



Ski Spectacular Instructor Academy

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Clinic Summary Notes

Clinic Topic: Get in and Go!: SnoGo – Barbara Szwebel, Steve Shoemaker

1. SnoGo can be used for quick success or a fun activity for a guest who may be frustrated while learning to snowboard or ski; teaching for transfer of skills; to give the body a break from the rigors of snowboarding or skiing; may be the least restrictive tool for a person with a disability like intellectual diagnoses, cerebral palsy, hemiplegia, brain injury MS, and more.
2. Practice Chairlift safety- know the specific lift and resort requirements prior to loading any alternative device.
3. Work with your resort management and/or snow sports school to get approval for SnoGo use prior to bringing it to resort. Contact other resorts, schools, adaptive programs already using SnoGos to get information and ideas.
4. Use on chairlifts may be the biggest concerns from a resort perspective. According to the ASNI B77 code, SNO-GO riders are considered foot traffic due to not being attached to the equipment. If the chairlift can be slowed down to a maximum speed of 250'/minute at the point of loading and unloading, then the resort is meeting the requirements. This is not an issue for detachable chairlifts, but fixed grips will need to be slowed down.
5. View SnoGo success stories of riders with disabilities at the following sites:
 - a. <https://news.sno-go.us/blind-veteran-returns-to-the-slopes-on-sno-go>
 - b. <https://news.sno-go.us/sno-go-brings-a-quadruplegic-back-to-the-slopes-after-20-years>
6. PSIA supports SnoGo use. Visit www.thesnowpros.org to access the free SnoGo E-learning course. Non-members can access the course by following the steps below:
 - Visit <https://lms.thesnowpros.org>
 - Click on Create a Free Non-Member PSIA-AASI Account
 - Create a username and password.
 - Go to <https://lms.thesnowpros.org/>
 - Scroll down and click on the Sno-Go course.
 - Click on Add to Cart (you will not be charged as the course is free).
 - Click on View Cart then click on Proceed to Checkout.
 - Once you check out, click the link in blue to access the course.
7. Visit the following link for SNO-GO info and instructional videos: <https://sno-go.us/pages/learning-hub>