

Snow Summit

R A C E T E A M

Welcome to the Snow Summit Race Team! The race team provides programs for athletes from age 7-18 and a variety of skill levels.

All new members to the team start by joining the Development Team. The Development Team ("D-Team") is a weekend 9 AM to 1:30 PM program. Minimum age for D-Team attendance is 7, though very independent 6 year olds may be accepted. D-Team members need to be able to:

- Get up and down the hill independently with confidence and basic skills.
- Load all chairlifts independently.
- Learn and follow directions while participating in group activities.

The D-Team program is a 16-week program with 9 hours of training each week, 4.5 hours on Saturday and 4.5 hours on Sunday. This season the first date of training is scheduled for Saturday, December 2, 2017 and the final date of training will be Sunday, March 18, 2018.

Once the D-Team members progress through the skill levels, they will be invited to take a skills test. Upon successful completion of the test, the D-Team member will be invited to join the All Mountain Team or the Race Team.

The membership fee for the Development Team is \$1,500. For this fee, parents will have no race work or fundraising duties. In addition to the membership fee, athletes pay for their anytime Cali4nia pass, uniform rental, and Goldsmith race entries. The greatly reduced pass fee for team members is \$100 for athletes 13 and under or \$200 for athletes 14 and over. The uniform deposit and rental is \$100, and the Goldsmith entry fee is \$75. Thus, the total fee is \$1,775 for 13 and under, or \$1,875 for 14 and older. Finally, **all team members must join USSA and Far West.** This is done through www.ussa.org. The membership category is **Alpine General Membership** and the fee is \$15 for USSA and \$10 for Far West.

Returning Development Team members will most likely already have their \$50 uniform rental fee paid from the prior year, so they only pay an additional \$50 on subsequent years, thus their final fees are \$1,725 for 13 and under, or \$1,825 for 14 and older. They also need to **renew their USSA and Far West memberships prior to October 15** through www.ussa.org.

Once the athletes have mastered the skills, taken the test, and been invited to move up, then they can choose to move up to the Full Time Race Team, the Weekend Race Team, or the All Mountain Team.

The **Full Time Race Team** and **Weekend Race Team** are for skiers who are at least 8 years old and wish to prepare to become racers. They are grouped by age and ability levels. Each level will work on the skills

necessary to improve their skiing and racing technique. The schedule and activities for the program will be determined by the coaching staff and the USSA/Far West race schedule.

The Full Time program for racers 8-13 is an 18-week program with 19 hours of training per week. For racers 14-18, the program is an 18- to 20-week program with 22 hours of training per week. In addition, Full Time race team members also have training during holiday camps at no additional cost. These camps feature focused training and fun activities during mid-week sessions over school holidays.

Full Time racers also have Tyndall Haus privileges. They are assigned a locker in the team room for the storage of their gear. They have ski racks for their skis and poles, and they have boot dryers. This is a great convenience for our full time team.

Membership fees for Full Time Race Team members are \$2,100 for 14 to 18 year olds (U16-U19) and \$2,000 for 8 to 13 year olds (U10-U14). They also have the same anytime Cali4nia pass fees as the other program levels. Passes for 8-13 year olds are \$100. Passes for 14-18 year olds are \$200. The uniform rental is \$50 (assuming that they have a carry-over of \$50 from prior years), and the Goldsmith race entries are \$50. So the total for 14-18 year olds is \$2,400 and for 8-13 year olds is \$2,200. For these fees, parents have no race work nor fundraising duties.

USSA and Far West memberships are required of all members. Go to www.ussa.org prior to October 15 to renew your athlete's membership. Memberships for 8-9 year olds (U10) are \$63 (\$25 for USSA and \$38 for Far West). 10-11 year olds (U12) are \$88 (\$50 for USSA and \$38 for Far West). 12-13 year olds (U14) are \$128 (\$75 for USSA and \$53 for Far West). 15-18 year olds (U16-U19) are \$203 (\$150 for USSA and \$53 for Far West). Fees get more expensive as the athlete ages because of the additional record-keeping to keep track of points.

The **Weekend Race Team** only meets on weekends. They train for and attend races. They have locker room privileges, lockers, ski storage, and boot dryer space. They are not eligible to attend mid-week training at any time. Their training is an 18-week program at 10 hours a week.

The Weekend Race Team Fee is \$1,700. They also have the same anytime Cali4nia pass fees as the other program levels. Passes for 8-13 year olds are \$100. Passes for 14-18 year olds are \$200. The uniform rental is \$50 (assuming that they have a carry-over of \$50 from prior years), and the Goldsmith race entries are \$75. The total for 14-18 year olds is \$2,025 and for 10-13 year olds is \$1,925. For these fees, parents have no race work nor fundraising duties.

The **All Mountain Team** is another option once the athlete has passed the Race Team placement test. The All Mountain Team is also a **weekend only** program. Training is provided 10 hours a week for 17 to 18 weeks. While the underlying focus of weekend race team is designed to prepare racers for competitive racing, the All Mountain Team focuses on further skill development with more time on the snow in a variety of terrain. The team will ski at Summit, Bear Mountain, and most likely make at least one travel trip to Mammoth Mountain (see the SSRT Team Travel Guidelines booklet for information on team travel).

The All Mountain Team fee is \$1,700, just like the Weekend Race Team. In addition to the membership fee, athletes pay for their anytime Cali4nia pass. The greatly reduced pass fee for team members is \$100 for athletes 13 and under or \$200 for athletes 14 and over. The All Mountain Team (AMT) does not rent their uniforms. They purchase them, either new or from a prior team member at the ski swap at the end of

October. Since their primary focus is not racing, AMT chooses whether they will enter the Goldsmith race series. If they decide to race, the entry is \$75. AMT fee totals range from \$1,800 to \$1,975, depending upon their age and whether they choose to race. For this fee, parents have no race work nor fundraising duties.

AMT members **must join USSA and Far West**. This is done through www.ussa.org. Since they are not participating in USSA or Far West races, their membership category is **General Membership** and the fee is \$15 for USSA and \$10 for Far West.

Membership Fee Reduction is available for local families and families of a Full Time Race Team Member in exchange for Work Off duties. "Local" is defined by the zip code in which the athlete is schooled. It does **not** mean that the family owns a second home in the area. The athlete must be schooled within the Bear Valley Unified School District attendance area. Those zip codes are: 92314, 92315, 92333, 92339, or 92386. Those areas are Big Bear City, Big Bear Lake, Fawnskin, Forest Falls, or Sugarloaf.

To be considered for Race Work Off the family needs to attend the Mandatory Race Meeting. This will be held at the Welcome Back BBQ on Sunday, October 22, 2017.

The team needs personnel to work the races that we put on for USSA and for the Goldsmith Race Series. For a USSA race, the work day is long, usually starting at 6:30 and lasting until about 4:30. For those 10+ hours, a membership fee credit of \$100 will be granted. The work duty will need prior training, sometimes the morning of the race or at a prior training clinic. For a Goldsmith race, the membership fee credit of \$50 is granted. The work load and the number of workers needed for a Goldsmith race is much less.

Race Work Off Fee Credits

Full Time Race Team families can work up to 4 USSA races for a membership fee credit of up to \$400. Weekend Competition and All Mountain Team families that are local or have a full time race team member can work up to 4 USSA races for a membership fee credit of up to \$400. Development Team families that are local or have a full time race team member can work up to 4 USSA races for a membership fee credit of up to \$400.

Our USSA race dates this season are:

Saturday, January 20, 2018

Sunday, January 21, 2018

Saturday, February 3, 2018

Sunday, February 4, 2018

Make sure that your schedule will accommodate those dates before you make a commitment to work. If you make a commitment and fail to show up, you will be required to pay back the \$100/day fee credit PLUS an additional \$50 fee for causing the Race Work Chairperson to have to scramble to get a substitute worker.

Goldsmith Race dates are on the following days: Sunday, December 17, 2017, evening of Sunday, January 13, 2018, February 18, 2018, and Sunday, March 11, 2018.

Fundraising Work Off Membership Fee Reduction is available for local families and families of a Full Time Race Team Member. This fee reduction is \$500. For each family that chooses the fundraising work off, they will need to either buy or sell two \$50 dinner tickets to the Think Snow! Auction.

Our major fundraiser is the **Think Snow! Dinner Auction**. It will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at the Holiday Inn in Big Bear Lake from 5:00 to about 9:00 PM. Work off duties include the purchase or sale of two tickets per racer (mentioned in the paragraph above), a work shift, donation of one homemade baked-good, and three donations of items with a minimum value of \$50 each to be sold in the silent or oral auction that are display-ready in a gift basket or other enticing display.

Membership Deadlines

The Membership online registration will open for sign ups on Wednesday, September 27, 2017.

Memberships are due by Sunday, October 22, 2017. There is a **\$100 Late Fee** assessed for each returning skier whose membership is received after October 22, 2017. That includes payment, releases, and USSA membership. Payment may be in cash or by check. Members will be allowed to make payment by check in up to three checks, all of which are due with the membership materials. Checks may be dated October 22, 2017, November 30, 2017, and January 30, 2018. If you are making three payments, each payment should be equal to at least one-third of the total balance. **If you need to write checks dated into the future, staple a post it note on the check with one staple so it is obvious that that check needs to be held and not deposited right away.**

Please note: **Work Offs have cut offs.** If your membership is submitted after the membership deadline of October 22, work off opportunities may be closed. If you join after December 2, there will be no available work off positions. You may volunteer as a substitute, but you will need to pay full fees and receive credits for your work shifts. By that time, work schedules will have been generated, the major fundraiser will have been completed, and our ability to provide you with a work off position can no longer be assured.

If you have to mail your checks, use the following address and make sure that your postmark will be **before** October 22. If you are ordering your check to be mailed by your bank, order it by October 17.

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If you have a problem or a question, contact President, Barbara Boucher (rhymes with "voucher") at (909) 556-2864.