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## Let the Kids Ski

Programs across the country are combating skiing's rising cost with free and discounted passes for grade schoolers. **BY TYLER KRAFT**

### EXPENSIVE BUT WORTH IT: A SENTIMENT THAT CERTAINLY APPLIES TO SKIING.

Especially when you have a family in tow. Luckily, more and more states are rolling out programs for elementary-school kids, hoping to lure them—and their parents—to the sport. These passports all offer free or steeply discounted ski days for your budding shredders, plus bargains for you. The best part is, you don't have to be a ski-country resident to take part. Here's how to cash in.



| WHERE             | PROGRAM                                       | RESIDENTS ONLY? | COST  | THE BASICS   | THE PERKS   | GET IT            |
|-------------------|---|-----------------|---|--|---|-------------------|
| Vermont           | Fifth Grade Passport                          | No              | \$10  | Three days at each of Vermont's 20 alpine resorts.   | One pass to the nordic resorts.   | skivermont.com    |
| New Hampshire     | 4th and 5th Grade Snow-sports Passport        | No              | \$30-\$35                                       | One ticket for each of New Hampshire's 34 alpine and nordic areas.   | Discounted rentals, adult tickets, and lessons.                                   | skinh.com         |
| Utah              | 5th & 6th Grade Passport                      | No              | \$35  | Fifth graders get three days at each of Utah's 14 ski resorts; sixth graders are entitled to one day at each hill.                         | Discounted buddy passes, rentals, Olympic Oval deals, and more.                   | skiutah.com       |
| Michigan          | 4th and 5th Grade Ski and Ride Passport       | No              | \$20  | Up to three lift tickets to 30 Michigan resorts.   | Free or discounted rentals and lessons.   | goskimichigan.com |
| Idaho             | 5th and 6th Grade Ski Free Passport Program   | No              | \$15  | Fifth graders get three days at each of Idaho's 18 resorts; sixth graders enjoy two free days at 16 of the resorts.                        | n/a   | skiidaho.us       |
| Northwest Rockies | 5th Grade Ski or Ride Free Passport           | No              | TBD   | Three days at 49 Degrees North, Lookout Pass, Silver Mountain, and Mt. Spokane; three days at Bluewood, Brundage, and Loup Loup.           | Deals on rentals and lessons, plus discounted tickets for parents and siblings.   | skinrockies.com   |
| Colorado          | 5th and 6th Grade Passport                    | No              | Free for fifth graders; \$105 for sixth graders | Fifth graders get three days at each of 20 resorts (not including Vail Resorts areas). Sixth graders get four days at the same 20 resorts. | One beginner lesson for fifth graders. Companions also get lesson and lift deals. | coloradoski.com   |
| New York          | 3rd & 4th Grade Learn to Ski or Ride Passport | No              | \$26  | One ticket to each of 25 resorts (includes nordic areas).  | One beginner lesson and rental at each resort.                                    | iskiny.com        |
| Pennsylvania      | 4th & 5th Grade Snowpass                      | No              | \$30  | Three passes at each of 20 resorts.  | One free lesson and equipment rental.   | skipa.com         |

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