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# Center Ski & Snowboard



640 Center Rd  
 Pittsburgh  
 15239-2232  
 tel: (412) 793-6600



Mon-Fri 10:00am- 8:00pm  
 Sat 12:00pm- 4:00pm

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**Who ever knew that the words "Boyce" and "Park" would ever be positively related to the words "Hip" and "Trendy"?**

### The Gear

The place may not be a mega-mall, but Center Ski & Snowboard has no problem being a small specialty store that makes up in quality what they lack in quantity. They offer top of the line skis from big names like Elan, Dynastar, and the ever-present Rossignol (prices

range from 700-300 clams), as well as in other aspects of the downhill snow-sliding lifestyle (thus the name). Their stock of snowboards includes such names as Morrow and Gnu, with reasonable pricing, some as low as \$230.

They sport a sizeable selection of snowboarding boots from Vans and Switch, ranging between \$200 and \$100 respectively, depending on certain important factors that are so important to half-pipers (to be explained later-keep reading). Center Ski & Snowboard could also add Twin-Tipped to their marquee, as they offer a reasonable selection of those red-hot, little twin-tipped skis that even staunch snowboarders are reportedly warming up to (\$159-\$225).

### The Help

You can walk in with your size, weight and anything else you deem appropriate to share with a stranger, and the super-cooperative staff will accommodate your every need. From the biggest expert in untouched powder to the most dimwitted snow bear or bunny, they don't mind going into honest detail to ensure that you get what you're looking for. There is a store-credit-only return policy. —Mike Scalise

### Tip Sheet

**Find It**  
 Center Ski & Snowboard can be easily found off of the Orange Belt that skirts Boyce Park.

**Rent It**  
 Half of Center Ski & Snowboard is devoted to rental skis, snowboards, and whatever else you want to use on Boyce's slopes (within reason-which means no Slip 'N Slides). Rentals start as low as \$8.

**The Point**  
 Who ever said big is better?

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