



Wasatch Adaptive Sports
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Volunteer Program Overview - Winter Season

Thank you for your interest in supporting Wasatch Adaptive Sports! As a volunteer, you play an integral role in helping our organization achieve its mission. We are grateful for your time and dedication. Please read the details below and contact us if you have any questions.

About Wasatch Adaptive Sports

Wasatch Adaptive Sports (WAS) believes in creating independence in recreation. Founded in 1977, WAS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with a mission *to encourage individuals with adaptive needs and their families to realize their potential and engage active living through recreational, educational and social programs.*

Instructors and Staff: Our instructors are PSIA certified, paid professionals dedicated to helping our students achieve their goals in recreation. WAS has five full-time staff members who oversee programming and organizational administration.

Programs: We offer eleven unique programs throughout the year that pair the goals of the student with our individualized assessment and teaching progression. Winter programs include skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, indoor cycling and a backcountry skiing/snowboarding clinic for veterans. Summer programs include cycling, mountain biking, kayaking, paddle boarding, fishing and hiking. Yoga is offered as a weekly throughout the summer and winter.

Location: We've moved! Our offices are now located at the Creekside Lodge at Snowbird Resort, entry 1 from the main road (not entry 2). Lessons will meet on level 2 inside the building. The majority of lessons are held at Snowbird with some taking place at Alta and Sundance. Lessons run from mid-December through mid-April.

Who We Serve: WAS serves children, adults and veterans with adaptive needs. Our partnerships and outreach efforts seek to reach local families along the Wasatch Front and throughout Utah. We serve out of state students as well.

How We Are Funded: Our organization is funded by the generous support of donors who believe in our mission. We host multiple fundraising events throughout the year (Highly Decorated, Summit Gala and the Steve Young Ski Classic). We also partner with foundations, major donors and corporations to meet the growing demand for affordable and accessible recreation. Please ask us if you would like information on how to support Wasatch Adaptive Sports.

Volunteer Roles

Volunteers have the opportunity to serve the organization in either the role of a Volunteer Instructor or as an Organizational Volunteer. You can serve in both capacities if all trainings and requirements are met. All volunteers are required to submit a questionnaire, signed liability release and pass a background check prior to volunteering.

1. Volunteer Instructor- assist instructor with skiing (adaptive and alpine) and snowboarding lessons.

Major Responsibilities

- Help instructors prepare equipment for lesson
- Review student paperwork
- Assist instructor with lesson as needed. Volunteer Instructors who complete all relevant trainings and are approved by WAS staff can teach lessons and tether devices.
- Complete post-lesson paperwork
- Store all equipment in organized manner
- Perform other program-related tasks as needed

Full-time Volunteer Instructor Requirements

- Must be currently covered under a personal healthcare plan.
- Must be an intermediate skier that has access to their own equipment that is in safe and working order. Must wear a helmet while volunteering. Snowboarders are welcome but teaching/ tethering opportunities may be limited.
- Time requirement- a minimum of 16.5 hours per month. A full day of volunteering accounts for approximately 5.5 hours (9:45 a.m. -3:15 p.m.). Training hours not included in the time requirement.
- Training- must attend one mandatory training per month and be checked-off by WAS staff to assist with devices/ lessons before full-time status will be granted.
- Please note that WAS takes volunteer schedules into account when scheduling paid instructors, and thus rescheduling or canceling volunteer days on short notice negatively impacts WAS students and their experience with the program. Accordingly, please provide at least four days advanced notice for schedule changes.
- Full-time volunteers qualify for a season pass to Snowbird Resort*. This pass is provided to allow full-time volunteers to assist with lessons. Limited quantity available. Must complete all trainings prior to qualifying. If a volunteer is unable to meet monthly requirements and/ or WAS policies, the pass may be restricted or revoked at any time.

*Blackout days include Saturdays and holiday weekends

Part-time Volunteer Instructor Requirements

- Must be currently covered under a personal healthcare plan.
- For skiing/ snowboarding lessons, volunteer must be an intermediate skier that has access to their own equipment that is in safe and working order. Must wear a helmet while volunteering. May also help with indoor cycling and snowshoeing lessons as well as yoga classes.
- Time requirement- minimum of 5.5 hours per month.
- Training- Must attend volunteer orientation and a minimum of one training. Must be checked-off by WAS staff to assist with sit ski devices.
- Please note that WAS takes volunteer schedules into account when scheduling paid instructors, and thus rescheduling or canceling volunteer days on short notice negatively impacts WAS students and their experience with the program. Accordingly, please provide at least four days advanced notice for schedule changes.
- While your time is of great value to the organization, part-time Volunteer Instructors do not qualify for a pass to Snowbird. A ski pass will be provided for the duration of each volunteer day.

2. Organizational Volunteer- can assist with outreach efforts, fundraising events or in the office.

- Must be currently covered under a personal healthcare plan.
- Training- must attend volunteer orientation and training.
- Time requirement- no minimum
- Volunteer days should be scheduled in advance. Four days advance notice is required to reschedule or cancel a volunteer day.
- Organizational Volunteers do not qualify for a pass to Snowbird.

Become a WAS Volunteer

Visit wasatchadaptivesports.org and click 'Get Involved' to complete the Volunteer Registration Form. Upon submitting the form, a WAS representative will contact you via email with the liability release form and background check. After both signed forms have been submitted, we will confirm your volunteer status and all details of the orientation.

Winter Lessons

Skiing and snowboarding are offered Tuesday through Saturday at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. OR 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. with occasional lessons on Sunday and Monday. Volunteers meet 15 minutes before each lesson and are asked to stay 15 minutes after the lesson completes.

Additional information on the role and expectations of the volunteer positions will be sent following completion of the Volunteer Registration Form. If you have any questions, please ask. We look forward to meeting you and thank you in advance for your support of Wasatch Adaptive Sports.