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Building champions in life through ski racing



Granite Peak Ski Team

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JANUARY*



IMPORTANT DATES!

NOW!	Registration Open!!!!
1/11/24 - 1/12/24	CR2 U 14 and up USSS race @ Granite Peak
1/15/24	Adult race league starts

FOR ALL CAMPS/PRACTICES/EVENTS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED, PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT WE ARE DEPENDENT ON THE WEATHER AND HILL OPERATIONS. PLEASE WATCH FOR CANCELLATIONS OR CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE. (FACEBOOK, SPORTS ENGINE, GPST WEBSITE)





PC CLEANING DIBS

We will need volunteers to help clean the performance center. Please reach out to Aubrey B. at 715-297-2828 to get more info for this role. Ideally, the center would have a good cleaning at least twice a week during peak season. It takes all of us, so please help out when you can!

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR PC:

- REFILLABLE HAND SOAP
- GLASS CLEANER
- GARBAGE BAGS- 33 GALLON MINIMUM
- BATHROOM FOAM DISINFECTANT
- TOILET BOWL CLEANER
- STAINLESS STEEL CLEANER
- DISINFECTANT WIPES
- SPONGES
- DISPOSABLE GLOVES (MED AND LARGE)

PLEASE REACH OUT TO AUBREY B (715-297-2828) SO WE DON'T HAVE DUPLICATES! THANKS FOR CONSIDERING!



CONCUSSION BASELINE

TESTING/PROTOCOLS- PLEASE SIGN UP IF YOU'RE INTERESTED! THE MAX SHUPE FOUNDATION PLANS TO FUND THE COST OF THIS FOR ALL CURRENT GPST HOME AND TRAVEL ATHLETES AGE 12 AND UP.

GRANITE PEAK SKI TEAM **KWIK TRIP CARDS**



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Fees for the '24-'25 season as follows:

- Development fees \$350 per session
- Team fees for the '24-'25 season:
 - Oct 16 & forward.....\$1300
- Monthly payment option-50% due at registration followed by 2 monthly payments of the remaining 50% (25 and 25).
- Please note-there will no longer be a separate \$100 "fundraiser fee"



RACE DATES!

GRANITE PEAK CUP/CLUB RACE SCHEDULE

- 1/5- GRANITE PEAK CUP RACE GS #1
- 1/26- CLUB RACE GS
- 2/14- FRIDAY NIGHT DUALS GP CUP
- 3/2- CLUB RACE GS
- 3/8- BADGER STATE GAMES GS #2 SL #1
- 3/9 - SUNDAY RACE AND TEAM COOKOUT (KOMBI)
- 3/15-3/16- BRULE FINALE/GRANITE PEAK CUP KOMBI #1, GS #3 #4,
SL #2 #3

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RACER DEVELOPMENT SERIES (LILY PAD START)

- 1/5- SUNDAY RACE GS
- 1/26- SUNDAY RACE GS
- 3/2- SUNDAY RACE GS
- 3/9 - SUNDAY RACE AND TEAM COOKOUT (KOMBI)



**RACER DEVELOPMENT ATHLETES ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE ON
FRIDAY NIGHT PRESIDENTS DAY DUAL PANEL SL (FEB 14) AND BSG
(CITIZEN DIVISION) (MARCH 8)**



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PRESS RELEASE

12/20/2024

It has been a very busy month of December for five (5) GPST athletes who were invited to US Ski Team Projects. Chloe Marti, Aimee Derner, Kathryn Floyd, Grace Kallio, and Sam Derner spent much of the last month in Colorado at the World Class US Ski Team training venue at Copper Mountain, CO.

Grace Kallio and Sam Derner spent a week training with top 25 U18 athletes from around the US (Eastern Region, Western Region & Rocky/Central), 12 women and 13 men. Grace Kallio and Sam Derner were the only athletes that were chosen from the Central Region to participate in this US FIS Downhill event where speeds reached over 70+ miles per hour and flying off the “Field Goal” jump reached distances of 150 feet +.

US Speed Coach, Jeff Pickering stated, “...these athletes from Granite Peak really understand how to jump correctly and have made tremendous progress this week.” Coach Ron further stated, “...Grace and Sam made huge strides in their skiing at this camp. It will be fun this season to see how they perform at the International Level competition (FIS). The sky is the limit for both of these athletes. I see great things in their futures!” Coach Ron reported both Grace and Sam were skiing at a very high level at this US Camp and the National coaches took notice.

The month of December got started as Chloe Marti was chosen for the Rocky/Central Prep Camp which featured the top U16 women from Rocky Division and Central Division training Slalom and Giant Slalom at Copper Mountain. Chloe was able to train on a world class surface and get the gate training with her peers from both divisions. Coach Ron said, “...Chloe is skiing really well right now and I sure she will be able to carry this into her upcoming season. Her season will be packed with a lot of early projects in January. Chloe has a really bright future.”

Finally, Chloe Marti was joined by her two teammates, Aimee Derner and Kathryn Floyd at the US U16 Speed Elements Camp held on the World Class Training Venue at Copper Mountain. What makes this venue so important is every top World Class racer, men and women come here to train. This four day camp focused on Speed Elements, Jumping and Super G training. Coach Ron said, “...all three young women made tremendous progress at this camp and showed they belonged in the top group of athletes at the U16 level.” What is amazing is all three women are only first year U16 athletes which means with continue practice and determination, they can make a lot of progress this season in their careers as ski racers.

Finally, Coach Ron commented that it was amazing to have five of our young athletes chosen for US Ski Team projects. It says a lot about their dedication to the sport of Ski Racing and all the training and practice time they have put in at Granite Peak. These athletes could never have accomplished what they have so far without the support of their parents and the Granite Peak Ski Area. Coach Ron stated, “...this is only the beginning for GPST athletes. There are a lot of athletes that I feel will also be included in this group in the upcoming years. It is going to be fun to watch all the athletes going forward.” It has been a real honor to coach all of our GPST athletes. They all work extremely hard. I am really “blessed” as a coach to have such great kids in our program.



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FIS PRESS RELEASE

12-22-2024

Granite Peak Ski Team has a FIS Team (Races Internationally) this year. The last FIS Team GPST had dated back to the 2021-22 Season. This year's Team will consist of: Emma Sicar, Elizabeth McNamar, Grace Kallio, Brian Kleckner, Gavin Hristov, Mason Hurda, and Sam Derner. An abbreviated GPST FIS team traveled to Searchmont, Canada for the first FIS races in central North America on December 20th – 22nd for two Giant Slalom races and two Slalom races to kickoff the MID AMERICA Series called the MIDAM's.

The traveling FIS Team for this series was Elizabeth McNamar, Grace Kallio, and Sam Derner. The rest of the FIS Team stayed back at Granite Peak to gain valuable training, with some recovering from injuries sustained over the summer and fall, as the FIS season will stretch into late March with plenty of FIS racing beginning the second weekend in January. This is the youngest FIS Team that Coach Ron has ever coached with all seven members being first year FIS athletes.

The first day of FIS GS saw Sam Derner ski from the 61st place starting position, into the 11th place overall. He was the Bronze Medalist for the U18's. This was a tremendous start for Sam FIS career, registering a sub 95 point FIS result. Both the women athletes fell in their first FIS GS race so, it was on to the second day for them to see what they could do.

Grace Kallio did not disappoint the second day of FIS GS by placing 6th in the race after starting 44th. It was a great finish for her and exciting to see her ski at this level of competition. Elizabeth McNamar started 42nd and finished in the top 30 in GS. Another great result. On the Men's side, Sam Derner started 76th and finished 20th in the second FIS GS, only 2.4 seconds off the winning time. His 20th finish actually gave him a better point result than he achieved the previous day. A pretty good start to his FIS career!

The last two days saw extreme cold conditions with temperatures reaching -21 degrees below ZERO! Grace Kallio again skied with “ICE” in her veins as she finished 10th and 12th in the FIS Slaloms coming from the back of the pack. Competing against the best Provincial Teams from Canada and some of our top collegiate women from the Mid-West, Grace posted some of her best SL results of her young racing career. Elizabeth McNamar finished the second FIS SL race in 27th place coming again from the back of the pack to secure a good FIS SL result.

Sam Derner struggled in his first FIS SL race and had to ski out after his first run. In the last FIS SL of the Searchmont MIDAM’s, Sam was able to put it all together and finished 36th after starting 86th, giving him a solid FIS SL result to go with his two great FIS GS results.

Coach Ron stated, “...it was great to see us ski so well in very challenging conditions. The FIS race hill was very challenging with a lot of terrain to deal with. Our athletes were very strong and determined. I am really excited to see how we perform when all seven FIS athlete will be able to attend later in January. To be so young and perform so well, says a lot about the “toughness” of this group and how hard they work.”

The 2024-2025 Race Season is now upon us. Next up, the Mont Ripley GS races just before New Years. It should be an exciting year! Stay Tuned!

MT RIPLEY RACE RESULTS!



SEVERAL OF OUR ATHLETES
CLAIMED SPOTS ON THE PODIUM,
AND ALL OF OUR ATHLETES
LOOKED GREAT!



PODIUMS

U16 GIRLS 1ST: CHLOE
U16 GIRLS 2ND: AIMEE
U18 GIRLS 1ST: GRACE
U18 BOYS 1ST: SAM
U18 BOYS 3RD: MASON



DAY 2 AT THE MONT RIPLEY GS
RACES BROUGHT MORE GREAT
RESULTS! THE KIDS
CONQUERED THE TERRAIN AND
FOUGHT THROUGH THE
WET/SOFT SNOW CONDITIONS
-- AND WE'RE PROUD OF THEM
ALL!



PODIUMS

U14 BOYS 3RD: CYRUS
U16 GIRLS 1ST: CHLOE
U16 GIRLS 2ND: AIMEE
U16 GIRLS 3RD: KATHRYN
U18 GIRLS 1ST: GRACE
U18 BOYS 1ST: SAM
U18 BOYS 3RD: MASON



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A HOST FAMILY?

OCCASIONALLY, WE HAVE ATHLETES OR COACHES FROM OUT OF THE AREA THAT COULD USE A PLACE TO STAY FOR A SHORT TIME. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN WELCOMING THESE FOLKS INTO YOUR HOME, PLEASE CONTACT AUBREY B. FOR MORE INFO! THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING!



WEEKEND LUNCHES FOR ATHLETES/COACHES!

PLEASE SEE THIS SIGN UP GENIUS [HERE](#) TO CHOOSE YOUR DAY/WEEKEND TO HELP FEED OUR HUNGRY KIDS/COACHES! YOU CAN SIGN UP AS AN INDIVIDUAL FAMILY OR WORK WITH A GROUP OF FAMILIES TO HELP OUT! IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED BY ALL!

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE COMING INTO A PREPARED WARM MEAL!



MEET EMILY HOSTETLER!

- 1.) How old were you when you started skiing?** My parents took me skiing for the first time when I was 18 months old. They held me as I went down the Granite Peak bunny hill!
- 2.) When did you start ski racing and what do you like about it?** I was five when I started racer development, and I started Home Team when I was 8. I am currently in Home Team and in my second year of U12.
- 3.) What keeps you coming back each year?** I like how you can always get better. Also ski team is a great excuse to do your homework later and go skiing and have fun right after school
- 4.) Do you have a coach or professional skier/snowboarder that you look up to and why?** Mikaela Shiffrin because she always gets back up when she gets hurt or has a bad run and she's a really good ski racer.
- 5.) Is there any special thing you do for good luck/motivation?** Eat Albanese gummy bears.
- 6.) What other hobbies/sports do you enjoy?** I like cross country and track. I also play piano. I am in 6th grade at John Muir.



MEET RYAN MARTI!

1.) How old were you when you started skiing? I was 2 years old when I started skiing.

2.) When did you start ski racing and what do you like about it? What part of GPST are you currently a part of/age group? (development/home/travel/FIS)

I started racing when I was 6. I am part of the home team. I like seeing my friends. I like speed and blocking gates.

3.) What keeps you coming back each year? My friends!

4.) Do you have a coach or professional skier/snowboarder that you look up to and why? I look up to my sister, Chloe. I want to beat her someday!

5.) Is there any special thing you do for good luck/motivation? up to and why? I eat a lot of gummy bears – and all the cookies I can find!

6.) What other hobbies/sports do you enjoy? What school do you go to/grade?

I like to play baseball and football. I also like shooting guns with my brother. I am in 4th grade. I do online school through Rural Virtual Academy.



The Nagy Alpine Growth Scholarship (NAGS) will be awarding two scholarships this season; one will be \$2,000 and the other will be \$1,000. The recipients will need to demonstrate a positive attitude and carry themselves in a manner that would make our old friend Dan proud. If you feel you meet these qualifications, please complete the application process by clicking the link below. **Application requirements include: (1) a statement on why you feel you deserve the scholarship, (2) a recommendation letter from a coach, and (3) a recommendation letter from a teacher.**

[NAGS Application](#)

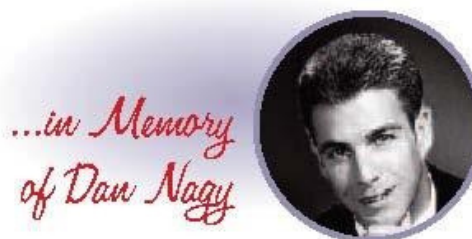
Applicaton deadline is January 13, 2025.

- **The Nagy scholarship is only awarded to high school seniors.** The NAGS bylaws state that the scholarship money must be used for post secondary educational purposes only.
- The scholarships will be awarded during the Dan Nagy Memorial Reception on Saturday, January 25th at the LaCrosse Center.

Thank you and good luck.

NAGS Board of Directors:

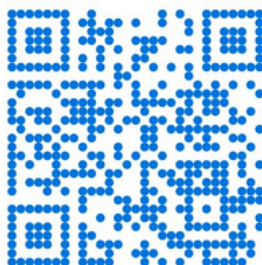
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Dan Nagy, high school, USSA, FIS, and collegiate ski racer, lived his life to the fullest. His love for the sport of skiing, his talent and dedication made him a familiar face on the racing circuits throughout the Midwest. Not only was he an All-State high school racer from Hartland Arrowhead and collegiate All American at St. Olaf College, but he was an active all-around athlete and sportsman who relished hunting, fishing, windsurfing, water skiing, sailing, flying and riding his Harley. Most of all, Dan was a devoted son and brother, a loving husband to Colleen, and an amazing father to his two children, daughter McKenna, age 22 and son Drew, age 20. His tragic death on August 14, 2006 at the age of 30 left a hole in the close-knit ski racing community that will be impossible to fill. We all miss his friendly smile, his wit and humor, and his passion for living. Dan, we are lucky to have been part of your life!

The Nagy Alpine Growth Scholarship is a 501(c)3 organization. Tax deductible donations to the scholarship fund can be made by clicking or scanning the Venmo link below. For more information email mnavin@spee-dee.com and kkmallow@gmail.com.

[NAGS Venmo](#)



>>> ODDS & ENDS



***note-during the months of Jan-Mar** the cost of attending crossfit at Adventure Awaits is covered if you are a current GPST member. All home/travel athletes can attend any class they offer (up to 3x/week). [WEBSITE](#)



SPORTS ENGINE APP-THIS IS A GREAT TOOL TO SEE OUR CALENDAR UPDATES AS WELL AS COMMUNICATE WITH OTHER TEAM MEMBERS/PARENTS. PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE APP FOR YOUR MOBILE DEVICE. [PLEASE TRY TO RSVP FOR PRACTICES ETC](#) TO GIVE COACHING STAFF AN IDEA OF NUMBERS.



- **TEAM JACKETS**-Coach Ron has a number of GPST jackets for sale in various sizes. Youth : size S (1), M (4) , XL (1). Mens: XS (1) and Women: Med (1). We would really like to sell these and proceeds will go directly to the team. If interested, please reach out to coach Ron at 906-282-6001.
- **BOOKKEEPER**-Our team is in need of a bookkeeper to help manage invoices/payments etc. If you can spare some time and help the team out, please send an email to info@gpst.org.



>>> FEEDBACK/QUESTIONS?

We need your feedback! If you have an idea/suggestion to bring forward please email: info@gpst.org