



Snowsports for anyone with a disability

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Orientation Night Wednesday November 18 for New VISAS Volunteers

November 10, 2009 - Courtenay, BC. Once again, the Vancouver Island Society for Adaptive Snowsports (VISAS) at Mount Washington Ski Resort is providing orientation sessions for volunteer instructors. If you are a better than average alpine or nordic skier or snowboarder (strong intermediate level); consider yourself "a people person" and can remember your own first thrill of a controlled slide down the mountain, then read on.



For over 30 years VISAS has been providing tons of fun for both instructors and their physically or mentally challenged students. Using a variety of adaptive equipment and constantly improving techniques, VISAS instructors quickly have students gaining confidence and satisfaction on runs and trails.

We are holding an information meeting for prospective Instructors on Wednesday November 18 at 6:30 pm, in the Florence Filberg Centre, Evergreen Lounge, Courtenay. Come out and see what our program has to offer you as a Volunteer Instructor.

Instructors must be a minimum age of nineteen. The information evening includes videos, hand-outs and the chance to talk to veteran VISAS instructors.

The downhill program requires you to commit to a mandatory two weekend training session at the beginning of the ski season; this is two consecutive weekends, Saturday and Sunday, 4 days, of concentrated training. The Society also requires a minimum of 15 days of instruction from each Instructor during the season, approximately one day a week. Successful candidates will receive their CADS level 1 certification on completion of the 4 days of training.

We have a social and cohesive group of Instructors and Mount Washington is very supportive of our programs with many benefits accorded our Instructors. We may be the group for you, come to the meeting and see where you can make a difference accenting the abilities of our students!

Remember the date Wednesday November 18 at 6:30 pm, The Florence Filberg Centre, Evergreen Lounge, Courtenay. Check us out on the web at www.visasweb.ca or for more info phone Bob Hodgson 250-339-6833