

OVER THE HILL GANG 2009-2010

Our 33rd Winter Season begins on Saturday, November 21st!
The last day is Saturday, April 3rd

The Over the Hill Gang is managed as a Special Program within the Copper Mountain Ski & Ride School

Meeting Days:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

No guided skiing/riding:

Dec. 22 - Jan. 3 (Holiday break) and Feb. 13 - 14 (President's Weekend)

Times:

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Saturday: Meet in Jack's at 8:30 AM, on snow at 8:50 AM, on lifts at 9 AM.

Sunday: Meet in Jack's at 9:30 AM, on snow at 9:50 AM, on lifts at 10:00 AM.

On mountain guiding ends everyday at 3:00 PM.

Where:

We meet in Jack's Slopeside Grill (upstairs on the west end of the Burning Stone Plaza, Center Village) at the base between the American Flyer and Eagle Lifts.

When inside Jack's look for designated OHG greeters with greeter name tags who assist all members with questions, OHG guides (wearing red and orange jackets with OHG on the back), or any member with an OHG name tag.

We gather on the snow between the Eagle and Flyer lifts in front of Jack's.

Name Tags:

Please wear your nametag on your jacket to help all members and guides know who you are. The annual stickers on your nametag and pass will identify you as a current member.

Parking:

From the Alpine lots (free parking), take the Blue bus to the Center Village. If you take the Summit Stage, get off at Passage Point and walk through the covered bridge to the lifts.

Lunch:

Time and Location to be determined before the start of the winter season. Typically you lunch with your group – new members, be aware that people look quite different when they take off their headgear!

There is no scheduled time or location for lunch on Sunday; it is up to each group.

Sunshine: It has always been our custom to send well wishes to members and guides who are injured, sick, or have lost a loved one. Please assume that you *are* the only one who might know this information, and contact ohgsecretary@aol.com with any information.

Après Ski Socials - Time and Location to be determined before January 2010.

Over the Hill Gang Groupings

Decide on the ability group that you want to be with prior to meeting on the snow. If you are in doubt, it is best to start in an easier group and make a change at lunch. Find your group gathering spot between the Eagle and Flyer lifts. The guides will direct you to your group meeting spot. You have your choice of eight ability groups– No Worries Mate (easiest), True Blue, Groomed Zoomers, Club Decline or Club Incline. The description of each is below:

No Worries - skis and rides green and blue at a pace that fits individual needs.

True Blue - skis and rides all blue terrain including bumps and groomed, but with some stopping along the trail for stories and tales.

Groom Zoom1 - skis and rides mostly groomed black and blue terrain.

Groom Zoom2 - skis and rides mostly groomed terrain with some bumps

Lower Club Decline - skis and rides small to moderate bumps and powder, but usually stays on marked trails with some stops

Middle Club Decline - skis and rides larger bumps, trees and steeper terrain venturing into unmarked terrain with some stops

Upper Club Decline - skis and rides large steep bumps, steep terrain and unmarked terrain with some stops

Club Incline - skis and rides all terrain in all conditions with minimal stopping

Group Etiquette

Sometimes it can be difficult to decide on which group to join in the morning. Here are some tips that can help make that decision.

1. Are you chomping at the bit to go faster, talk less, and take those legs to the limit? Go ahead and move up a level. Don't be afraid to try Club Incline. Despite their reputation, they don't eat new people for lunch or toss new-comers over cliffs. Just be aware that Club Incline is a fairly high-intensity group.
2. Be aware that upper level Decline is fast-paced and goes mostly off the groomers. Make sure your legs and lungs are in shape before joining upper level Decline. Are you unsure of your limits? Try mid-level Decline first and then move up or down a level at lunch if you wish. Be aware that if you are a mid or low level Decline and you join upper Decline, then you are keeping the rest of the group from getting a good, hard day of exercise.
3. Do you find yourself traversing while the rest of the group is going down the fall line? Please be aware of this, it can be dangerous. *If so, let the more advanced start before you do so that they can enjoy the fall line without worrying about bumping into you.* If this happens a lot, you should consider moving to a lower level next time or during lunch.
4. Are you always the last person to arrive at meeting points on the slopes? A minute or two is fine, it gives everyone a chance to catch their breath and talk. However, if you find the group consistently waiting more than a minute or two for you, it would be polite to switch to a different group at lunch.
5. In the morning split-ups, sometimes a group will ask to specialize in bumps or trees or powder. Even though you may be tempted to join the group just because you like the people, make sure you like where the group plans to go before joining them. Sometimes, the guide is put into the awkward position of trying to please a too-diverse group. Be polite and choose your group accordingly.
6. If you bring a guest who is a lower skill level, move down to the guest's skill level instead of slowing down a group to the guest's level.

Other hints:

7. Conversation is fun and is an uplifting part of the day. Try to be aware, however, of the group's temperament. Are they chomping at the bit to take off? If so, save more of your conversations for the lift and keep on-the-snow time for just that. Guides should be especially aware of this.
8. We all have our favorite spots and everyone enjoys sharing their secret stashes. Invite everyone to participate in slope selection.
9. If you want instruction please take advantage of OHG clinics or head to Copper's Ski and Ride School. OHG is guided skiing and riding and its guides are not expected to teach.
10. In general, enjoy the snow and the people, be aware of your surroundings and the needs of the group. Ask your fellow group members what they want from the day and try to join the group that has the same goals. This way, everyone makes the best of what OHG has to offer.

OHG Website - www.copperohg.com

Our Website Provides Information on: *Monthly Newsletter*, Activities, Clinics, Member Information, By-Laws, Rules & Regulations, OHG board members, and administration contacts

Monthly Newsletter: Click on Newsletter to view the current month's newsletter

Activities: Click on Activities for a list of OHG activities such as social events, hikes, biking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing or any other scheduled activities. These are member organized, and all are welcome to lead a group in any activity that you would like to share with others.

Clinics: Click on Clinics for a list of OHG clinics with descriptions and dates on a variety of clinics offered by the OHG guides. Registration is required and a fee is associated with each clinic.

For more information,

Refer to the monthly OHG newsletter (www.copperohg.com), email ohg@coppercolorado.com or call the OHG phone line 970-968-3059

Copper OHG Ski & Ride School Management Team:

Ski and Ride School Adult Programs Supervisor: TBA

Ski and Ride School Special Programs Sales: Jennifer Walker and a team of specialists will be handling these tasks.

Guest Policy

- Each member may bring one or two guests per day
- Reservations required, 48 hours prior, email ohg@coppercolorado.com
- Being a guest shall be limited to two times during a season
- A person who would like to be with OHG for the day and is not a member's guest may participate for a day for \$20.
- There is a limited number of guests allowed each day

Clinics are available with full membership only

One Week Membership

A person may purchase a one week OHG membership which is valid for four consecutive OHG days. The one week option can be purchased twice in a season. Clinics are available with full membership only.

OHG Email System

The OHG maintains a private email system using the email functions provided by Yahoo groups. This email system and the Copper OHG web site (www.copperohg.com) are the main methods of communication among the OHG members.

To join the OHG email system:

- Send an email to copperohg-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
 - Include your name in the note so the moderator can verify that you are an OHG member
- All members joining the OHG email system must be approved by the OHG moderator before you can send or receive OHG emails

To send an email message to ALL OHG members, simply send email to copperohg@yahoogroups.com

Please use the **REPLY** option when responding to OHG messages, the response will then go to the sender only. **DO NOT** USE THE REPLY TO ALL option except in special cases.

Emails from the OHG Yahoo email system will have [copperohg] in the subject line, always include a subject as well.

Among the acceptable topics:

- All OHG information – schedules, social events, clinics, etc..
- Sell or interested in buying some outdoor activity related items (skis, bikes, etc)
- A member looking for or wishing to rent a condo or room
- A looking to for car pooling partners
- Special events outside of OHG that might be of interest to members

Please add copperohg@yahoogroups.com to your address book.

If you wish to no longer belong to copperohg group:

You may unsubscribe by sending an email to: copperohg-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

To send an email to all OHG email system members, send the email to:
copperohg@yahoogroups.com

If you require assistance, contact Stew Everard (everard39@yahoo.com) or Jennifer Walker at ohg@coppercolorado.com or call OHG phone line 970-968-3059

Process to Purchase OHG Membership / Season Pass

Go to www.coppercolorado.com

1. Click on **Ski School**
2. Click on **Over The Hill Gang**
3. Scroll down to the: (then click on it)
 - a. **Click Here To Enroll Now**
4. This takes you to the **Register Online** page
 - a. **Since this is a new computer program, All users will initially have to create new User ID**
 - b. **Click on New User**
5. This will take you to the **Select Your Age Group** page
 - a. Click on the **Radio Button or your age bracket**
 - b. Click on **Continue**
6. The next page - **Make Your Selection**
 - a. Click on the **Small box to make your selection (Social or full OHG)**
 - b. Click on **Continue (Note: Social membership goes to step 8)**
7. The next page - **Select Options for OHG Membership**
 - a. Click on **Program Price (This is the OHG Membership = \$270)**
 - b. **Copper Mountain Surcharge is 6% on all services (started last fall)**
 - c. Click on the desired **Type of Ski Pass desired (70+ will only have one option)**
 - d. Click on **Continue**
8. The next page - **Participant Information**
 - a. Fill in the required information
 - b. **Don't miss** Already Purchased a Season pass option in **Additional Information section**
 - c. Click on **Continue**
9. The next screen - **Cart**
 - a. Confirms your order
 - b. **Important – if you are a couple, click on the GO next to Add a New Participant to process an additional member. This takes you back to the age bracket page STEP 6**
 - c. **If this is a single membership, click on Checkout**
10. The next page – **Online Account Signup**
 - a. **Setup your user ID and Password**
 - b. **Add billing information**
 - c. **Payment Information**
 - d. **Accept the Waiver**
 - e. **NOTE – if you Add a New Participant ONLY the initial participant may accept the waiver**
 - f. **The additional participant will receive the waiver via email**
 - g. **The waiver must be signed prior to the first lift ride**

Copper Employee / Volunteer memberships are processed manually – Email ohg@coppercolorado.com or call OHG phone line 970-968-3059

OHG 09-10 Membership Pricing

See page 7 of this newsletter for online procedure to purchase OHG membership / season pass

Season Membership Pricing

Season OHG Membership (Ages 45 - 79)

\$270*

Age 80+ OHG Membership

\$10 Administrative Fee *

*Subject to Copper Mountain Resort Surcharge

Season Membership Discounts

OHG Couple Membership Discount

\$25 (per couple)

Season Pass Package Membership Upgrades**

Copper Mountain Season Pass

\$339

Rocky Mountain Super Pass (Copper, Winter Park)

\$379

Rocky Mountain Super Pass Plus (Copper, Winter Park, Steamboat)

\$419

Age 70+ Rocky Mountain Super Pass Plus

\$219

**This discounted season pass pricing is only available for purchase in conjunction with an OHG Membership. Membership and season pass must be purchased at the same time.