

BRECKENRIDGE OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER
LETTER TO STUDENTS, PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Greetings from Breckenridge! The Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center staff looks forward to having you, your child or your family member join us on a course and would like to share the following information about who we are, what we do and the risks involved.

The BOEC, a non-profit organization in operation since 1976, provides outdoor adventure programs for people of all abilities. We offer programs for groups as well as individuals. All courses are tailored to the specific goals and abilities of our students.

Breckenridge offers an outstanding setting for programs as well as a springboard for courses that go “on the road” to one or more of our many course areas. Here in “Breck”, our program site offers two facilities, the “Old Cabin” and the Griffith lodge. The old cabin is very rustic with no running water, while the Griffith Lodge has all of today’s modern conveniences and is accessible. The site is also the home of low ropes initiatives, accessible trails, several “high” challenge elements, (including an adaptive ropes course) a climbing wall, tee pees, a small lake and gorgeous views of the Rocky Mountains. Courses that go to one of our more remote permit areas generally begin and end in Breckenridge. We provide all equipment necessary to allow our students a rewarding outdoor experience that is comfortable and warm (sleeping bags, tents, rain gear etc). You need to provide only personal clothing, as outlined on the equipment list for your course, a willingness to try new things and a positive attitude.

All of our activities are conducted in a manner consistent with the highest standards, as defined by the Association for Experiential Education (AEE). The BOEC is accredited by AEE, who independently reviews the policies, practices and educational components of applicant organizations and accredits those that meet their high standards. All activities offered are designed to pose appropriate challenges for students. These challenges provide a medium for adventure, learning and personal growth. Your ski lesson or course will involve risk, which may be greater than most people encounter in their daily lives. Providing high quality programs in a risk-managed environment is a priority at the BOEC. It is, however, impossible to eliminate all risks. It is very important that you follow all directions given by staff and that you ask questions whenever a procedure or activity is unclear to you.

While the BOEC maintains rigorous standards, it is in everyone’s best interest that risks are disclosed, understood and assumed prior to participation. After you have reviewed the acknowledgement of risk and waiver of liability on the reverse side of this letter and if you understand and agree with its contents, please sign in the appropriate places. If you are the parent or legal guardian of a student, please read both sides of this document to the student, and if you both agree and understand their content, place YOUR signature in the three appropriate places

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us. We welcome your suggestions and feedback.

Sincerely,

The BOEC Staff

