

Practice Times and Locations

Arctic Foxes and Polar Bears: practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Skiers should arrive at the practice venue ready to go by 3:15/3:30 PM. It is very important to start on time because darkness comes quickly in early winter. Practice ends around 4:30 pm, but you should return to the practice area by 4:20 in case it turns cold and the kids stop early. However, during the longer, sometimes warmer days of February, practice may go an extra 15 minutes. If the group plans a point to point ski it could end as late as 5pm. Approximate ending times will be posted on the practice schedule page of the website.

Lynx, Snow Leopards and Wolverine: practices start right after school. We allow time for travel and waxing classic skis. Skiers should show up with the proper skis, properly prepped for practice. Snow Leopards practice Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 5:00/5:30 (depending on the workout, technique, waxing conditions and goals for the day). Lynx practice TU and TH. Coaches will try to be more specific week to week when practices should end and what time to pick up your athlete. The Wolverines practice Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, sometimes Friday and Saturday. The team races many weekends throughout the season. Travel days may interfere with school when races are further away. Practices end at approximately 5:15-5:45 pm.

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Chickadee Trailhead-Starting point for the popular Sun Mountain trail system. Reach Chickadee from Patterson Mountain Road (the road to Sun Mountain Lodge). Go past Patterson Lake and the Sun Mountain Cabins, and turn left into the Chickadee parking lot. 15 minutes from school.

Methow Valley Community Trail-Town Trailhead - The parking lot is located on the north side of Twin Lakes Road at Highway 20 just south of the Winthrop Bridge, next to Winthrop Fitness Center. 5 minutes from school.

Wolf Ridge Resort--from Highway 20 at the Winthrop bridge take Twin Lakes Road to Wolf Creek Road (first right). Follow this road approximately four miles to the Wolf Ridge Resort. Turn right into the resort area to park. Tight parking! 15+ minutes from school.

Mazama Corral -Take Highway 20 north from Winthrop about 15 miles, go right at the Mazama turn off. Proceed about ½ mile to the parking lot at the junction with Goat Creek Road. 25 minutes from school.

Cub Creek Trailhead: Take the West Chewuch road out 4 miles from the Winthrop ballfield and turn left onto Cub Creek Road. Drive up about 2 miles to the end of the road. 20 minutes from school.

McCabe Trail at Liberty Bell High School-We generally gather in the open area along the back parking lot of the high school. Please park in the middle of the parking area so the buses can turn around the outside. We try to have coaches meet the elementary school skiers to escort them onto the trail and in 2019-20 we expect Polar Bears and Arctic Foxes

will start practice at the elementary school connection to the McCabe trail when we ski there.