



It is time to get the snowboard and skis tuned and waxed, pick up on the great deal at your local ski shops, try on ski gear to see if it still fits and get ready for another fun year with Blizzard's.

**BLIZZARD OFFICE: (248) 677-9705**

Welcome back to another fun filled Ski and Snowboard season. The office will officially open on October 1<sup>st</sup>, The office hours for the 2018/2019 season: October – November: M– F 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. December – March M-F 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm, Saturday 7:00 am – 8:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. If you should have any questions and reach our answering machine, leave a detailed message with the best time and number to reach you.

**WEB SITE, CALENDAR AND SCHEDULE FOR 2018-2019:**

We have improved our Web Site, <http://www.skikids.us>, please pardon our dust as we are continuing to update the web pages to help better serve you. Right now, you are able to register your children for Blizzard programs, obtain a copy of the Blizzard calendar for the season, during the season please remember to check our website often. This will retain the most current information and each week's trips location and lesson schedule. Blizzard's general rule is if the resort is open for business, Blizzards conduct ski and snowboard lessons.

**BLIZZARD TOT SKI PROGRAM (Ages 3-5):** **NEW this season, we have added a 3rd session this season to allow additional Tot members.** Our TOT'S session: "TOT-AM", "TOT-NN" or "TOT-PM". Each session is limited to 20 Tots members, with 4 Tots per Instructor and Supervisor. **Our New Times AM - 10:30 AM -11:45, NN 12:15 PM – 1:30 PM, and PM 2:30 - 3:45 PM.** This is an 8-week program for our youngest students. Tot students have their own age appropriate skill level to allow them to develop their skills at their own pace. Blizzard Tots are with a Blizzard instructor or adult supervisor for 1 hr. and 15 minutes (1.25Hrs) on designated Saturdays (see calendar for dates). This Program is an introduction to skiing for children that have never skied or are in the beginner level skiing skills. This successful program has three sessions times AM, NN or PM this season. Tot classes average four students per instructor and Supervisor. TOT Sessions new times: "TOT-AM" 10:30 AM - 11:45, "TOT-NN" 12:15 PM – 1:30 PM, and "TOT-PM" 2:30PM - 3:45 PM.

**BLIZZARD MINI SKI PROGRAM (AGES 6-8):**

This program offers all the benefits of our youth program while giving our younger participants the extra special attention they need. **Mini Blizzards are with a Blizzard instructor or adult supervisor for the entire day.** Adult supervisors take over during lunch, with coloring books and songs added to the lunchtime activities. After lunch it's back on the slopes with the instructor, Mini Blizzards have five skill levels of their own.

**BLIZZARD YOUTH SKI & SNOWBOARD PROGRAMS (AGES 8-12):**

Blizzard youth program was created to meet the request of our members to have a program that provides an easier transition from the Mini's into the Teen program while maintaining all day supervision. Members will attend their regular lessons and then participate in a supervised ski or snowboard group outside of their lesson. During their instruction there will be a combination of technical exercises and teaching games designed to develop their physical and mental skills needed to improve their abilities. In the supervised ski and snowboard session they will be able to put some additional practice on their lesson skills.

**BLIZZARD TEEN SKI & SNOWBOARD PROGRAMS (AGES 9-17):**

The Teen program is the original Blizzard program and remains the most popular today. The instruction is a ten level program that is a combination of technical exercises and teaching games designed to help members develop their necessary physical and mental skills needed to further their skiing or snowboarding abilities. Many participants quickly develop into accomplished skiers or snowboarders. They gain self-confidence along with taking pride in their skiing and snowboarding achievements. They enjoy associating with other Blizzard teens and form lasting relationships.

**SUNDAY LESSONS (NEW THIS SEASON) (AGES 3-18+):**

\$60 per visit. Blizzard is proud to introduce Sunday 1 1/2-hour lessons at Pine Knob Resort. See web calendar for dates. Must be booked well in advance.

**ADULT PROGRAM (AGES 18+):**

This year Blizzard will only offer Saturday Adult lessons. The Saturday Adult program offers top notch lessons for all levels of skiers and snowboarders. In addition, we will continue to offer, "Train with the team". The "train with the team" lesson includes your participation in our instructor-training clinic. This is a great opportunity to train along with our staff, providing you with a larger knowledge base and a list of skills to help you to continue to improve. You receive quality instruction at a reasonable price and may lead to a position on our teaching staff.

**PRIVATE LESSON and VIDEO:**

Special Rate private lessons and/or Video sessions are available to members and their immediate family. Your lesson will be on a first come basis and taught by one of our highly qualified instructors on arranged days. Book your reservation in advance on our website <http://www.skikids.us> to request your private lesson.

**Want to be an INSTRUCTOR:**

The ski and snowboard programs are continuing to grow. If you are serious about teaching and building your skiing and snowboarding skills, come and try out with Michigan's best organized school!! Visit <http://www.skikids.us/instrapp.pdf> to obtain an application or call Jim Johnson at **(248) 496-6000**.

**Want to be a SUPERVISOR:**

If you are serious about your skiing and snowboarding, become a supervisor with Michigan's best-organized school! Visit <http://www.skikids.us/superapp.pdf> to obtain an application, or call George at **(810) 300-2597**

**SPECIAL EVENTS and Announcements:**

During the Blizzard season we hold two special days for our members and at times will need to reschedule a trip location. We try to communicate via E-mails, however our primary communication site is on our Web Page, under the Members Upcoming Events message board. The message board is located on our main web page in the upper right corner.

**MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION (WAM):**

Thank you to the Blizzard Families that contributed to our Team Blizzard WAM riders. We have been riding since 2002 in the WAM300 charity bike ride for Michigan's Make-A-Wish Foundation. Team Blizzard has raised over \$150,000.00 for the Foundation over the 17 years, which help grant wishes to children with terminal or life-threatening illnesses. Thank you for your support. We are already planning for the 2019 ride and are looking for more riders and volunteers to join our great team. If you wish to ride, volunteer or more importantly sponsor Team Blizzard please call Jim at (248) 496-6000. The 2019 ride is scheduled for July 26th – 28th, for more details on WAM, <http://www.wishmich.org>.