NUMERICA LAUNCHES "READ TO SKI" PROGRAM

SPOKANE VALLEY — Numerica Credit Union has partnered with Schweitzer and the Lake Pend Oreille School District to launch a new literacy initiative for local middle school students. Numerica's Read to Ski program encourages 7th and 8th graders to build reading habits by offering a unique reward: a free lift pass to Schweitzer for the 2025–26 ski season.

How it works:

- Open to all 7th and 8th grade students in the Lake Pend Oreille School District
- Read and log 10+ hours by Friday, Nov. 21
- Submit your completed log to your teacher
- Receive a free lift pass to Schweitzer for the 2025–26 season

"At Numerica, we believe that every child deserves access to opportunities that help them grow and thrive," said Amanda Swan, Numerica's vice president of community impact and communications. "Through Numerica CARES for Kids, we invest in programs that remove barriers, support education, and create meaningful experiences for local students and families."

This community-focused initiative is part of Numerica CARES for Kids, the credit union's long-term commitment to supporting children and families facing systemic poverty.

"This partnership is another great example of our commitment to community youth programs," said Tom Chasse, Schweitzer's chief operating officer. "Schweitzer is deeply invested in our local schools, and we are proud to partner with Numerica in support of initiatives like the Read to Ski program, helping to encourage students to further their education and pursue outdoor recreation."

The collaboration has been met with enthusiasm by educators who see the value in combining literacy with incentives that promote wellness and adventure.

"In these digital days, pleasure reading is more important than ever, as are healthy outdoor activities," said Geoff Penrose, Sandpoint Middle School principal. "We're thrilled to partner with Numerica to support both which will better prepare our students to learn and thrive academically."

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