

TRYOUTS- MIGHTY MITE HOPEFULS:

All potential Mighty Mites, referred to as Mighty Mite Hopefuls, who have not been enrolled previously in Mighty Mites (MM), are required to try out for the program. The Alyeska Resort Mountain Learning Center (formally known as the Alyeska Ski School) runs the MM Hopeful program the first two weekends of December, both Saturday and Sunday, for all interested children. The fee for this screening process is \$80 per day. The Mountain Learning Center evaluates the basic skills of the Mighty Mite hopeful and at the end of the day, will recommend to the Mighty Mite coaches whether the youngster qualifies for the program or whether he/she needs more time to develop basic skiing skills. The following Sunday the child will join the appropriate MM animal group. They also receive attendance points for the day they skied with the Mountain Learning Center.

This is mandatory for first time Mighty Miters, regardless of skier age or ability. The skills required to pass the Mighty Mite Hopeful test:

- Age 6 -12 years old, as of December 31, 2010
- Can put on their own skis
- Can get on/off all lifts by themselves
- Can ski entire mountain- From top of Chair 6 down the blue star route
- Can stop and turn under control
- Emotionally mature to be away from parents for a whole day

Dates: To schedule your try-out, please select a date:

- Saturday December 4
- Sunday December 5
- Saturday December 11
- Sunday December 12
- The Mountain Learning Center will also offer tryouts for the remainder of the year under their "Powder Blasters" program. The price and criteria remain the same.

Time: Meet at Day Lodge at 9:30am to sign-in
Ski from 10:30am-12:30pm
Lunch from 12:30pm-1:30pm at Day lodge
Ski from 1:30pm – 3:30pm
Mighty Mite evaluation at 3:30pm

Cost: The cost is \$80 for the whole day.

Lunch: The Mountain Learning Center lunch is from 12:30-1:30pm at the Day Lodge. You will need to either pack a lunch for your child, or give them \$10-15 dollars and their coach will buy them lunch at the Day Lodge Cafeteria. You may meet your child for lunch and eat with them.

Payment: You can pay with credit card over the phone, or with check in person at the Mountain

Learning Center desk at the Day Lodge the morning of the try-out.

To Schedule your Mighty Mite tryout: First select a date, then call the Alyeska Resort Mountain Learning Center anytime after November 15, at 754-2280. Tell them that you want to sign up for the Mighty Mite Hopeful Try-outs.

Mighty Mite Coach Review: At the end of the day, a Mighty Mite coach will meet with the Mountain Learning Center Instructor to review the performance of each Hopeful. If your child has mastered all of the skills listed above, then he will be recommended to Mighty Mites and can begin the following Sunday. In the event your child is close to mastering the skills, but simply may need a few more days of skiing under his belt, then Mighty Mites will recommend that he skis one or two more sessions with the Mountain Learning Center, or perhaps on his own with his parents, and then tryout again later in December. There is no limit on the number of times your child may try out, and tryouts are available throughout the year.

Further Questions: You may also call Garth McPhie, head of the Alyeska Resort Mountain Learning Center at 754-2539, or Mighty Mite Program Director Natasha Von Imhof at 344-9301, if you have any further questions.