to protect its staff, customers, property and equipment.

# IF YOU BREACH ANY OF THE CONDITIONS OF THIS TICKET WE MAY REQUIRE YOU TO FORFEIT THE LIFT ACCESS AND YOU WILL LOSE ALL PRIVILEGES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS TICKET.

Skiers/snowboarders must observe the Alpine Responsibility Code and ski/ride in a safe manner at all times. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of skiing/snowboarding privileges.

#### **ALPINE RESPONSIBILITY CODE-**



## **THREDBO GROUPS ORIENTATION MAP:**



Friday Flat Guest Services
Group Order Collection Booth # 7
Bathrooms
Lesson Meeting Area
Friday Flat Bistro (upstairs)
Rental Collection
Thredbo Leisure Centre
Bus Parking