March 3, 2015	9 th Day on Snow
 Objective: Fun, fun, fun! Skiers can perform "Introductory" BKL skills, as captured in Photo Scavenger Hunt! We have fun and LOTS of pictures of our skiers! 	Format: 6 groups, with 2-3 coaches/group
I. Sign-in & warm-up	Check-in:
 II. Gather group and introduce practice goal Share objective and plan: <i>Photo scavenger hunt, and mixed age ski celebration</i> 	5 minutes ~3:30-3:35
III. Photo Scavenger Hunt (Ski and assess introductory/intermediate skills if not done) Skills to catch on film/video (Choose those applicable to your group)	30 minutes ~3:35-4:05
 Herring-bone (duck walk) up a hill Side stepping up a hill Diagonal stride Star turn Snowplow Dead-bugs (skis up in the air) (<i>Practice falling and rising</i>) Ready position (soccer goalie stance) Free glide down hill (or tuck – intermediate skill) Double-poling (intermediate skill) 	
Silly photos / videos (Choose 2 or 3)	
 Craziest downhill – or – slalom turns around a temporary obstacle course "Indy 500" – Kids kneel on skis and "race car ski" down a little or medium hill steering with hands on ski tips. "Catching air" – Vertical jumps of all of your skiers at the same time "Bushwhacking" – Getting off the beaten trail – How crazy can you get? Group photo with your coach(es) <i>(find another coach to take the picture)</i> 	
IV. Mixed age skiing celebration: Bring all skiers together at 4:05 to begin mixed age skiing celebration, where multi-age groups of kids rotate through three stations. Plan for 3 groups of about 30-40 skiers. Each group should have about 18 K/1s; about 12 2 nd graders; about 10 3 rd -8 th graders. Each station will last 15 minutes	50 minutes ~4:05-4:55
 Station #1: "We've got skills" Relay Race Location: Inner small loop Relay race with teams of 8 – half of the team is on the course at any given time, and there are 4 stations on the course. When four members of the team finish the course, than they hand off to the next 4 skiers in their group. (If this will take too long, start the second half of the relay team when the first set of skiers reach station #3) Leg 1 - Chariot pull: Skier #1a has no skis and pulls skier #1b to station #2 (using their poles). Skier #1a then runs back to station #1, puts on skis, and skis backward to station #4 to wait for the rest of their team. Leg 2 - Locked arm ski: Skier #1b locks arms with skier #2 and skis from station #2 to #3. Leg 3 - Biathlon ski: Skiers #1b, 2, and 3 ski to station #4 to meet skier #1a – each takes 2 bean bag tosses (can bring bucket closer for youngest skiers) – If skier misses, then a penalty – star turn or four big jumps. Leg 4 - Blob ski: When all skiers have completed the beanbag toss, all four skiers hold hands and ski back to tag next relay group (or to a finish line). 	Arrive promptly to a station by 4:05. Stations: 4:05-4:20 <i>Switch</i> Station: 4:25-4:40 <i>Switch</i> Station: 4:45-5:00 Whistle blown between stations to indicate time to switch.
 <u>Set up</u>: 4 stations along the inner loop. All skiers are distributed amongst stations 1-3, no skiers start at station 4. <i>Strongest skiers at station #1 (twice as</i> 	

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 many skiers at station #1), mid-experience skiers at station #2, least experienced skiers at station #3. Differentiate relay teams with orange flagging: a) leg, b) arm, c) waist, d) boot, e) necklace. Equipment: Cones to mark each station, bean bags and buckets at station #4. Station #2: Egg races Location: Ungroomed snow to South of relay. Kids line up on starting line with eggs. Race to finish line without dropping/breaking their egg. When they cross the finish line, they get a bead necklace. Let skiers race in groups of 5-8. Notes: Please encourage kids to stay on powder snow to avoid breaking eggs on trail (if possible). And, I only have 48 eggs – so don't let them break the eggs when they are done with the race. Equipment/set-up: Cones to mark the beginning and end of the course; 4 dozen eggs; Container of big plastic spoons 	
 Station #3: Sharks and Minnows Location: Groomed trail South of parking area Minnows line up on the "beach" and one shark is it in the "ocean". When the shark yells "minnows!" all the minnows have to ski across the sea to the beach on the other side. The beaches are safety zones. If a minnow is tagged he becomes a shark, too. Continue the game as more and more minnows turn into sharks until only one minnow is left. Notes: May need to break group into two subgroups, if too large to play as one group. Equipment: Cones to mark the beach areas. 	
 VI. Hot chocolate and Sign-out At check-out, have children remove their skis and stick them in the snow. Bring them to the hot chocolate table to get a cup of hot chocolate, then return to their skis. Keep skiers with you until guardian arrives. Remind guardian to sign-out at the K/1 sign. 	5:00 Sign-out:

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Introductory			
Ready position	Falling & rising	Side stepping up hill	Star turn
Diagonal stride Shuffle	Herringbone Small hill	Free glide Small hill	Snowplow braking
Put skis on & Take them off	Put poles on & Take them off		

Intermediate			
Diagonal stride Glide	Double poling	Herringbone Large hill	Free glide Large hill
Snowplow stop	Snowplow turn	Downhill tuck	

Advanced skills: Advanced skills may be taught to skiers who demonstrate competency on the above skills, and may include: One-step double-poling, step-turns, transitioning between techniques, etc.

* Adapted from: "Cross Country Canada – The Programmer's Guidebook." November, 2014 and "BKL Coaches Manual"