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Niseko Staff Training Program  
Promotion Committee Chairman: Greg Hoff  
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### Niseko Winter Staff Training Program 2019 & Winter Driving Course

Niseko, known for its hot springs in the past, has become famous in recent years as a ski resort area welcoming tourists from all over the world. Although travelers are awed by the scenery, snow, and cuisine, it's safe to say that the *people* are what leave the biggest impression on someone. This year, many new staff will begin working at various businesses around the area during the winter season once again. In order to aid businesses in educating new staff, we are once again offering the "Niseko Winter Staff Training Program 2019" and "Winter Driving Course" this winter.

We will offer the courses according to the schedules below. We are currently accepting applications, but please keep in mind that available spots are limited. As applications are accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis, we ask you to please apply as early as possible. Also, as it can be costly to prepare a course for an applicant, we ask you to please apply only after confirming the number of people in your group.

#### Niseko Winter Staff Training Program 2019

Dates: December 4<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm (3 hours)  
December 5<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (3 hours)  
December 6<sup>th</sup> (Friday) 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (3 hours)

Time: Please arrive within 30 minutes of start time.

Location: Niseko Chomin Center (ニセコ町民センター, address Niseko-cho Fujimi 95) 10 min walk from JR Niseko Station

Cost: Free. 100 spots available per seminar, total of 3 seminars (300 people total)

Course description: No fee to participate. Information about various fields, including the local area, Niseko tourism, the local transportation system, Japanese culture and manners, safety rules, things to be careful of during the harsh winter, and so on.

※A Japanese course will be available on Wed Dec 4<sup>th</sup> at the same time as the English course in a separate room. Content will differ slightly.

#### Winter Driving Course

Dates: November 27<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) and 28<sup>th</sup> (Thursday), one course in the morning and one course in the afternoon each day.

Time: Doors open at 9:30 am and 12:00 pm. Actual training starts at 10:00 am and 12:30 pm respectively. Each course is about 2 hours.

Location: Kutchan Gymnasium 2F seminar room (倶知安町総合体育館 2F 研修室)

Applicants: Those who lack experience driving in winter, or driving experience in general

Cost: ¥1,500 per person (Covers insurance, car costs)

30 spots available per seminar, total of 4 seminars (120 people total)

Please bring your International Drivers Permit. Those without a permit (or license) cannot take part in the course.

○To apply: Fill out the included application and send by FAX or email to the addresses below

FAX : 0136-44-3500 Email : kankou@town.niseko.lg.jp

\* Please include all applicants from one company in the same application

\* Staff training is available in Japanese and English

\* Driving course carried out with cooperation from Hokkaido Police

○Deadline : Friday, November 8 (Subject to ending earlier if all spots are filled)

○Inquiry : Executive Committee (Niseko Town Hall Industry and Tourism Division)

TEL : 0136-44-2121 Email : kankou@town.niseko.lg.jp

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