



# SVSEF ANNUAL REPORT 21/22





**SVSEF's Rick Kapala wins Service to Youth Award from U.S Ski and Snowboard**

Photo: Matt Leidecker



**SVSEF legend prepares to hang up the whistle**

Rick Kapala will switch to an administrative role after three and a half decades



From the moment Rick Kapala arrived in the Wood River Valley in 1987, he has left indelible fingerprints across nearly every aspect of cross country skiing both locally and around the world. Thirty-five years of leading the Cross Country program and coaching SVSEF athletes to put in the effort, think differently, embrace challenges, push their limits beyond what they thought was possible, and reach for their goals.

Rick's infectious energy, smile, and ability to instill a willingness to try, an eagerness to reach outside the comfort zone, and an extraordinary sense of community and gratitude; only scratches the surface of what he brings to our SVSEF athletes, coaches, and families.

When we think of those who truly transform our SVSEF community in the ways they contribute their time and talent, inspire others, and simply care about how we can always strive to be better as athletes, and even more importantly as people, Rick tops that list.

As Coach Kapala transitions from Cross Country Program Director and Head Coach to his new role as our Director of Sport Development at SVSEF in 2022/23, we want to dedicate this 2021/22 Annual Report to Rick Kapala and the countless ways he continues to inspire us to grow as individuals and as a team.

Thank you, Rick!

"The coaches help the skiers, but the skiers help the coaches, too. It's a symbiotic relationship where there are mutual levels of excitement, stoke, commitment, and engagement, which just lifts everybody to a higher level."

—Rick Kapala





# DEAR SVSEF FAMILIES AND FRIENDS,

In last year's annual report, we took the opportunity to share a deeper story, to connect some of the dots between our current day programs and their place in the context of the Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation's history. We presented a longer narrative on behalf of each of our programs—Alpine, Big Mountain, Cross Country, Freeski, Freestyle, Mini X, Snowboard, and our Grassroots programming, where so many children find their snow legs for the first time.

As we looked back on the 2021/22 season, we wanted to revisit the smallest moments, the biggest moments, the sights, the sounds, the focus on building friendships and team and culture and community. What were the key lessons we taught? What were the best things happening on the hill or otherwise that will be constant reminders of a truly special season? What did a day in the life of our athletes look like? How do our teams express their personalities and styles in their own unique ways as they guide our mountain kids to progress in their sport and in life?

***And at the heart of it all, what does it FEEL like to be an SVSEF athlete?***

The answer to this question is likely as varied as how each athlete makes their way down the hill or across the snow. For some it's fast and powerful, for some it's creative and flowy, for others it's sheer grit and endurance. But across the board, there looks to be a heck of a lot of FUN being had, FRIENDS being made, LESSONS being learned, and GOALS being reached.

In this Olympic year, and as we tap into the nitty gritty of how our teams roll, what quote could be more fitting than, "the whole is greater than the sum of its parts." On the pages to follow we've presented the parts. The bits and pieces that make up the entirety of the experience as an SVSEF athlete. From the glitter at the XC Devo Festival and the level of stoke on the Mini X team, to pond hockey with the Big Mountain team, medaling at the 2022 Winter Olympics, and everything in between, it was about embracing the moments no matter how big or small.

We, at SVSEF, would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all of our families, supporters, volunteers, and fans who helped pour life into this incredible experience for our community's children.

Simply put, this would not have been possible without you.

Sincerely,



Scotty McGrew





# PHILOSOPHY

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## **STRONG MINDS. STRONG BODIES. STRONG FUTURES.**

We view the mountains as the world's best classroom, where a child's imagination is captivated and their potential for learning, growth, and inspiration is realized.

Our team philosophy is implemented by both identifying with our incredible heritage as a community (25 Winter Olympians) and by innovating to meet the changing demands of our society.

# MISSION

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To provide exceptional snowsport programs for the youth of the Wood River Valley thereby enabling each participant to reach their athletic potential, while developing strong personal character through good sportsmanship, strong values, and individual goals.

# VISION

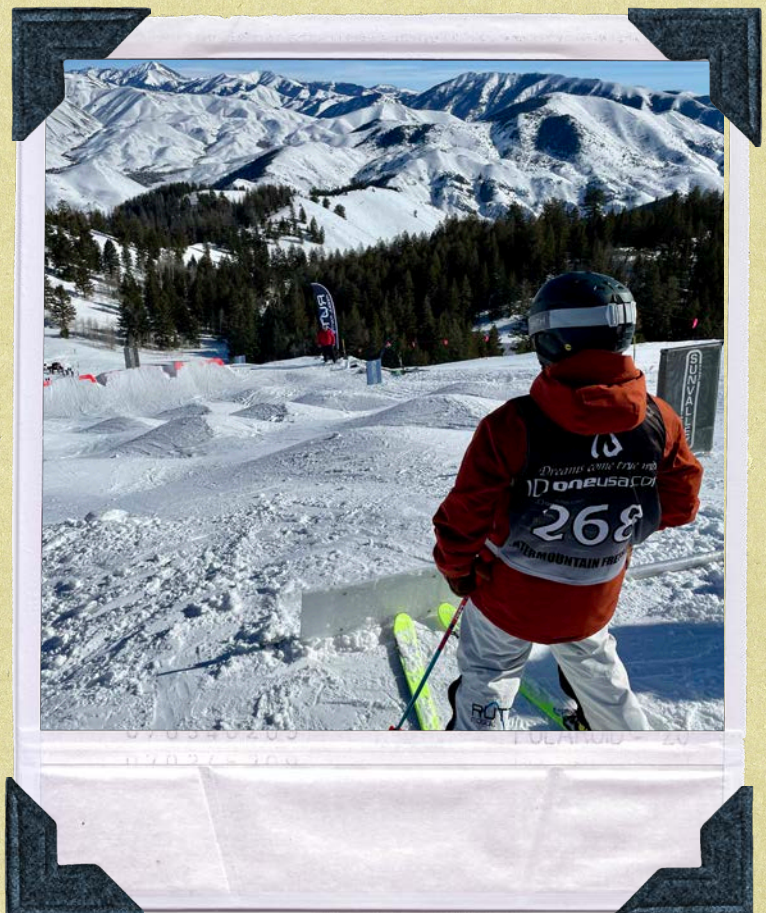
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To positively influence the future of the non-profit snowsport industry through purposeful thought leadership, innovative programming, and meaningful community collaboration.

# VALUES

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Sportsmanship.  
Citizenship.  
Character.  
Teamwork.  
Creativity.  
Passion.  
Perseverance.





# GRASSROOTS ACCESSIBILITY

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Thank YOU, Barb Dunn, for all you do to inspire these kiddos!



From Rota-Rippers to Mini World Cup and beyond...

“Teaching kids how to ski and ride, and inspiring a love of the mountains, are at the very heart of what we do.”

—Scott McGrew

Rotarun Ski Area is a magical place. Since 1948, the little mountain with a big heart has been the starting line of Olympic dreams and a pathway to podiums across the world. It's a place to learn, celebrate, train, race, and welcome and gather with our community.

SVSEF helps support Rotarun's mission to provide affordable access to locals and new generations of skiers and riders. Through programs like the Rota-Rippers afterschool program, kids are given the opportunity to learn and train on snow two days a week after school, embrace tradition, build friendships, and create lifelong memories with their families.

Affordable and tuition-free programming helps set a stage for what is possible for our kids in the Wood River Valley, and brings our community closer together through the sports we love and the mountains we play in.

## WE THANK YOU...

The generosity of our community, individuals, local businesses, foundations, and partners, make it possible for SVSEF to bring the gift of skiing, riding, and professional instruction to kids who may not otherwise have the opportunity.



# ALPINE GROWTH

(in every sense of the word)

21/22 IN ONE WORD ↑



North Series Pastry Cup Kombi Day

#alwayskifaster

## PD SNAPSHOT

Will Brandenburg

- We saw an exceptional amount of **PERSEVERANCE** from our athletes, staff, and support crew this season. There was huge **GROWTH** in our numbers, and tons of buy-in to the alpine program. This season was marked by a wider community effect for our program. Athletes recorded **shining results** and **incredible evolution** from Mini World Cup through the FIS Team.
- We use ski racing as our mechanism for **personal development and growth** at SVSEF Alpine. This is shown in how our staff can support and challenge our athletes, building them into great human beings.
- SVSEF Alpine is extremely **GRATEFUL** for the staff, volunteers, athletes and parents that make everything we do possible. We couldn't have had all of our success without this amazing **COMMUNITY!**



Early Morning at Rotarun with the IMD Team



Racing and a birthday at the WR FIS Elite Series, Palisades Tahoe



Taking on new terrain at the Soldier Mountain Speed Project

## COACHES NOTES

"Focus on the skiing, instead of the results."

"Enjoy the process."

4 "Push your comfort zones."

## LESSON OF THE SEASON

Embrace failure, push your boundaries, employ a growth mindset (always be learning).

## THE BEST THING

Soldier Speed Project - it was EPIC! And our new relationship with the staff and community at Soldier Mountain.





Mini World Cup's Team Argentina ready to race!

#FUNDamentalskiracing

## IN THE PRESS

"First off, I want to thank all of the SVSEF staff - they helped me grow from Devo all the way to FIS and the Olympic Team. It's crazy to be 18 and be able to go to the Games - it was a lifelong dream that came true. I can't put into words how happy I am that I was able to experience this."

- Jesse Keefe, SVSEF Alpine FIS and U.S. Paralympics Alpine Skiing

## RACE DAY IN THE LIFE

Wake up early  
Eat a healthy breakfast  
Warm-up  
Inspection  
Race  
Cool down / Conditioning  
Tuning / Race Prep / Video  
Homework  
Bed  
Rinse & Repeat

## Home hill is where the heart is

Skiers vie for overall honors at U12 IMD Alpine Championships

## FAVORITE RUN ON BALDY?

We don't divulge our secrets ;)

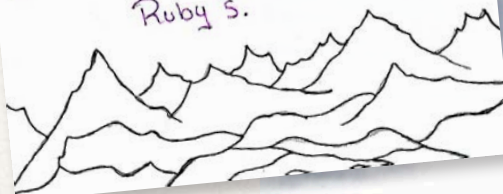
## WHY DO YOU COACH?

To pass on my love of the sport and help support athletes in chasing the lifelong lessons alpine skiing has taught me.

-Charlotte Gourlay,  
IMD Head Coach

Dear SVSEF,  
SVSEF has taught me love. Relationships, it has given me a passion and something to look forward to. Thank you so much for supporting me so I can continue to do what I love. I wake up every morning so excited to get out on the mountain, have fun with friends and coaches, and most importantly learn and improve. This means so much to me! Thanks again.

Ruby S.



## GOALS

- Technique (edging, rotary, balance, pressure) + Tactics (phases of the turn)
- Proactive Training vs. Reactive Skiing
- Growth Zone: our mind is our strongest muscle, let's continue to train it well!

#supportinggreathumans

"It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog."

- Mark Twain

## SNACK OF CHOICE

Haribo Gummy Candy



SVSEF alpine teams bring the speed to Spring Series

Ryder Sarchett, SVSEF Alum + US Ski Team, takes 3rd at home in WR FIS Elite Series.  
Photo: Tim Carter



# BALDY DEVO & LASAR TEAMWORK



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Artwork by Rosie

## PD SNAPSHOT

Brian Caulkins

- This was an EPIC year!
- I think when we enter the end of the year and we see the athletes' progress, we know we succeeded!

## GOALS

- Always be working on BALANCE, TIMING, and EDGING.
- Remember to POLE PLANT in all terrain.
- Find the CARVE.

## TRAINING DAY IN THE LIFE

Meet at the Yurt, set the day's plan.  
Pole straps on.  
Focus on athletic stance.  
Get out and ski!  
Be a good teammate!



A little pre-race guidance from the coach to build confidence.



Coach support and friendship at the Arkoosh Cup is the best!



Artwork by Lilla

"Be nice. Think first. Have fun."

— Jeff Shiffrin

## ATHLETE PLEDGE

I, \_\_\_\_\_, pledge to do the following every day I show up for ski team. As soon as I step on the snow, I will:

Be willing to learn  
Be a good listener  
Have FUN

Be a good teammate  
Respect others  
Take care of my gear

Have a positive attitude



Snack of choice = Anything healthy—Baldy Devo is sugar free!



## COACHES NOTES

"Focus on the skiing, instead of the results."

"Enjoy the process."

"Push your comfort zones."

## WHY DO YOU COACH?

"To share my passion for the sport I love, for the kids to become lifelong skiers and athletes, and I always enjoy watching their progress."

—Brian Caulkins, Baldy Devo & LASAR Head Coach



FAVORITE  
RUN ON BALDY?



Coaches like Orlie  
make the world go round!

Broadway—where kids learn  
to CARVE!

#alwayspoleplant



## THE BEST THING

We became a TEAM.

## HEARD ON THE HILL

Athlete: "You're my favorite coach!"

Coach: "How do you know? You've only known me for 5 minutes?"

Athlete: "Well, you are young, handsome, and not so strict!"



## MOUNTAIN ETIQUETTE

### IN THE LODGE

Skis in the rack always.  
Clean up after yourselves.  
Be courteous to others.

### ON THE HILL

Always look uphill before you take off!  
Control where we JUMP.  
Be courteous to all Sun Valley Co. employees.  
Be considerate of the public.

### WITH THE TEAM

Ride the lifts with everyone in your group.  
Help your teammates if they fall or need help.  
Make group decisions on runs, lunch, etc.

#beagoodteammate

#mountainetiquette



Game faces on for the  
Gary Black, Jr. Memorial Race.



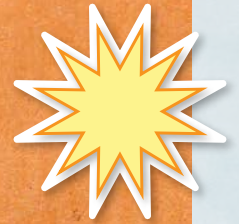
# BIG MTN RESOLUTE

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Big Mountain athletes ski and ride to  
first place at Crystal Mountain Nationals

## PD SNAPSHOT

Banks Gilberti



Bringing home the hardware  
at the Freeride Open, Crystal Mountain, WA

#BMT

- Record numbers signed up for the Big Mountain team this season!
- The strength and conditioning part of our program took off in a big way with athletes **pushing themselves** to levels they have never reached, both at team sessions and on their own personal time in the gym.
- Higher results from a larger group of athletes. We had a **huge step up** from a big group of our athletes this year and I am certain we will be seeing even more podiums coming our way!
- Super proud of the team **camaraderie** and the **culture** we have cultivated within this program.

## SNACK OF CHOICE Churros



FAVORITE  
RUN ON BALDY?

The  
Classic...  
Plaza!

Ready to rip the  
big terrain at  
Red Mountain, BC

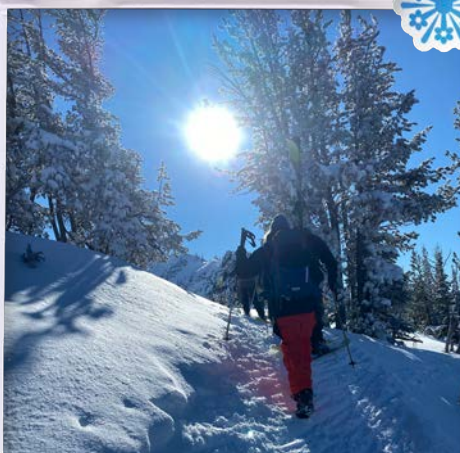




1st Annual Big Mountain  
Pond Hockey Tournament

## THE BEST THING

Team building.  
Our Pond Hockey event  
was a big standout.  
Awesome times had by all!



Always hike for the good stuff!

## COACHES NOTES

“These kids have no limits.

No one skis quite like our  
group.

Sun Valley kids just know how  
to set an edge. ”

You need a passion for  
stepping out of your  
comfort zone. We are  
constantly living outside  
of our comfort zones and  
thriving in the unknown.

## WHY DO YOU COACH?

“I coach because seeing  
these kids improve and  
become better skiers  
then they could have  
ever imagined is one of  
the best feelings in the  
world.”

—Banks Gilberti, SVSEF  
Big Mountain Head  
Coach



Coach Banks  
Gilberti and the  
gang in search of  
the freshies

## COMPETITION DAY IN THE LIFE

- Head to the hill.
- Straight to the competition venue to view from the bottom, lots of photos, lots of review.
- Head to the top of the venue for our inspection lap.
- Take in the whole venue and find our lines that we think will score the highest.
- Lap back up to the top and start running athletes through.
- Finish the day with video review.



Scouting the best line up here!

## LESSON OF THE SEASON

Stay on your feet. Keeping  
your comp runs within your  
means is one of the hardest  
aspects of our sport. When  
you can ski or ride within  
your means, it pays off.



# CROSS COUNTRY QUEST



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## PD SNAPSHOT

Rick Kapala

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Skate Skiing

To someone not familiar with the sport of cross country skiing, they might wonder just what the experience of the team is all about. From the outside, it looks like the sport has a lot of physical challenges and to some extent that is true. What is the allure of the sport that on the surface asks a lot of its participants? Our younger skiers are taking their first strides in the sport and in that process, they find that **LEARNING HOW TO TRY** is the most important aspect of cross country skiing. They take those first strides shoulder to shoulder with their teammates while being encouraged and supported by amazing coaches and most of the time it's actually pretty fun as well. They discover that they can **PUSH THEMSELVES BEYOND WHAT IS COMFORTABLE**, and they do this in **A COMMUNITY THAT VALUES TRYING HARD**.

There is no way around the reality that in order to cross country ski well, our bodies will be challenged to become stronger. But more importantly, our minds and psyche will grow to relish the rewards of pushing through barriers. When it comes to our older skiers on Comp Team, the real value of the program is built on team members working together over many months and years to build their capacities while also **SUPPORTING EACH OTHER** in that QUEST.

We **scale** peaks, we **run** through epic landscapes, we **train** in bad weather, we **survive** some really challenging workouts, and many days we finish with a strong sense of **gratitude** for the opportunity.

The goal is to not to win a ski race, but rather push one's limits in a way that builds the confidence to tackle life's challenges and opportunities more fully.

Extraordinary personal growth is always preceded by exceptional effort.

## IN THE PRESS

"The girls winning the National Club Championship is such a huge credit to all of the kids and coaches in the program. The focus must always be on building a community of skiers, coaches, and families who value simple but strong attributes like lifelong wellness, building work ethic, and loving the sport. It's like we often say: Any day we get to cross country ski is a good day."

—Rick Kapala, SVSEF Cross Country Program Director

## SVSEF is top girls cross-country team in country

reflects on first Paralympics; Wolter finishes career in fifth place at NCAA Championships



## HIGHLIGHTS

- 13 athletes named to Intermountain Team for U.S. Junior Nationals led by Cora Faye Scott winning a National Junior Championship and her being joined on the podium by SVSEF teammates, Aurora Cramer and Anja Grover.
- Gold, Silver, and Bronze for Adicoff and Wood at World Para Snow Sport Championships and bringing home four medals from the Beijing Paralympics.
- Sammy Smith placed 5th at World Junior Championships to lead the USA.
- Sammy Smith, Johnny Hagenbuch, and Sydney Palmer Leger represent SVSEF and the USA at Junior and U23 World Championships.
- Peter Wolter finishes collegiate racing career in fifth place at NCAA Championships.

2022 XC Girls National Champions for the 3rd consecutive year!

## COACHES NOTES

"What's the worst thing that happens at a bad race? You got a great workout!"

There's nothing wrong with your technique that a couple thousand KMs won't fix.

#nordiesbetraiding

Artwork by Lila D.





Glitter rules at the XC Devo Festival!  
Photo: Emily Williams



2022 Intermountain Youth Team Champions!

SVSEF wins overall Team Award at Intermountain Youth Championships  
53 compete in McCall

## WHY DO YOU COACH?

"It's a profession that gives back to you as much or more than what you put in."

—Rick Kapala, SVSEF Cross Country Program Director



## TRAINING DAY IN THE LIFE

OF A NORDIE AT THANKSGIVING TRAINING CAMP

- Greet the morning with a sunrise jog with the team while listening to Yellowstone wolves howling.
- Team breakfast of Jackson's Oatmeal Supreme, yummy scrambled eggs, toast and jam; after which we head out the front door for a two-hour distance ski on PERFECT tracks.
- More EATING with a lunch of mega thick sandwiches and soup followed by legs up and time with your ski buddies.
- Afternoon ski session usually includes some games and technique practice that wraps up as the late November sky turns pink and the shadows of the pine trees chase us down the trail back to a shower and MORE EATING.
- Team dinners are a lively affair with conversation punctuated by laughing and exaggerated stories.
- Evening team meeting brings us all together one last time where we talk both specifically and broadly about skiing, what it means to us, and how we work together to grow individually as well as a team.

\*Not a bad day at all.

"When you try hard, you grow a lot."

## SNACK OF CHOICE

Blueberry pancakes



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All in the family at SVSEF XC!  
Photo: Glen Allison

## FAVORITE XC TRAIL IN THE WRV

The Harriman Trail, Galena to the SNRA

## THE BEST THING

Skiing with your BUDDIES down the Harriman Trail from Galena to the SNRA on a PERFECT day and FEELING STRONG the whole way, then EATING PILES OF BLUEBERRY PANCAKES at the Lake Creek hut with your TEAMMATES.

## GOALS

- Introduce another big batch of young children to winter ski sport.
- Help kids grow at every level of the sport, from Devo Team through the World Stage.
- Be a force in our community and across the U.S. for the development of skiing.



COMP Team gals and coaches Jackson Long and Ashley Knox Living the Dream!



Sam Wood & Jake Adicoff's season wraps with 4 medals in Beijing! Photo: Joe Kusumoto



# FREESKI CAMARADERIE



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Tail grab over Dollar Mountain

## PD SNAPSHOT

Tyler Conway

- Freeskiing is a **COMMUNITY**, and those who invest fully can reap the benefits. When you mix skiing and quality people, the outcome is usually quite positive. Very proud of every single one of the athletes for being **coachable** and more importantly for having **FUN** out on the slopes!
- From our FIS level athletes to the newbies; coaches saw a bunch of **growth** and some serious **determination** when it was time to drop in. Overall, this collective group of skiers made this season one to remember. From jokes, to first tries, to slashing around in the slush. Us coaches are very proud of all of the athletes and are already looking forward to next season!

#dontneedhashtagswearskiing



Basketball hoop + jump hybrid  
at the Intramural Scrimmage Slopestyle



Houston...we have a problem...



Wall with a view!

## HEARD ON THE HILL

Dude, this is the most  
fun ever!

## THE BEST THING

Teamwork  
+ Effort  
+ Commitment

## LESSON OF THE SEASON

Play all the sports you can,  
do your best, and have fun!



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SNACK  
OF CHOICE





When freeskiers and gates unite. :)

## THE TRICK LIBRARY

Grab SWAP

Spin Swerve  
Flip

SLIDE

GRIND



TUNES  
Anything  
Katy Perry

## TRAINING DAY IN THE LIFE

Hot laps  
Jumps  
Rails  
High-fives  
Repeat

### SVSEF Freeski Team sweeps podiums at Tamarack

The SVSEF Freeski Team was at Tamarack this weekend as both the Future's team and Progression team athletes took part in Saturday's slopestyle event. Braden Smith took first in the 7-8 age group. Brody Smith finished in second place in the 9-10 age group. Sam Smith...

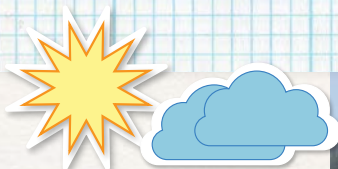
## GOALS

- Create opportunities to improve and learn that it takes a good attitude and effort to reach goals.
- Make it happen and make it fun!
- Always remember that success is skis on your feet and a smile on your face!

## FAVORITE RUN ON BALDY?

Dollar—but if Baldy had a run with jumps and rails it would be that trail.

If you want it, work for it.  
It's that simple.



## KUDOS FROM THE COACHES

"I just want to say how proud I am of EVERYONE who competed yesterday, for showing up and throwing down. The crew came out with positive attitudes and put 100% into their runs. I couldn't be more stoked on the skiing I saw." —Coach Queso

"The most apparent thing on display today was this team's camaraderie. Very proud of this entire group!" —Coach Gui

### SVSEF Freeski Team heading to Nationals

16 local skiers qualify for championships April 9-14



On the road at USASA Nationals, Copper Mountain, CO



# FREESTYLE

INVENTIVE (AND STUPENDOUS)

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PD  
SNAPSHOT

John Grigsby

- It was so great to be back on the road, traveling as a team, staying as a team, and growing as a team.
- Our program grew 30% over previous years and it's inspiring to see our athletes taking their skills to the next level including three into U.S. selections and a chance to qualify for the national team or Nor Am, five into U.S. Nationals, and the youngest two athletes to qualify into Junior Nationals.
- We've got a great building block of athletes and we focus on keeping it fun and making sure our team culture supports everyone at every level.
- Looking forward, we'd like to see continued growth of the Freestyle program and the opportunity to host two Intermountain Freestyle competitions in 2022/23.

HEARD  
ON THE  
HILL

"Oh boy this is gonna be fun!"  
(a few seconds after)  
"Yeah Buddy!"

## LESSON OF THE SEASON

Empathy—understand others and where they are in their own development in the sport.



Erik B at Jr Nationals, Utah Olympic Park  
Photo: Anthony Mazur



Nic, Erik, and Tillie take on Deer Valley, UT

## SNACKS OF CHOICE

Bánh mì sandwiches  
and  
Sour Patch kids



## THE LINGO

**Cork-7**      **LAWN DART**      **CRISPY**  
**BACK-FULL**      **Flat-3**      **BACON**

FAVORITE  
RUN ON  
BALDY?

Holiday...  
because we can  
bring it back  
to the good  
old days of hot  
dogging under  
the chair lift.





Meet-up with Olympian Nick Page and Cole MacDonald at Utah Olympic Park



Prep work is key - chopping the landing

"Everybody wants to be a mogul skier, but nobody wants to turn the bottom section."

— Wyatt Wilson

## WHY DO YOU COACH?

I like feeling that our program has made an impact at the end of the day/week/year—and in an athlete's life as they develop lifelong skills and continue to learn to process and cope.

## THE BEST THINGS

The Sun Valley Freestyle Spectacular! We're super proud of this event, the biggest held in the Intermountain region with kids traveling from across the country to compete. It's a true community event.

Stoked to have one of the highest scores at U.S. Nationals (9.3) at Deer Valley!

## DAY IN THE LIFE

- Course maintenance—chop the landings
- Warm-up lap
- Competition prep focus
- Video & review goals / focus
- Churros and hot cocoa at Lookout Lodge or Irving's to finish the day

## NOTES FROM THE COACH

- It's all about the take off.
- Do not land perpendicular to the direction of travel.
- Doesn't matter how sick the trick was if you can't land it clean and ski it out.

#svseffreestyle

SVSEF Freestyle Team takes on top juniors in the U.S.

Competition at Utah's Olympic Park

BY EXPRESS STAFF



Artwork by Drake L.

## IN THE PRESS

"It was great to see such a big turnout for this year's Sun Valley Freestyle Spectacular. We're incredibly grateful to Sun Valley for allowing us to build a world-class venue and to all the parents and volunteers for their support for the event. We had 30-plus athletes from SVSEF, which is the largest showing ever from the club. It's exciting to see the growth in our program at every level, with kids across all age groups from never-ever to the defending duals champion."

—John Grigsby, SVSEF Freestyle Head Coach



Start 'em young at mastering the moguls!



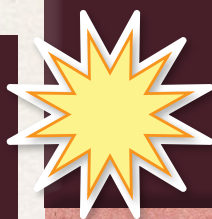
# MINI X

## SYNCHRONICITY

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### GOALS

- Carve + Jumps + Tricks On-Snow + Grabs + Moguls + Pole Plants + Off-Piste
- Yoga + Strength + Trampoline and Rollerblading skills
- Build lifelong skills through mountain awareness



## PD SNAPSHOT

Ben Schumacher

- Last season functioned with an interesting **synchronicity**—like finely tuned skis... You can just think, turn, and they carve for you.
- With a group of kids at many different skill levels, you wonder if it's all going to work, but everyone fits into their own little niche.
- Some push the competitive spirit in others. Some push the higher level of skills. Some are coachable and some are defiant, but all fit together and help us all learn valuable lessons.

#minixersfly

## TRAINING DAY

— IN THE LIFE —

Meet to set the day's focus and plan.  
Group up.  
Get out and ski!

"Sometimes it's hard but the coolest tricks aren't easy."

Learning 'grabs'  
over the Rotarun Air Bag

"In a world full of choices,  
you should always do the  
next right thing."



Coach Schuyler and the crew at Dollar Day



"Luck favors the prepared."

## LESSONS OF THE SEASON

- Complexity is the spice of life.
- If life was easy it would be boring.
- A positive attitude will change the world.
- Athletes and coaches always help out those who fall because they know how important it is to lend a hand.





# COACHES

## NOTES

In competitions, it's easy to slip into the mindset that there are just winners and losers, but there is so much more... like stokers, teammates, funnest, happiest, saddest... No one cares if you win or lose, it's about the camaraderie of trying that makes us a team.



Skiing is more than a sport to me. It's life. I love the sport Mini X has taught me how to love every type of skiing. So I drew my self trying to land a cork 360°.



"We need each other."

## FAVORITE RUN ON BALDY?



Getting our Mini X skating game on at the Air Barn

Warm Springs top to bottom has the best of everything—bumps, jumps, carving, speed, space, and the best scene at the base to boot.

Tunes = The Clash,  
LCD Soundsystem,  
Creedence, the Beatles



# THE BEST THING

We add a level of stoke and happiness that nourish our mountain culture. The diverse venues where we train and the many skills we practice from moguls to park, the mountain awareness skills we emphasize throughout the season, and off-piste skiing skills we practice any time we can.

Mini X skis it all... especially on Baldy!



Mini X coaches bringing the spirit!

#minihuckinghumans

# WHY DO YOU COACH?



"I coach because it is a win-win; me, the other coaches, and the kids all get better at doing what we love to do."  
—Ben Schumacher, Mini X Head Coach



# SNOWBOARD

CULTURE

↑ 21/22 IN ONE WORD

PD  
SNAPSHOT

Andy Gilbert



What a year! What a team!

- Keep the momentum going! We have team structure established, time to build on that foundation.
- Keep fun and the true spirit of snowboarding at our core.
- Open the larger snowboard world to these riders as a window and tool to the larger world itself.
- Snowboarding has always been a little "outside" the norm. There are a million ways to do it and not one is right. Having the ability to adapt to different challenges, terrain, conditions, and personalities that are put in front of you as a rider is key.

## HEARD ON THE HILL

"Okay, I got it!" (that light bulb moment from team riders... it happens a lot and it never gets old).



2010 USASA National Halfpipe Champ/SVSEF Alum, Ali Appleton, ridin' with the Mini Shreds!



Ready to ride at the Baldy Banked Slalom!



US Snowboard Halfpipe Coach dropping some tips to the team while in Utah

## COACHES NOTES

"Get with a sick tight clique and go all out!" (Coach Danger Dave quoting The Wu Tang Clan to describe what he wants from his team)

## LESSON OF THE SEASON

Go with the flow! Always!



## SNACK OF CHOICE

Let's be honest, a cup of whipped cream from the lodge!

## THE BEST THING

New hungry wave of young riders with awesome supportive parents!





Thank you, Beverly Hay, for ALL YOU DO!

## IN THE PRESS

"It's really important that Beverly (Hay DeChevrieux) is recognized for her contributions to the snowboard community here in Sun Valley and what she's done for all these young riders. I don't think there is a known name or an unknown name in snowboarding in Sun Valley that Bev hasn't touched in one way or another, whether they know it or not. Her contributions and support make what we do at SVSEF Snowboarding possible, and it's always our honor and privilege to give this cup out with Bev's name on it."

—Andy Gilbert, SVSEF Snowboarding Head Coach

"Throughout my younger years as a part of the Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation, I was able to draw on the passion from everyone I was learning from and grow to truly love the sport. There was something special about the culture I was raised in within snowboarding—Andy taught me from the very beginning that it's not all about winning—it's about the people you meet, the memories you make and the experiences you have along the way. I think that advice has always helped keep me tranquil and level-headed as I've been able to compete in the sport at this level."

—Chase Josey, SVSEF Alumni and U.S. Snowboard Halfpipe Team

## COMP DAY IN THE LIFE

BY NAOMI G.

- Wake up, shower, layer up
- Breakfast (oatmeal + smoothie)
- Stretch, warm up, head to the mountain
- Review goals and tricks I want to land with coaches
- Inspect the features
- Remain calm and collected during competition
- Unwind, grab a snack
- Homework
- Wax board, adjust bindings, clean gear, work on goals
- Dinner (pasta + chicken, salad, veggies)
- Bedtime and reflection on the day

## GOALS

- Continue this growth trend and always be looking for that next great addition to the team! (Not always the best rider mind you, but the best new puzzle piece).
- Make it so fun that every rider wants to be at every session!
- Keep looping parents into the bigger picture of our mission and get them involved.

Josey rose through the ranks of SVSEF to become an elite snowboarder

I Love Snowboard team because it is fun and it keeps me from sitting on the couch. I get better every day thanks to my coaches Dave, Nate, and also Andy. Another reason why I love Snowboard team is that I get pushed to do something every day.

"When the going gets weird, the weird turn pro."

—Hunter S. Thompson

## WHY DO YOU COACH?

"Because Snowboarding has given me a great life filled with the best people, places, and experiences—and I want to pass that along and shed some light on what it can be for these riders."

—Andy Gilbert, Snowboarding Team Head Coach



SVSEF Snowboarding takes on the Rotarun Rip-A-Thon in force!

## FAVORITE RUN ON BALDY?

Known on the Snowboard Team as "The Run" or Machine Road: Upper Warm Springs to I-80 to Machine Road cat track down Warm Springs side to Lower Warm Springs snowgun line.

P.S. It has the most mini hits top to bottom and is a leg burner when done correctly with no stops!

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MISSION RIDGE  
SKI & BOARD RESORT

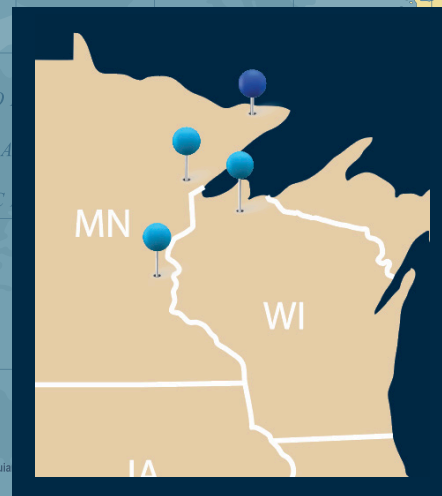
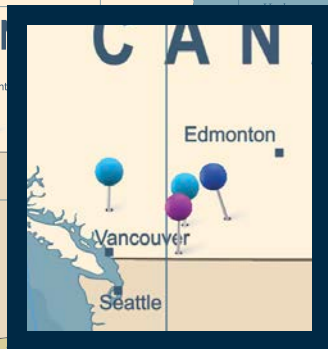


# ON THE ROAD WITH SVSEF

Where we raced and trained in 2021/22...

## LEGEND

- ALPINE
- BIG MOUNTAIN
- CROSS COUNTRY
- FREESKI
- FREESTYLE
- SNOWBOARD







2022 WINTER OLYMPICS
Chase Josey (SVSEF Alum), Olympics, Snowboard Halfpipe
Deedra Irwin (SVSEF Alum), Olympics, Biathlon
Jake Adicoff with guide Sam Wood, Paralympics, Cross Country
Jesse Keefe, Paralympics, Alpine
Kevin Bolger, Olympics, Cross Country



<b>ALPINE</b> Alyeska, AK Are, Sweden Aspen, CO Beaver Creek, CO Beijing Paralympic Games Big Sky, MT Bogus Basin, ID Brundage Mountain, ID Copper Mountain, CO Grand Targhee, WY Jackson Hole, WY Levi, Finland Lillehammer, Norway Little Ski Hill, ID Lutsen, MN Mammoth Mountain, CA Mission Ridge, WA Palisades Tahoe, CA Panorama, BC, Canada Park City, UT Rotarun, ID Saas Fee, Switzerland Schladming, Austria Schnalstaler Glacier, Italy Schweitzer Mountain, ID Snow King, WY Snowbasin, UT Snowbird, UT	Soldier Mountain, ID St. Moritz, Switzerland Steamboat, CO Sugarloaf, ME Sun Valley, ID Sundsvall, Sweden Timberline at Mt. Hood, OR Vail, CO Veyonnaz, Switzerland Winter Park, CO	Jackson, WY Lake Creek, ID Lillehammer, Norway Lynga, Norway McCall, ID Minneapolis, MN Mt Bachelor, OR Pontresina, Switzerland Silver Star, BC, Canada Soldier Hollow, UT Sonnefjell, Norway West Yellowstone, MT Whistler, BC, Canada Wildhorse Canyon/Pioneer Mountains, ID	<b>FREESTYLE</b> Deer Valley, UT Palisades Tahoe, CA Park City, UT Snowbird, UT Snowbowl, MT Timberline at Mt. Hood, OR Winter Park, CO	<b>SNOWBOARD</b> Bogus Basin, ID Copper Mountain, CO Jackson Hole, WY Park City, UT Woodward Park City, UT	<b>FREESKI</b> Copper Mountain, CO Jackson Hole, WY Mammoth Mountain, CA Northstar Resort, CA Park City, UT Tamarack, ID Timberline at Mt. Hood, OR Utah Olympic Park, UT Woodward Park City, UT
<b>BIG MOUNTAIN</b> Big Sky, MT Crystal Mountain, WA Grand Targhee, WY Red Mountain, BC, Canada Snowbasin, UT Snowbird, UT	<b>CROSS COUNTRY</b> Beijing Olympic Games Beijing Paralympic Games Bogus Basin, ID Cable, WI Canmore, Alberta, Canada Copper Mountain, CO Drammen, Norway Duluth, MN Falun, Sweden				





# ON THE WORLD STAGE

It was an extraordinary year for SVSEF athletes competing on grand stages around the globe from Norway, Switzerland, Canada... to the biggest stage of all in Beijing!

## Josey headlines locals to Beijing

Bolger to compete in cross-country; more Idaho ties



2x Olympian Chase Josey ready to drop into the halfpipe

## Bellevue skier debuts in 2022 Winter Paralympic Games in Beijing



Jesse Keefe, Alpine FIS and U.S. Paralympic Alpine Team, on course in Beijing!  
Photo: Joe Kusumoto/USOPC

## Adicoff, Wood golden in Beijing

Team USA wins Gold Medal in Mixed Team relay



Celebrating Beijing Olympians Sam Wood and Jake Adicoff



Johnny Hagenbuch (XC Gold Team/U.S. XC Ski Team), Sammy Smith (XC Comp Team), and Coach Paul Smith at Jr. World Championships, Norway / Photo: Flying Point Road



3x Olympian and SVSEF XC Gold Team athlete, Jake Adicoff

"I'm so thankful that SVSEF has helped me take my skiing to a level where I can represent our country—I'm a little humbled at this opportunity and am looking forward to working hard for everything ahead this season."

—Aurora Cramer, SVSEF XC Post-Grad athlete, on being selected to Team USA for 2022 Biathlon Youth Worlds



SVSEF Post-Grad, Aurora Cramer, represented Team USA at 2022 Biathlon Youth Worlds



## Sun Valley's fearsome foursome

Local Olympians celebrated at Warm Springs Lodge



# CLOSE-TO-HOME HIGHLIGHTS

Traditional, inaugural, and training for surface and speed. On-snow, off-snow, and in costume. Our teams hosted some pretty extraordinary events this year!

Perfect conditions on tough course at SV Invitational



Lowie Watkins Wins the Overall at 31st Annual Laura Flood Memorial Race / Photo: Tim Carter



Flying high at the Sun Valley Freestyle Spectacular / Photo: Jeff Page



Peter Wolter leveling up at the Super Tour, Sun Valley Nordic Invitational / Photo: Glen Allison

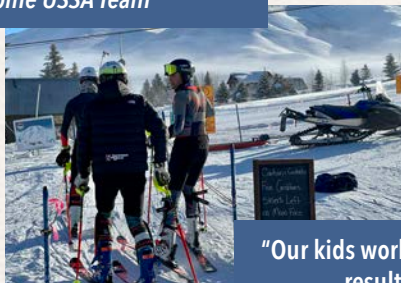
"Training is the time to push yourself and acquire new skills, and races are the time to use those skills." —Lowie Watkins, Alpine USSA Team

Fifth annual Gary Black, Jr. Memorial celebrates spirit of ski racing

Community of skiers come out to pay tribute



Feeling the need for speed! Soldier Mountain Speed Project



"Caution: Firm Conditions" Western Region Surface Project, Rotarun

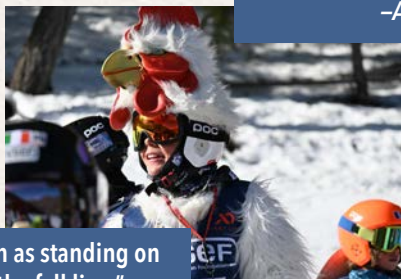


Calling the shots at the IMD U12 Championships

"Our kids worked so hard to qualify for these championships, and their results showed it. We are so proud of the entire team." —Adele Savaria, Alpine North Series Head Coach



Leveling up the costume game at the 5th Annual Gary Black, Jr. Memorial Race



Rockin' the chicken suit for Gary Black, Jr. Memorial Race!



Sportsmanship at its finest (and funnest!) during the Gary Black, Jr.!

"There are few things that my father enjoyed as much as standing on the side of a race hill watching athletes navigate the fall line."

—Amanda Black, daughter of Gary Black, Jr.



From skis to skates for Big Mountain Pond Hockey!



Randy Flood giving props to Max Meurci, 2022 Laura Flood Memorial Race



SVSEFF Freestyle Team hosts the 2022 Sun Valley Freestyle Spectacular



USASA Big Mountain West BoarderX takes to Dollar Mountain!



All eyes on the Sun Valley Nordic Invitational / Photo: Matt Leidecker

"The Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation has been a key partner with U.S. Ski and Snowboard developing many U.S. Ski Team members and hosting top events such as former XC U.S. SuperTours, U.S. XC Junior Nationals and U.S. XC Spring National Championships. We look forward to returning to Sun Valley, which has incredible cross country skiing throughout the area and racecourses worthy of hosting Olympic Winter Games selection events."

—Bryan Fish, U.S. Ski & Snowboard 23



# WE LOVE OUR COMMUNITY

Whether we're gathering to meet our heroes or donning face paint and glitter; conquering the gates on the hill or bringing out our favorite costumes; we are so grateful to our incredible village, our family, our community—THANK YOU!

Early season events  
support SVSEF

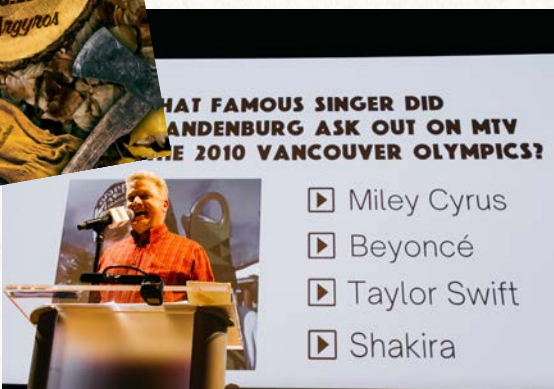
Rip-A-Thon, Wild Game Dinner  
highlight fundraisers



THIS is what it's all about!



What a night at the Wild Game Dinner!



And the answer is... Taylor Swift!



Taco vs Banks face-off for  
SVSEF Trivia King honors!



SO GRATEFUL for our community,  
45<sup>th</sup> Annual Wild Game Dinner



An incredible evening with our friend, Picabo Street!



Baldy Hill Climb: Aurora Cramer, Sarah Goble, Cora Faye Scott



Rip  
a  
Thon



Stickers and glitter and laps at the Rip-A-Thon!



Wrapping up the season with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Boulderdash!



All about style points at the Boulderdash on Baldy!



Sweet shades at the Sunnyside of Life Challenge, Boulderdash!



No fun being had here at the Janss Pro-Am ;)



Pro showdown between Jack Smith and Sean Higgins at the Janss Pro-Am!

## Janss Pro-Am Classic raises money for SVSEF scholarships

Skiers get decked out in 23rd annual event; special appearance with Picabo Street highlights weekend



"After two long years of reflection, adaptation and planning, it was an inspired return of our iconic Janss Pro-Am. The event was a magnificent success for our programs, our kids, and our community of mountain lovers."  
—Scott McGrew



Let the 'Elite Average Games' begin!



On their way to bring home 1st Place - Team Olympic Spirit!



# IN MEMORIAM

James "Jimmy" Grossman

1966



2022

*"Let the world touch your heart every day, and even in the smallest of ways. It will shift the balance of your life toward happiness."*

*—Jim Grossman*

Jimmy wore his passion for sport and adventure at the highest level on his sleeve. From his time as a highly competitive member of the Sun Valley Ski Team, to sharing his love for carving the perfect arc in the snow with his kids, Jimmy passed his talent and unwavering zest for life along to everyone he met, and his smile and willingness to help others were infectious.

We'll miss seeing him on the ski hill teaching others to ski the fall line, and behind the big lens always working to capture the best shot. We'll miss his untiring energy and enthusiasm and we'll miss his drive to inspire the best in everyone.

Jimmy's spirit will live on with every turn we make, every sunrise we catch, and every breath of fresh mountain air we breathe.



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To all who help make what we do for our athletes and our community possible—thank you!

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 Amy Strachan  
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 Anna and John Droege  
 Anne and Mike Brunelle  
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 Dave Bell  
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 Jeannine Thelen  
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 Lynn and Chuck Benson  
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 Robertson-Conn Family  
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 Susan Kraemer  
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 Theo Young  
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 Vita and Burke Smith

### **RIP-A-THON**

Thank you to everyone, at every level, who contributed to the second annual Rotarun Rip-A-Thon! This week-long, athlete-led celebration and fundraiser supports SVSEF's financial aid program, and we are beyond grateful for the generosity of our friends, families, and community for getting behind the kids. and supporting them in this incredible effort.



SVSEF has worked to ensure that the information in this annual report is accurate. Despite our efforts to avoid errors, they may occasionally occur. If you contributed to SVSEF during the 2021-22 fiscal year (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022) and your name has been listed incorrectly or omitted, we sincerely apologize and hope you will contact our office at 208.726.4129.



## IN HONOR OF

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by Amber Acker-Sanborn and Reid  
Sanborn

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by Buddy and Shay  
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by Sam Adicoff and Sue Conner  
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Rush and Bowen Thomson  
by Granny Thomson

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by Kristy and Tim Clark  
by Steve 'Chili' Murray  
Tucker Reimund  
by Maria Geenen  
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by Andrea Shockey

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by Barbara Gable  
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by Patty and Dave Puz

Sebi Dutcher  
by Pamela Irby  
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by Marilyn Conner

## IN - KIND

44° North Vodka  
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James Tautkus  
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Boulder Mountain Tour  
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Caroline and Stephen Hobbs  
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Sturtevant's of Sun Valley  
Sun Valley Animal Center  
Sun Valley Co.  
Sun Valley Fire Department  
Sun Valley Heli Ski  
Sun Valley Writers' Conference  
Sushi on Second  
The BARN  
The Elephant's Perch  
The Mill SV  
Tiare Rose  
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U.S. Ski & Snowboard  
Wild Rye  
Wildflower Cafe  
Wood River Community YMCA  
Wrapcity  
Zenenergy at Thunder Spring



# GRATEFUL



## SVSEF XC bringing the Baldy Hill Climb to life!



## All parents on deck for the Sun Valley Freestyle Spectacular!



**Nordies always bring yummy snacks!**



## Time for bib pick-up at the Janss Pro-Am Classic!



**Thank You,  
VOLUNTEERS –  
For All You Do!**



## Lending a hand at the Wild Game Dinner



## Counting laps at the Rotarun Rip-A-Thon!



## Alpine volunteer life in puffies and beanies!

**On the road, across the  
races, competitions, and  
special events–YOU are the  
foundation our COMMUNITY  
is built upon.**

**Thank you for showing up,  
for devoting your time and  
talents to all we do, and for  
making an extraordinary  
difference every day.**



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Steve Porino, Board Secretary



Wally Limburg



Heather Black



Liz Brown



# FINANCIALS

**TOTAL REVENUE: \$4,358,760**

Tuition, Programs,  
Competition Events  
**\$2,711,411 (62%)**

Donations, Fundraising,  
Interest Income  
**\$1,380,752 (32%)**

Restricted Donations  
**\$266,597 (6%)**

**TOTAL EXPENSES: \$3,896,309**

Programs  
**\$2,653,929 (68%)**

Operations  
**\$432,609 (11%)**

Financial Aid  
**\$392,559 (10%)**

Fundraising  
**\$338,373 (9%)**

Facilities  
**\$78,839 (2%)**

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO ENDOWMENT:  
\$303,082**



# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

A gift in any amount to the Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation is an investment in our mission to provide exceptional snowsport programs for the youth of the Wood River Valley. Your generosity helps enable each participant to reach their potential, while developing strong personal character through good sportsmanship, strong values, and individual goals.

Within the Athlete Endowment, the Cooper-Taché First Tracks Fund; Sun Valley Ski Patrol Fund; Howard Dean Memorial, John R. Kalik Memorial, and Torin Tucker Scholarships; and 5% Annual Financial Aid Draw constitute a continuum of access for kids taking their first turns, to athletes competing at the highest level on the world stage.

## ADDITIONAL WAYS TO GIVE

- **ANNUAL FUND GIVING** to help support general operating costs and expenses to deliver our programming at the highest level across all disciplines.
- **ANNUAL FUNDRAISERS** to support SVSEF's financial aid program.
- **TARGETED GIVING** to specific programs or projects.
- **LEGACY GIVING** through our Leaving Tracks Society.

The **SVSEF ATHLETE ENDOWMENT** is an overarching effort to the long range success of SVSEF and all those who will benefit through what we deliver to our community. A robust endowment is critical to the financial security and foundation of SVSEF. This fund resides in perpetuity to ensure access for all children of the Wood River Valley, regardless of economic circumstance.

**We are currently at 35% of our \$10M Athlete Endowment goal.**

**2022: \$3.5M Endowment**

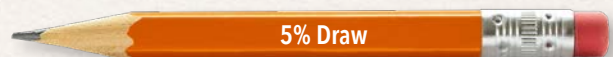


**\$175K**  
5% Draw

**\$225K**  
Fundraising Events

**\$400K ANNUALLY**

**2030: \$10M Endowment**



**\$500K ANNUALLY**

Donations to SVSEF are tax deductible. Gifts are accepted via check, cash, credit card, stock, matching gifts, or sponsorship. SVSEF's fiscal year runs July 1 through June 30.

For more information about how you can support SVSEF, please visit [svsef.org/get-involved](https://svsef.org/get-involved), call our office at 208.726.4129, or email Scott McGrew at [scott@svsef.org](mailto:scott@svsef.org) or Heather Foster at [hfooster@svsef.org](mailto:hfooster@svsef.org).

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# STAFF

## OF SVSEF

### ADMIN

Scott McGrew,  
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Erika Rixon  
Heather Foster  
Kelly Roberts  
Mimi Crocker

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Will Brandenburg,  
*Program Director*

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Amanda Stelling  
Anika Angriman  
Anneka Thompson  
Austin Murtha  
Austin Savaria  
Brian Eggleton  
Briggs Williams  
Charlotte Gourlay  
Claudia Stern  
Dave Kerwynn  
Dylan Murtha  
Galen Webster  
Gladys Weidt  
Haley Cutler  
Jean Rudigoz

Jude Arvidson  
Kalen Savaria  
Lauren Street  
Logan Sundberg  
Mackenzie Price  
Matthew Murphy  
Nate Schwing  
Pat Savaria  
Philip Spalding  
Roan Wilson  
Rob Webb  
Ruby Marden  
Ryan Dean  
Sean O'Connor Jr.  
Shaw Dean  
Skip Merrick  
Steve Thompson  
Sue Schwartz  
Tor Jensen  
Trevor Wagner

### BALDY DEVO / LASAR / ROTA-RIPPERS

Brian Caulkins,  
*Baldy Devo / LASAR  
Program Director*  
Barb Dunn,  
*Rota-Rippers Head Coach*

Alex Hegewald  
Alexander Monge  
Amy Young  
Andreas Paaske  
Aviva Hill  
Bailey Ireland  
Benjamin Chidlaw  
Bryan Ries  
Catherine Everson  
Chad Pringle  
Christine Cole  
Cole Wells  
David Reid  
Gregory Binns  
Gusty Swift  
Hollis von Summer  
Jill Parker  
John Hunter  
Julia Vorsteveld  
Justin Stevenson  
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Kimberly Kloster  
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Nicole Ramey  
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Susanne Connor  
Trent Smither

### BIG MOUNTAIN

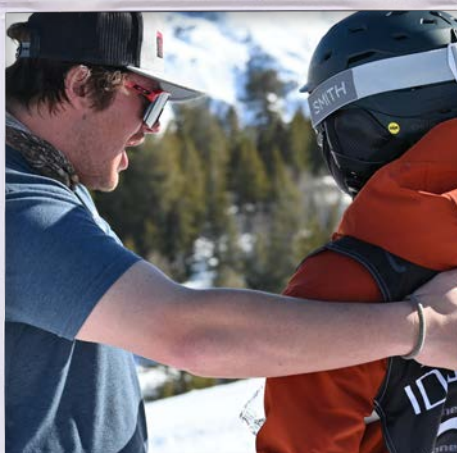
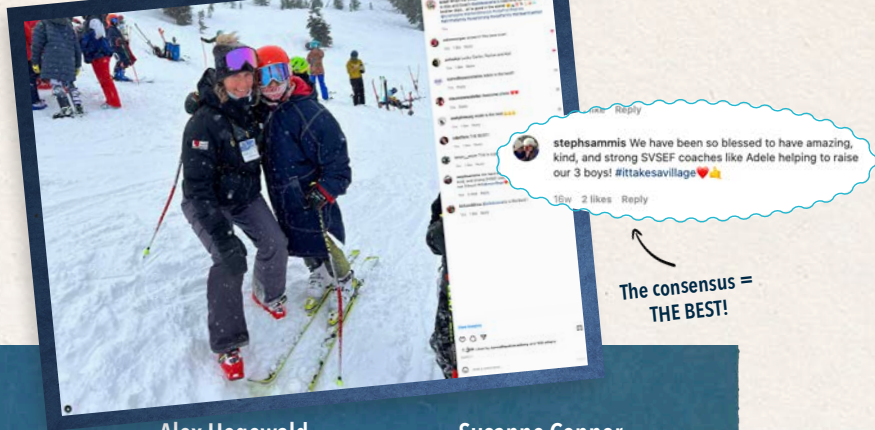
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Alden Carter  
Collin Collins  
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### CROSS COUNTRY

Rick Kapala,  
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Kelley Yeates,  
*Assistant Program Director*

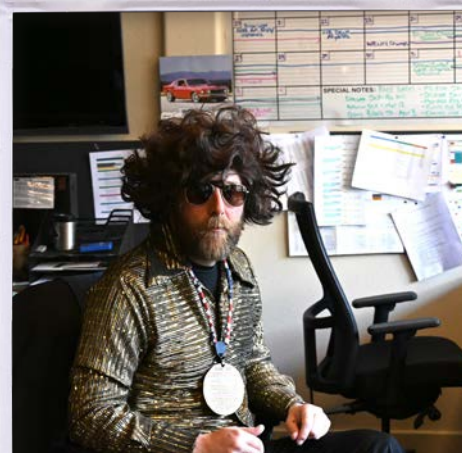
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Ashley Knox  
Brad Grohusky  
Cheyanne Stopol  
Chris Mallory  
Danny Sundali  
Dave Glasscock  
David Vanderpool  
Emily Siegel



"Turn the bottom section."  
—Freestyle Coach Wyatt Wilson



All dressed up and ready to race!



"I got this." —Willie B, All Things Alpine



Emily Williams  
 Fiona Ahearne  
 Ivana Radlova  
 Jackson Harris  
 Jackson Long  
 Joney Otteson  
 Jorgen Lawrence  
 Kiernan McIlvoy  
 Laurel Leman  
 Martha Pendl  
 Mike Lloyd  
 Miles Teitge  
 Paul Smith  
 Peter Holmes  
 Rob Landis  
 Sarah Armstrong  
 Sloan Storey  
 Susie Quesnel  
 Travis Jones  
 Ty Reinemann  
 Willie Resko

**FREESKI**  
 Tyler Conway,  
*Program Director*  
 Cassidy DuBois  
 Gabe Mondragon  
 Gui Mattheis-Brown  
 Jason Siegel

**FREESTYLE**  
 John Grigsby,  
*Program Director*

Alec Poster  
 Brody Buchwalter  
 Chris Rybak  
 Joshua Zuck  
 Kate Johnston  
 Mathew McGraw  
 Wyatt Wilson

**MINI X**  
 Ben Schumacher,  
*Program Director*

Ben Parker  
 Garrett Ownbey  
 Hanna Curran  
 Justine Kaiser  
 Kurtis Fieguth  
 Schuyler Sanders

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*Program Director*  
 Catherine Fiachetti  
 Charles Gordon Knight  
 Dave Baldwin  
 JaNessa Gilbert  
 Jean-Marie Bousquet

Nate Sheehan  
 Ross Bird

**ROTA-RIPPERS  
 VOLUNTEER  
 COACHES**

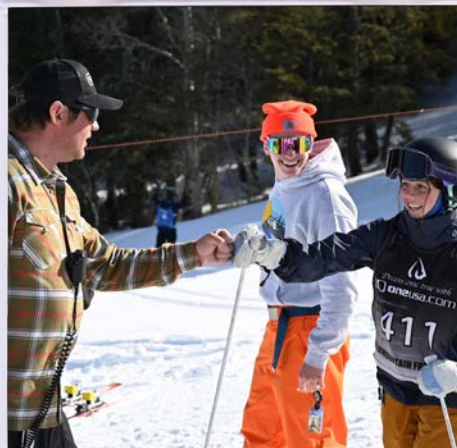
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 Bruce Martin  
 Cindy Raffety  
 Dan Walton  
 Dave McCandless  
 Eric Madsen  
 Jean-Marie Bousquet  
 John Hunter  
 Jonna Mendes  
 Kaz Thea  
 Kelly O'Neill  
 Mary Oliver  
 Orlie Sather Jr.  
 Romero Herbert  
 Sam Adicoff  
 Sue Conner  
 Susanne Connor  
 Wally Limburg

**ROTA-RIPPERS  
 HIGH SCHOOL  
 MENTORS**

Adan Hernandez  
 Addison Featherman  
 Auggie Rose  
 Bryan Hernandez  
 Chuy Diaz  
 Eliana Lyon  
 Eloise Hogan  
 Frances Cherp  
 Joseph Melgar  
 Keityn Young  
 Paisley Shapiro  
 Paola Alvarado  
 Parker Turck  
 Ruby Gardner



To all our coaches - thank you for always  
 being there when we need you!



Fist bumps all around!



Heather & Mimi, Bringing the cheer  
 for Team USA!

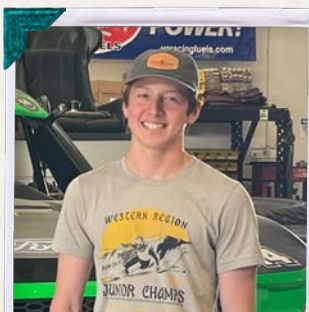


# GRADUATES



ANJA GROVER

Cross Country  
Wood River High School  
Dartmouth College  
(Cross Country Ski Team)



CARTER SAMMIS

Alpine  
Sun Valley Community School  
University of Colorado, Boulder



CHARLOTTE  
OSGOOD

Alpine  
Sun Valley Community School  
Hamilton College



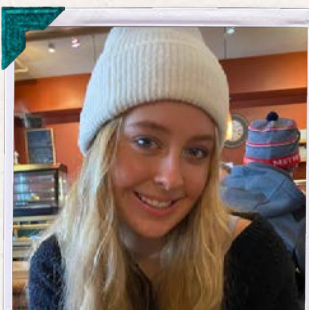
ERIK BABOCK

Freestyle  
Borah High School  
Deferred University of  
Nevada, Reno  
PG year season 2022/23



GRACE JENSEN

Alpine  
Boise High School  
University of Colorado, Boulder



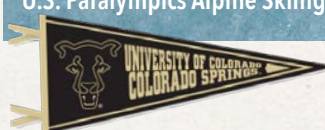
GRETA  
LEITHEISER

Cross Country  
Sun Valley Community School  
The College of St. Scholastica  
(NCAA Nordic Team)



JESSE KEEFE

Alpine  
Sun Valley Community School  
University of Colorado,  
Colorado Springs  
U.S. Paralympics Alpine Skiing



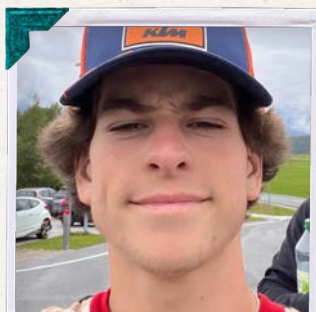
JESSICA  
BLACKBURN

Alpine  
ICL Academy  
Deferred University of Utah  
PG year season 2022/23





# GRADUATES



**JOSH LEVINE**



**LOGAN  
LINDSTROM**



**LUCI LUDWIG**



**OLIVER  
BROCKWAY**

Big Mountain  
Wood River High School  
Montana State University



Alpine  
Sun Valley Community School  
University of Virginia



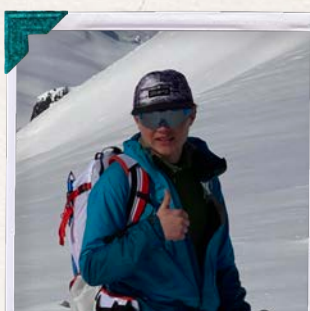
Cross Country  
Wood River High School  
Williams College  
(Cross Country Ski Team)



Alpine  
Sun Valley Community School  
Columbia University



**SABA  
GROSSMAN**



**SHAW  
MCCOUBREY**



**TANNER  
HAIRSTON**

Alpine  
Sun Valley Community School  
University of California, Berkeley



Alpine  
Sun Valley Community School  
St. Lawrence University  
(Club Ski Team)



Alpine  
Sage School  
Montana State University





# ATHLETES NAMED TO THE U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD TEAMS IN 2021/22

Chase Josey - U.S. Snowboard Team (Halfpipe)

Dasha Romanov - U.S. Development Team - Alpine

Jack Smith - U.S. Development Team - Alpine

Jake Adicoff - U.S. Paralympic Team - Cross Country

Jesse Keefe - U.S. Paralympic A Team - Alpine

Johnny Hagenbuch - U.S. B Team - Cross Country

Kevin Bolger - U.S. B Team - Cross Country

Ryder Sarchett - U.S. Development Team - Alpine

Sammy Smith - U.S. D Team - Cross Country

Sydney Palmer-Leger - U.S. D Team - Cross Country



Courtesy photo by NordicFocus

Fulfilling his childhood dream, Kevin Bolger will make his first Olympic appearance in the Beijing Games in February.

## Bolger heading to 2022 Beijing Olympics

SVSEF XC Gold Team Athlete sees childhood dream come true

By EXPRESS STAFF

The more the merrier for the Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation, which is sending another athlete to compete at the 2022 Winter Olympic Games in Beijing next month.

SVSEF XC Gold Team member Kevin Bolger is one of six men and eight women who will represent the United States on the Cross-Country ski team at 2022 Beijing games, U.S. Ski & Snowboard announced Friday morning. Cross-Country events are scheduled from Feb. 5-20.

"It's a childhood dream come true," Bolger, 28, said in a statement. "Being named to my first Olympic team is something I've been working towards my entire career, and to be able to share this news with my family and everyone who has supported me to this point is just as rewarding as when I was told I made the team."

After high school, Bolger moved from Wisconsin to ski for the SVSEF XC Post Grad team from

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"To uncover your true potential  
you must first find your own limits  
and then you have to have the  
courage to blow past them."

- Picabo Street

"A pair of skis are the ultimate  
transportation to freedom."

- Warren Miller



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