



2022/23

Annual Report

The A to Z Playbook





SVSEF XC—2023 Intermountain Youth Champions!

Dear SVSEF Families and Friends,

As the 2022-23 season came to a close, and we gathered as a team to review and reflect on what, without a shred of doubt, qualified as an amazing year at SVSEF, the prevailing theme across our staff was not about the incredible results, not about the glossy newspaper articles, nor the high profile events. It was about something much further reaching and impactful. I was humbled and honored to hear our leadership staff continue to passionately and collectively point in one common direction—towards the health, well-being, and emotional balance of our children and athletes.



This dialogue was infused with a sense of tremendous responsibility. A responsibility that we work diligently to understand, and to develop further, as the countless ways we impact our community come to light. There is no corner of our Valley that goes unaffected by our work, by our reach, and by our commitment to elevate children through sport and by the cultivation of a sense of place. I am proud of SVSEF's courageous mentors and coaches' willingness to be unafraid of diving deeper into both the work that is being done, and more importantly, the work that needs to be done, as they embrace their roles as front line warriors for the well-being of our kids.

Naturally, there arises the simple question: how can we, as a ski and snowboard club, best chart the course for our children as they learn and grow through sport? How can we do this in the healthiest, most nurturing way, while fueling their dreams and guiding them to their own unique and individual potential? How do we achieve this while honoring our commitment to whole child development in a highly layered, often perilous, new landscape?

And equally as important is why.

Collectively, these two questions — how and why — form the basis of our potential to be truly transformational and of value to our community. These questions drive how we orient ourselves and find our way to continuously evolve, improve, and honor adolescence. Our pursuits around excellence, culture, and inclusivity are amplified as we courageously lean into the challenges and dare to do things differently. Our philosophy around building strong minds, strong bodies, and strong futures is strengthened by continuing to explore these essential questions.

I'm excited to present, in collaboration with our program directors and coaches, the A to Z of things that set SVSEF apart. The pages in this annual report highlight the building blocks of experience that bring our community together, and motivate us intrinsically to keep fun, and growth, at the forefront of what we do, how we do it, and why we do it. I do hope you take the time to dive in and enjoy.

Thank you to all our families, supporters, friends, and volunteers for all you do to make it possible, and we hope you enjoy the pages to follow.

Sincerely,

Scotty McGrew



Accessible /ak-ses-uh-buhl/ *adjective* — Obtainable; attainable. An integral focus of the work that we do as an organization; to help keep snowsport ‘accessible’ to the youth of the Wood River Valley.

Adversity /ad-vur-si-tee/ *noun* — What one may have to deal with when confronted with extreme weather (aka adverse conditions), sickness, injury, or disqualification from competition. That which we face and then plot the course to tackle and overcome.



Racing through adverse conditions.



Snowsport should be accessible to all kids!

Advocate /ad-vuh-keyt/ *verb* — To speak, write, or act in favor of. What we do for each other as friends, family, coaches, and teammates to provide a supportive environment.



Coach Andy Gilbert advocating via fist bump!

ALPINE /al-pahyn/ *SVSEF Program* — Under the leadership of Alpine Program Director, Will Brandenburg, and Alpine Junior Program Director, Chuck Harris, the SVSEF Alpine coaches and staff have fully embraced our club’s Vision. The 2022/23 season presented an opportunity to take a different approach

from much of the ski racing world, while producing exceptional outcomes across the club. From U10 through FIS, the coaching staff became more connected than ever before and are fully committed to evolving and refining our alpine programming to best support athletes at all levels to reflect our Mission.

New in 2022/23, the alpine youth programs now provide two tracks for kids under fourteen years of age. The Travel Teams are structured for those who want to pursue ski racing through U.S. Ski and Snowboard. These kids travel to races attempting to qualify for their age-appropriate championships. The Home Teams are for kids who want



A day with Olympian Christin Cooper for the Alpine U12 Home Team.

to continue to ski and compete in a ‘home’ environment, but with a less rigorous training schedule and without the travel and qualifying/championship races.

Bottom line—our focus is to ensure our athletes share a love of the mountains and the PURE JOY OF SKIING - results come from there.

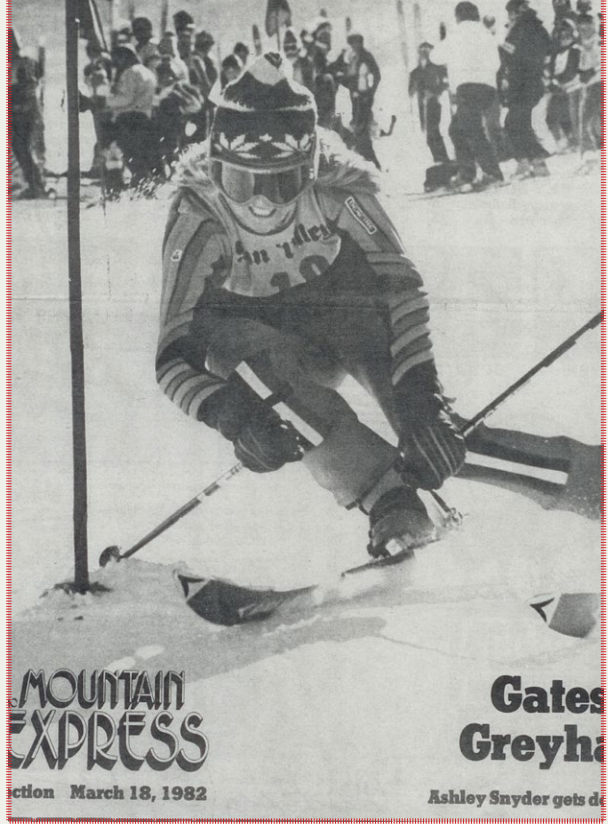


High performance with the Alpine FIS Team.
PC: Kai Subith by Tim Carter

ALPINE X /al-pahyn eks/ *SVSEF Program* — What you get when you combine the skill and speed of alpine ski racing with the thrill and fun of park and freeskiing. Alpine X allows athletes to tap into their competitive spirit in a different way, where the courses feature fun big-air jumps, banked burms, bumps, turns, and surprises which elicit a new level of excitement and eagerness for these athletes! (see Joy)

Reece Walther-Porino earning the hole shot!
PC: Nicky Elsbree





Ashley Snyder-Briggs, SVSEF Alum.

Alumni /uh-luhm-nahy/ *noun* — SVSEF Alumni are some of the best skiers and riders on any mountain, anywhere, they are setting the bar high in all facets of life including family, work and community.

Athlete Endowment /ath-leet en-dou-muhnt/ *noun* — 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, and resides in perpetuity to ensure access for all children of the Wood River Valley, regardless of economic circumstance.

An annual financial aid draw from the Athlete Endowment provides a continuum of access for kids taking their first turns to athletes competing at the highest level on the world stage. In addition, there

are donor-restricted funds including the **Cooper-Taché First Tracks Fund; Sun Valley Ski Patrol Fund; Howard Dean Memorial Scholarship, John R. Kalik Memorial Fund, Sean Flynn Memorial Scholarship Fund, and Torin Tucker Scholarship.**

The Athlete Endowment is currently valued at nearly \$3.6 million and generates \$180,000 annually for athlete financial aid (5% draw). We rely heavily on fundraising events to extend our financial aid giving to nearly \$500,000 per year. Our goal is to reach \$10 million by 2030, whereby the endowment would generate a minimum of \$500,000 annually for athlete financial aid.

To learn more about the restricted endowment funds, read on. For information on how you can support the Athlete Endowment fund or any of the restricted funds within, please call our office at 208.726.4129, or email Scott McGrew at scott@svsef.org or Heather Foster at hfooster@svsef.org.

Athlete Pledge /ath-leet plej/ *noun* — For the Baldy Devo team, the magic starts with their athlete pledge, a promise to do these things as a contributing member of the team.

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

Athletic Stance /ath-let-ik stans/ *noun* — The number one drill practiced by kids on the LASAR and Baldy Devo teams. Feet are hip width apart, ankles are of even flex, center of mass is above the feet, back is rounded, hands are out in front of the body, vision is forward down the hill, muscles are in tension but not stiff.



BALDY DEVO /bawl-dee dee-vo/ *SVSEF Program* — This is where our young skiers work on strengthening their foundation through drills, nutrition education, goal setting, and the basics of taking care of their equipment. Baldy Devo goes beyond just skiing—it's an opportunity for the kids to become strong athletes while learning how to

respect themselves and others, how to be a good teammate, and how to practice overall mountain etiquette. Over the course of the season, the athletes work on refining skills and drills required to advance within SVSEF's Alpine, Freestyle, and Freeski programs, while most importantly... keeping it FUN!

Battle /bat-l/ *noun* — The fight to learn a new trick, stomp a difficult line, or overcome a mental struggle.



BCRD ready to buff those trails!

BCRD /bee-cee-ahr-dee/ *noun* — Blaine County Recreation District. One of the greatest partners ever, bringing unparalleled grooming and trail support to our Cross Country programs and the Wood River Valley!

Belief /bih-leef/ *noun* — Trust, faith, or confidence in someone or something. We are asking hard things (on and off the snow) of our skiers and riders, and it all begins with belief. Belief in one's self, the journey, and each other.



Taking on Bald Mountain with Baldy Devo!

BIG MOUNTAIN /big moun-tn/ *SVSEF Program* — The Big Mountain team provides its athletes with so much more than the skills to be the best on the mountain. Our goal is to create lifelong skiers and riders by giving them the tools to fall in love with the sport and be good stewards of the mountains and everything they offer. Whether the athletes know it or not, the Big Mountain Team inherently builds character through hard work, dedication, repetition, and adversity. The skills developed through this program are designed to be taken far beyond the reach of skiing and snowboarding and into the world beyond their time on the team.

Climbing to new heights with the Big Mountain Team! _____



Board of Directors /bohrrd uhv dih-rek-ters/ *noun* — The incredibly talented and committed governing body that focuses on the high-level strategy, oversight, and accountability of our organization.



Dave Wilson and Regan Nelson at the Janss Pro-Am Classic.

- Dave Wilson, *President*
- Scott Robinson, *Vice President*
- Olin Glenne, *Treasurer*
- Steve Porino, *Secretary*
- Andrew Cooley
- Clay Sammis (*Alumni*)
- Curtis Pepin
- Heather Black
- Liz Brown
- Michael Halstead
- Regan Nelson (*Alumni*)
- Stacey Timmons Ehleringer
- Steve Sundberg
- Wally Limburg

Bounce /bouns/ *verb* — To recover from a blow or a defeat quickly. XC Comp Team member and senior, Galen Grohusky, compared himself to a ‘Bouncing Ball’ in his senior speech during the XC year-end banquet. “The ball might hit a few walls but it always finds its way back to me.” Fitting for Grohusky who had to overcome a challenging season due to illness. His ability to ‘bounce back’ was his superpower and will continue to guide him as he pursues a Post-Grad year with SVSEF—we can’t wait to see where he lands!

Bravery /bray-vr-ee/ *noun* — A guiding principle at SVSEF because being different, embracing failure, making goals, pushing for growth, having true passion, and giving yourself freedom all require bravery.



Chalk Talk /chawk tawk/ *noun* — A favorite lesson for the Alpine U12 Travel Team, where we teach the things we can and cannot control, and how we should focus on the moment and not the outcome. Pretty applicable to everything we experience in life!

Things You Can Control

- A good attitude
- Good healthy eating
- Good hydration
- Good work ethic
- Your learning ability
- Working out to get strong
- How you treat others
- Believing in yourself
- Your FUN meter
- Your preparation for the day

Things You Cannot Control

- How someone else skis
- Your results
- The weather
- The conditions



Galen Grohusky, XC Comp Team Coaches Award Recipient.

Character /kar-ik-ter/ *SVSEF Core Value* — Pure and simple, ethics in action. Knowing the good and doing the good. Our hope is that our time with and influence of our young athletes helps develop positive values and qualities that contribute to their way of thinking, speaking, acting, and engaging in the world around them.

Chief /cheef/ *noun* — The head or leader of an organized group of people. Two of our own stepped up to the plate this season to lead the charge for the 2023 U.S. Alpine National Championships in Sun Valley. Working hand-in-hand with Sun Valley Company and U.S. Ski & Snowboard, Will Brandenburg (**Chief of Race**) and Riley Berman (**Chief of Course**) fully embraced the opportunity to organize and orchestrate four days of world-class ski racing in less than favorable conditions thanks to Mother Nature. They embodied what leadership should look like, didn’t miss a beat over the weeks leading up to and during the event, and powered through every challenge thrown their way. Way to go, chiefs!



U.S. Alpine Nationals Race and Course Crew.

Coach /kohch/ *noun* — One who trains, mentors, and guides athletes to develop to their individual and full potential. Those who show up at the crack of dawn to lay the groundwork for learning and growth through sport, while fostering teamwork, camaraderie, and friendships.



2022/23 IMD Coach of the Year, Charlotte Gourlay

Cold /kohld/ *adjective* — Feeling an uncomfortable lack of warmth. Junior Nationals in Fairbanks, Alaska was COLD, with negative temps and wind chills to boot. Mazzy Conner, Cora Faye Smith, Dexter Morrison, Miguel Fresco Hanlon, Eloise Hebert, Aisley Grohusky, Molly Maybach, Ani Vandenburg, Jodie Willow Maguire, and Berkeley Canfield raced into the cold with extra layers, great attitudes, and some amazing results.



Face tape for the win!

Community /kuh-myoo-ni-tee/ *noun* — A feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common interests and goals. Whether it’s our sense of community, our respect for the interests of our community, our community of athletes, families, friends or otherwise, community in every sense of the word drives us each and every day to do what we do. *To watch the community come together at all our events was so powerful and a reminder that we are all in this together, to build a more vibrant ski community that supports and embraces all our young athletes here in the Valley.*

Confidence /kon-fi-duhns/ *noun* — Self-confidence; belief in oneself and one of the most important traits and/or skills that we can help foster within our athletes of all ages. When kids are confident and secure about who they are, they can motivate themselves to take on new challenges, cope with and learn from mistakes, and are more likely to ask for help when they need it.

Cooper-Taché First Tracks Fund / SVSEF *Restricted Endowment Fund* — Started by SVSEF Alum and Olympian Christin Cooper and her husband Mark Taché, the First Tracks Fund helps underwrite the LASAR and Striders learn-to-alpine and cross country ski programs to keep tuition costs to a minimum, and to fund those in need of financial aid for these programs. Accessibility for all kids is essential to our mission and to our place in our community.



Crispy Bacon /kris-pee bey-kuhn/ *noun* — The act of flopping like a dead fish through the air at water ramps and diving head first into the pool.

Cross Country /kraws kuhn-tree/ *SVSEF Program* — At its best, the SVSEF Cross Country program is a vehicle for growth, creativity, passion, and perseverance. Every day was a new adventure this season, which gave our athletes the ability to try something new, do something outside of their comfort zone, help a teammate, make someone laugh, and discover how to come together as a team.

Our coaches are passionate about providing outstanding programming for all of our young athletes here in the Wood River Valley. Every day they incorporate the philosophy of strong minds, strong bodies, strong futures into training with an emphasis on building a sense of well-being, fun, fitness, mental toughness, and resilience. This was realized from Striders kiddos learning how to put on their skis, to the Comp Team training and racing through challenging conditions, to Gold Team members taking on the World Cup scene. There was a sense of confidence and independence in each athlete that grew throughout the season and will continue long after our athletes move on. That is exceptional and speaks to what we are all about.

Creativity /kree-ey-tiv-i-tee/ *SVSEF Core Value* — The ability to transcend traditional ideas, rules, patterns, relationships, or the like, and to create meaningful new ideas, forms, methods, interpretations, etc.; originality, progressiveness, or imagination. What SVSEF athletes take to their field of play in their own way, whether it’s the gates, terrain park, half pipe, moguls, or backcountry.

Culture /kuhl-cher/ *noun* — The customs, arts, social institutions, and achievements of a particular nation, people, or other social group. Nothing matters more! We are helping create the new gatekeepers of snowboarding—our culture should help them embrace that role.



Snowboard Devo on the rise!



Comp Team girls comin’ at ya! PC: Tory Canfield



Development /dih-vel-uhp-muhnt/ *noun* — The act or process of developing; growth, progress. Something we strive to nurture in our athletes across all programs from the grassroots to the grand stage; growth and progress mentally, physically, and emotionally, as kids learn invaluable life lessons through sport.



Empty the tank / / *verb*
— To make the utmost effort; to contribute to the absolute limit of one’s energy and abilities, to give one’s all, go all out, go for broke, pull out all the stops.

Educated /ej-oo-key-tid/ *adjective* — Having an education beyond the average. The Alpine and Cross Country coaches participated in coach education organized by Rick Kapala, SVSEF’s Director of Sport Development and Sue Schwartz, Alpine Coach Education & Career Development Director. SVSEF is committed to furthering professional development to empower our entire coaching staff with research and tools to best guide our athletes.



Laying it all on the line at the Sun Valley Super Tour.

Elevate /el-uh-veyt/ *verb* — To lift up or make higher. To raise the spirits of. Relevant across the entirety of SVSEF. We had athletes elevate to the next level: U.S. Ski Team nominations, World Cup invites, Junior World Championship competitors; Para Nordic World Cup gold medals; U18 World Points leaders; Para Alpine National Champion; Prep Team athletes moving to the Comp Team; athletes being courageous and stepping into the next level of programming; young skiers putting on skis for the first time; parents putting on skis for the first time and enjoying winter ski days with their kiddos; friends and parents volunteering at events, and so much more.



EPIC Coach keeping it fun!

Environment /en-vahy-ruhn-muhnt/ *noun* — The surroundings or conditions in which a person, animal, or plant lives or operates. We live and operate in a very special environment and we are a reflection of that.

EPIC Coach /ep-ik kohch/ *noun* — This is where positive teaching begins in LASAR and Baldy Devo; epic coaches make it fun, they engage with the kids, and they keep their attention. They bring Energy and Passion, they Inspire and Create!

Etiquette /et-i-ket / *noun* — A prescribed or accepted code related to our athletes time spent on the hill, in the lodge, and among teammates; mountain etiquette. Skis in the rack, clean up after yourselves, be courteous to all Sun Valley employees and others, always look uphill, control where you jump, be considerate of the public, ride the lifts with everyone in your group, help your teammates if they fall or need help, make group decisions on runs, lunch, etc.

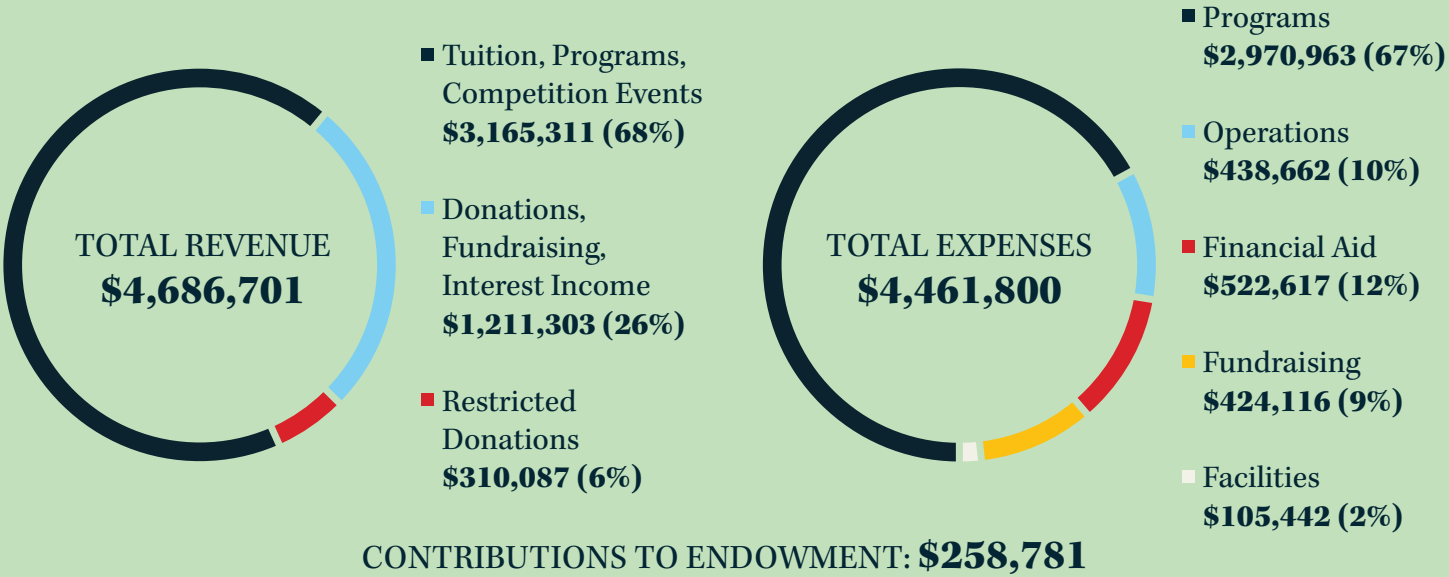


Failure /feyl-yer/ *noun* — Failure teaches us flexibility, adaptability, and how to overcome obstacles. It teaches us to use change to our advantage, keeps us nimble, and helps us adopt a growth mindset. We all learn through failures; it’s where we take our failures and turn them into learning moments that matters.

Family /fam-uh-lee/ *SVSEF* — Sister Sledge may have said it best... “Living life is fun and we’ve just begun. To get our share of the world’s delights. High hopes we have for the future. And our goal’s in sight. We, no we don’t get depressed. Here’s what we call our golden rule. Have faith in you and the things you do. You won’t go wrong. This is our family jewel—WE ARE FAMILY!”

Financials /fi-nan-shuhlz/ *noun* — Your generosity—our families, friends, donors, partners, and sponsors—directly supports each and every member of our SVSEF teams as they strive to reach their own potential. Gifts in any amount to the Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation are an investment in our mission to provide exceptional snowsport programs for the youth of the Wood River Valley. Giving through our Annual Fund, Athlete Endowment, fundraising events, targeted or restricted giving, and legacy giving are ways you can directly make a difference.

**NOTE: Beginning in 2023, SVSEF’s fiscal year shifts from July 1 - June 30, to June 1 - May 31. The financials shared in this 2022/23 Annual Report reflect the 11-month period of July 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023.*



Donations to SVSEF are tax deductible. Gifts are accepted via check, cash, credit card, stock, corporate matching gifts, or sponsorship. For more information on how you can support SVSEF, please visit svsef.org/get-involved.

Flat 360 /flat three-siks-tee/ *noun* —Off-axis back flip with a Japan Grab.

Nic Rubenstein showing style on the bottom air. PC: Jeff Page





Focus /foh-kuhs/ *verb* — Attentional focus, in the context of sport and exercise performance, refers to the process in which the athlete allocates mental resources to cues, stimuli, or states. Relevant across all snowsport disciplines when it comes to execution, balance, edge control, pole plant, stance, vision, and progression.

FREESKI /free skee/ *SVSEF Program* — aka park and pipe. From Progression through Futures, the Freeski Team supports all athletes who want to improve from the never-ever to the best athlete on the mountain. It's important to us that we allow athletes to think and be critical of their own actions, to learn the values of risk and reward, and then help them find their zone and their limits. Skiing is both an individual and a team sport, and the support we see amongst our team for one another is surreal. Having fun, high-fives, and learning new tricks; that's what freeskiing is all about!



Zeppelin Pilaro launching at Woodward Copper Mountain.

FREESTYLE /free stahyl/ *SVSEF Program* — aka moguls. Developing well-rounded athletes is a continued focus for the Freestyle Team; from workouts in the gym, to Thursday team hikes, sessions in the Air Barn, and working and training on the course. Athletes at every level from our Progression Teams through the Travel Team are devoted and focused on achieving their personal goals as we guide them through the mental training aspects of the sport and how to achieve optimal performance.

At home, Rotarun Ski Area has been instrumental for our athletes' aerial progression across the board, and is bound to be one of the top early-season training venues in the country. In collaboration with Sun Valley, we hosted two sold-out competitions this season with athletes from every division in the country—the Sun Valley Freestyle Spectacular and the new Roundhouse Rumble.

On the road, Tillie Babcock, Erik Babcock, and Nic Rubenstein competed in the NorAm Continental Cup and nine athletes qualified to compete at Junior Nationals. As we look to next season, SVSEF Freestyle looks to be the largest travel team in the Intermountain Division as we continue to fuel the athletes' passions through their growth in this sport.



Nic Rubenstein finding the rhythm on Roundhouse.
PC: Jeff Page



Fun /fuhn/ *noun* — It's the reason snowsports started and the reason we are still doing it. Having fun is what it's all about!

XC Devo Fest is the epitome of fun!



Glitter /glit-er/ *verb* — To shine by reflection with many small flashes of brilliant light: SPARKLE; (noun) the quality of being spectacular. At every event this year, the SVSEF XC skiers showed off their glitter and their playfulness. All those that wear glitter... have fun, ski fast, sparkle, shine, elevate those around them, laugh, and enjoy winter!

Goal /gohl/ *noun, plural goals* — The drivers for our passion. We know achieving them won't define our happiness but striving for them and pushing our comfort zone is our fuel for personal growth.



Glitter makes you faster, we promise!



Gold Team /gohld teem/ *SVSEF Program* — The XC Gold Team is composed of some of the best post-collegiate athletes in the nation, and they train year-round in the mountains of Idaho, at training sites across the United States, and at venues around the world. Each athlete has his or her own goals for success on the SuperTour, World Cup, and U23 World circuit, and as a team, they push each other every day to attain those goals.

Gold Team member Peter Wolter earns first World Cup start at Les Rousses, France. PC: NordicFocus

Graduate /graj-oo-it/ *noun, plural graduates* — athletes who have successfully completed high school or post-grad year and are heading out into the world to do amazing things!



Aisley Grohusky
Cross Country
Wood River High School
University of Denver



Alec Palicki
Big Mountain
Sun Valley Community School
Western Washington University



Anika Vandenburg
Cross Country
Sun Valley Community School
St. Lawrence University
(Nordic Ski Team)



Annabel Viesturs
Alpine/Alpine X
Sun Valley Community School
University of Washington



Leo Molter
Big Mountain
Wood River High School
University of Utah



Luca De La Torre
Big Mountain
Wood River High School
Montana State University



Mats Radl-Jones
Big Mountain
Wood River High School
Gap Year, Deferred to
Montana State University



Maya Lightner
Alpine
Sun Valley
Community School
Colgate University



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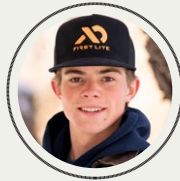
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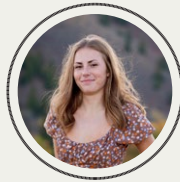
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Eloise Hebert
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Community School
Lehigh University



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Gabe Garlick
Big Mountain
Sun Valley
Community School
Chapman University



Galen Grohusky
Cross Country
Wood River High School
Post-Grad Year SVSEF



Gina Greenberg
Cross Country
Wood River High School
Carleton College



Gretel Huss
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Sun Valley
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Dartmouth College



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University of California,
Santa Barbara



Hunter Kari
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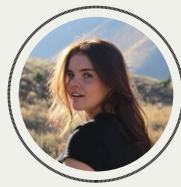
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Community School
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Snowboard
Wood River High School
Washington State University



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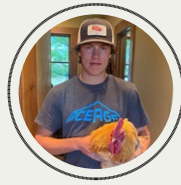
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Robby Cullen
Alpine
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Community School
Santa Clara University



Russell Stumph
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Sun Valley
Community School
Santa Clara University



Taylor Rixon
Alpine
Sun Valley
Community School
University of Denver



Whitney Jannotta
Alpine/Alpine X
Sun Valley
Community School
University of Denver



Zephyr Carruth
Big Mountain
Sun Valley
Community School
University of Colorado,
Boulder

Gratitude /grat-i-tood/ *noun* — The quality or feeling of being grateful or thankful.

GRASSROOTS /gras-roots/ *SVSEF Program* — The origin or basis of something. The basic or primary concept. Teaching kids how to ski and ride, and inspiring a love of the mountains, are at the very heart of what we do, and SVSEF helps support Rotarun's mission to provide access to new generations of skiers and riders through programs like the Rota-Rippers and Rota-Ravens. The affordable and tuition-free after-school programming helps set the stage for what's 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.



Let's go, Rota-Rippers!



Grassroots to Grand Stage Diversity Project

/G2G proj-ekt/ *SVSEF Initiative* — Through the G2G Project, SVSEF aims to bring our community's children closer together through winter sport. The project is designed to integrate with learn-to-ski-and-ride programming at Rotarun Ski Area and Quigley Nordic Trails, while enriching the lives of historically marginalized youth in our community. Grassroots

to Grand Stage will provide further support and education for these athletes and families as they pursue higher level journeys with SVSEF across the spectrum of snowsport disciplines, from alpine and cross country, to snowboarding and other SVSEF programs.

Our goal is to raise \$100,000 to establish an endowed fund to help support these children who show a desire to continue, improve, and advance as winter sport athletes. Support through grants, donors, and key partners in our community is pivotal to the G2G Project's success, and we thank current partners Sun Valley Company, Sturtevant's, and PK's Ski & Sport for their collaboration in this important endeavor.



Ian Lozada, Alpine U12 Home Team

Grit /grit/ *noun* — Bravery and strength of character. Firmness of mind or spirit. Unyielding courage in the face of hardship or danger. The combination of passion and perseverance that helps people achieve their long-term goals. All season as the XC teams prepared for races and competed against the best in the Western Region and the nation, we saw again and again the unyielding grit they brought to the competitions.

Growth /groth/ *noun* — The act or process, or a manner of learning. We can learn from every person or experience if we are open to it.

Growth Mindset /groth mahynd-set/ *noun* — The belief that a person's abilities aren't innate but can be improved through effort, learning, persistence, and help from others. A growth mindset means you thrive on challenge, and don't see failure as a way to describe yourself but as a springboard for growth and developing your abilities.

H

Happiness /hap-ee-nis/ *noun* — First tracks down Plaza after a twelve-inch snowstorm. Any time spent skiing/riding fills you with happiness. 😊

History /his-tuh-ree/ *noun* — SVSEF's origins are rooted in the Sun Valley Ski Club, where our foundation was established as an integral part of the club in 1966 as a way to provide racing opportunities for juniors. Since then, SVSEF has helped

numerous junior skiers and riders achieve dreams of Olympic medals, World Championship podiums, World Cup victories, and National Championship gold. More importantly, we have helped an innumerable number of athletes become skiing aficionados for life.

Holiday Bonfire /hol-i-dey bon-fahyuh/ *SVSEF Cross Country Tradition* — Teammates, families, alumni, and staff gather at Lake Creek for an annual bonfire, sausage feed, cocoa, and team merriment plus head-to-head sprint races under the lights.



Sun Valley Jr. Racers 1959 Sun Valley Idaho Round House Slope
Billy Kline Jonny Sabala Robbie Bell Bruce Hammond Pam & Penny Street
Craig Fenwick Danny Bell Mike & Pat Simpson

The original inspiration behind SVSEF.

Howard Dean Memorial Award and

Scholarship / *SVSEF Restricted Endowment Fund* — The celebration and recognition of an Alpine athlete who has shown outstanding scholarship and sportsmanship. Howard Dean represented these values in every aspect of his life and SVSEF is honored to recognize his legacy each year through the generosity of his family.

I

Impact /im-pakt/ *noun* — Having a strong effect on someone or something.

Independence /in-di-pen-duhns/ *noun* — One of the most important things children can gain is independence. Gaining independence through sport helps young athletes realize responsibility, increase confidence, build relationships, and experience opportunities to learn through their own decisions.

J

Janss Pro-Am Classic /janz proh-am klas-ik/ *SVSEF Fundraising Event* — Since 1998, we have celebrated the legacy of Bill Janss over the course of three days in the spring. We honor his vision, where every child in our community would have the chance to learn to ski, knowing that the opportunity would serve them well into their futures with positive attitudes, confidence, and

a desire to achieve. The tradition carries on due to the stalwart support of participants, partners, pros, junior pros, sponsors and volunteers, and raises more than \$200,000 annually for the SVSEF athlete financial aid program.

John R. Kalik Memorial Fund / SVSEF Restricted Endowment

Fund — John Randolph Kalik found his best self in Idaho; inspired by mountains and starry skies, he discovered inspiration, meaning and purpose. His spirit is celebrated through the endowment fund's mission of providing scholarships for our children enrolled in the grassroots programs at Rotarun Ski Area, a place where first generation winter sport families are given the opportunity to learn to ski and ride. Every kid should be able to ski in a ski town, and with endless thanks to the Kalik family, the John R. Kalik Memorial Fund helps make this possible in perpetuity.



Team Jungle Book at the Janss Pro-Am! PC: Thomas Smiley

Joy /joi/ *noun* — The emotion of great delight or happiness caused by something exceptionally good or satisfying. Coach Kelley Yeates reminds her team to find joy, feel joy, be the joy, see the joy, ski with joy every day of the year!



XC traditions are the best!



Joy in action! PC: Nicky Elsbree

K

Kids /kidz/
noun — What it's
ALL about.

K-Fed /k fed *noun*
— Front swap back
270 off a rail.



Celebrating kids and ski racing at the Gary Black, Jr. Memorial Race.

L

LASAR /ley-zar/
SVSEF Program —
Learn to Alpine
Ski And Race
teaches children of all levels of ability the joys of skiing and racing. First and foremost,
it's about keeping it fun through progressive drills, honing racing skills, and developing
self-confidence and the ability to work in groups with other kids and coaches.



Learning the basics with LASAR.

M

Mentorship /men-tawr-ship/
noun — The sharing of knowledge,
skills and/or experience, to
encourage and help another to
develop and grow.



When Gold Team and Devo Team unite!

MINI X /min-ee eks/ *SVSEF Program* — In a nutshell, Mini X provides the freedom to play
and explore. The team fills a niche that inspires kids to discover their own unique style and what
they are capable of on skis. Throughout the season the Mini X team trains at the Air Barn, Dollar,
Baldy, and Rotarun to develop
strength and balance both
on and off the mountain,
while introducing the kids to
the freeski, freestyle, and big
mountain disciplines of the
sport from terrain parks, to
carving groomers, hucking
jumps, and shredding moguls.

Keeping it fresh and fun drives
the team's motto, "ski it all!"
Ultimately, the independence
and knowledge imparts lifelong
skills that inspire an athlete to
reach their own potential in
athletics and life.



Here we come, Baldy!

In 2022-23, the team had
the opportunity to showcase the breadth of skills they'd learned all season during a spring
intramural competition series as well as an Air Barn Open House. Mini X hosted two big mountain
competitions, and a "hotdogger" freestyle event, paying homage to the trend that gave birth to
modern freestyle skiing. In addition, the team held two focused Mountain Awareness sessions
where they practiced with beacons and learned about tools to assess the snowpack and general
safety in the mountains in winter.

Mission /mish-uhn/ *SVSEF Mission* — 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.



Mini X learning from our friends at Sun Valley Ski Patrol.

Mountain Awareness /moun-tn uh-
wair-nis/ *noun* — Seeking to develop route-
finding and navigational skills, assessing
snowpack and rescue skills, and culminating
in the ability to more safely navigate
avalanche terrain.

Motivation /moh-tuh-vey-shuhn/ *noun*
— Those forces acting either on or within a
person to initiate behavior.

Mute Grab /myoot grab / *noun* — Right hand grabs left ski's outside edge, between the binding and nose, while spinning left. Or vice versa.

Anton Holter perfects the Mute Grab.
PC: Craig Wolfrom



N

Nordic skiing /nawr-dik/ *adjective* — Encompasses the various types of skiing in which the toe of the ski boot is fixed to the binding in a manner that allows the heel to rise off the ski, unlike alpine skiing, where the boot is attached to the ski from toe to heel.

O

Outside ski /out-sahyd skee/ *noun* — Always the turning ski, no matter its orientation to the mountain.

P

Passion /pash-uhn/ *SVSEF Core Value* — What gets us out of the bed in the morning!

Patience /pey-shuhns/ *noun* — Quiet, steady perseverance; diligence.

Perseverance /pur-suh-veer-uhns/ *SVSEF Core Value* — Steady persistence in a course of action, a purpose, a state, etc., especially in spite of difficulties, obstacles, or discouragement.

Play /pley/ *verb* — Play = Fun. It's how we relate to the world and each other. And the evidence keeps mounting that play is the best way for children to learn and thrive. Through play, they can

develop social and cognitive skills, mature emotionally, and gain the self-confidence required to engage in new experiences and environments.



The mental and physical challenge of XC's Save the Baby King.

Possibilities /pos-uh-bil-i-tee/ *noun, plural* — Endless aren't they?

Potential /puh-ten-shuhl/ *noun* — Possibility. It's endless, right? Every athlete has their own distinctive potential and something unique to contribute. No two will look alike and that's what inspires us as coaches every day. Through sport, we help athletes reach or realize their full potential and become the best they can be.

Pretzel /pret-suhl/ *verb* — Spin on to a rail one direction, land and spin off in the other direction.

Progression /pruh-gresh-uhn/ *noun* — Purposeful evolution through sport, stepping stones, building blocks.

Q

QR Code /kyoo ahr kohd/ *noun* — One way you can support Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation! By scanning this QR Code with your phone's camera and clicking on the link, you can make a tax-deductible donation in any amount to our Annual Fund, Athlete Endowment, or any restricted fund you choose, securely through svsef.org.



R

R2B2 /ahr too bee too/ *noun* — Right 270 onto a rail and backside 270 off the rail.

Radical /rad-i-kuhl/ *adjective* — Snowboarding was based on this word! Getting radical, being radical! Taking things and looking at them differently, that's RAD!

S

Save (the Baby King) /seyv thuh bey-bee king/ *SVSEF Cross Country Tradition* — A favorite fall outing, this year was as epic as always. Teams of five athletes ran, hiked, skied and crossed rivers carrying the "8-pound baby king" from point A (Warm Springs Trailhead) to point B (Lake Creek Hut) in the tradition of the Norwegian Save the Baby King. The original trek, from Lillehammer to Østerdalen to Trondheim is now commemorated by the cross country ski races the Birkebeinerrennet and the Birkebeinerrittet. No doubt a few of our XC Gold Team

members reminisced about their own experience saving the baby king, as Katie Feldman and Jake Adicoff raced in the historic 2023 Norwegian Birkebeiner and Peter Wolter finished seventh in the American Birkenbeiner.

Sean Flynn Memorial Scholarship Fund / *SVSEF Restricted Endowment Fund* —

In late August 2022, we tragically lost a member of our community, one who exuded the essence of this place and the mountains around us. We are humbled at the family's initiative to launch the Sean Flynn Memorial Scholarship, to further opportunities for young athletes in our community. The new annual Sean Flynn Memorial Scholarship will be awarded in perpetuity based on financial need, work ethic, and passion for the mountains and sliding on the snow.

Send it /send it/ — Go for it (often a jump, steep technical line, or trail).

Ski Patrol Endowment Fund / SVSEF Restricted Endowment Fund — SVSEF established this dedicated Ski Patrol Fund to help support the sons and daughters of the Sun Valley Ski Patrol so that they can be a part of SVSEF. It is just one way we are able to express our gratitude to the members of the Sun Valley Ski Patrol for all they do for our families, kids, and the entire community. Wintersport teams are not inexpensive to operate, and it is our intent to ensure that kids from every corner of the community, including patroller kids, have the opportunity to be a part in perpetuity. During the 2022/23 season, SVSEF allocated \$7,775 from the Ski Patrol Fund, to 11 patroller kids in the program.



Naomi Gorringer blasts a frontside air in the pipe at USASA Nationals!

- for everyone involved, and we are always striving to create the best team with these things in mind.
- *Amplitude*: How big did you go? That question can be subjective: one rider’s 10-foot air and someone’s first “ollie” can be equally meaningful. These accomplishments are celebrated at every step on our teams. How big can we go? What was thought to be unachievable a few years ago in our sport is now the norm. We can’t rely on past success to define what we are trying to do now. We will always celebrate our history and there is always work to do. Let’s go bigger!
 - *Variety*: Snowboarding has such a varied cast of characters and interest within the sport. It’s important that we give riders the opportunity to try it all. Paying attention to the trends and changes within snowboarding and letting the kids drive their own narrative of what they are into and where the sport is going is critical. The kid who wants to take the traditional competitive snowboard route, and the kid who wants to just have fun and excel, are both embraced within the program. It can all work together because variety is the spice of life!
 - *Execution*: From implementing the Rota-Rippers program for new riders primarily in the South Valley, to offering team travel to contest venues for training and competition, to building the community these kids need even if they aren’t competing, we have worked hard over the last five years to create opportunities for all our riders—regardless of their desired focus and ability in snowboarding. One priority is to seek and help create non-traditional events and venues that benefit all our riders, no matter where they are in the sport.

Sport /spawrt/ *noun* — Purely and simply, a vehicle for growth.

Sportsmanship /spawrts-muhn-ship/ *SVSEF Core Value* — An understanding of and commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity, and general goodwill toward an opponent.

Staff /staf/ *noun* — The dedicated and talented team of individuals charged with carrying out the important work of our organization.

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Cross Country coaches at the 2023 Intermountain Youth Championships in Soldier Hollow.



Strive /strahyv/ *verb* — To exert oneself vigorously; try hard. To strive for continuous progression and/or excellence in your sport.

Success /suhk-ses/ *noun* — Measured differently from one athlete to another, success can come in many forms such as personal goals attained, podiums reached, or something as simple as dropping a new line you’ve been scouting all season.

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by Michael Halstead

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by Angela B Linburg
by Anonymous
by Bill Waldron
by Brett Stevenson
by Bruce and Kathleen Grandjean
by Carolyn Lloyd
by Charles Stuhlberg, Inc.
by Cindy McCoy
by David Flynn

by David Wilson
by Diane OBrien
by Ellie Ellis
by Errol Flynn
by Gene and Barbara Mazur
by Gretchen Basen
by Jean Latham
by Jeff Lamoureux
by Jeffrey Parks
by Jill Flynn
by Jim and Trish Conway
by John Lee
by John Sofro
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by Kathleen Sweeney-Hammond
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by Nancy Dana
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by Paul Meagher
by Randolph Brown
by Randy Flood
by Reid Sanborn
by Richard Brown
by Robyn and Scott Flynn
by Sheila Becker
by Tom and Kathy Lehmann
by Wayne County Council of Republican Women
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by Wyatt Colin Wilson

Sebi Dutcher
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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 2022-23 fiscal year (July 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023) and your name has been listed incorrectly or omitted, we sincerely apologize and hope you will contact our office at 208.726.4129.

NOTE: Beginning in 2023, SVSEF’s fiscal year shifts from July 1 - June 30, to June 1 - May 31. The supporters listed in this 2022/23 Annual Report reflect the 11-month period of July 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023.

Swap /swop/ verb —
Switching the direction that you are sliding on a rail.

Switch /swich/ verb —
Skiing backwards.



The Future looks bright! - SVSEF Freeski



Team /teem/ *noun* — A group of individuals working together to achieve their goal.

Teammate /teem-meyt/ *noun* — A fellow member of a team, but so much more than that. Teammates create culture and a sense of belonging on the team. They provide an environment where everyone feels supported and encouraged.



Thumbs up all-around!

Teamwork /teem-wurk/ *SVSEF Core Value* — Makes the dream work.



FIS Team forerunners at U16 Western Regionals, Sun Valley.



Teamwork for the win at Save the Baby King!

Torin Norton Tucker Scholarship Award / *SVSEF Restricted Endowment Fund* — This scholarship is awarded annually to one Cross Country team athlete who exemplifies the characteristics of SVSEF Alum and an athlete our community lost far too young, Torin Norton Tucker—hard work, love of cross country skiing, great teammate, great sportsmanship, and love of outdoor adventures. This athlete represents everything about SVSEF XC that makes us all proud to be a part of the team.



U.S. Alpine National Championships — For the first time since 2018, Sun Valley hosted the final competition on the hotly contended U.S. national ski racing circuit, with the best

of the best in town for four days of racing. Thirteen SVSEF athletes and alumni qualified to compete on their home mountain including, Colin Hanna, Dasha Romanov, Finnigan Donley, Haley Cutler, Jack Smith, Jessica Blackburn, Kai Subith, Maya Lightner, Meredith Viara McCarthy, Nils Galloway, Paige DeHart, Ryder Sarchett, and Will Kogelmann.



SVSEF Alum and U.S. Ski Team, Dasha Romanov. PC: Heather Black



U.S. Ski & Snowboard Team Members /nash-uh-nl teem/ *noun* — Athletes named to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Teams in 2022/23 for the 2023/24 season.

Chase Josey - U.S. Snowboard Halfpipe Team
Colin Hanna - U.S. Alpine D Team
Dasha Romanov - U.S. Alpine C Team
Finnigan Donley - U.S. Alpine D Team
Jack Smith - U.S. Alpine C Team
Jake Adicoff - U.S. Cross Country Paralympic Team

Jesse Keefe - U.S. Alpine Paralympic Team
Johnny Hagenbuch - U.S. Cross Country B Team
Sammy Smith - U.S. Cross Country D Team
Sydney Palmer-Leger - U.S. Cross Country B Team



Vision /vizh-uhn/ *SVSEF Vision* —To positively influence the future of the non-profit snowsport industry through purposeful thought leadership, innovative programming, and meaningful community collaboration.

Vograbulary /voh-grab-yuh-ler-ee/ *noun* — The Freeski Team’s official trick library where they document grabs, spins, flips, flops, swaps, grinds, slides, swivels, and whatever else they dream up.

Volunteer /vol-uhn-teer/ *noun* — The amazing friends, family, and community members who give their time and talents so graciously to help us at various events and otherwise throughout the season. We couldn’t do what we do without you—THANK YOU!



Wild Game Dinner /wahyld geym din-er/ *SVSEF Fundraising Event* — Every December, we celebrate our annual Wild Game Dinner, where friends, family, and community come together in support of SVSEF’s athlete financial aid program. In this season’s 46th rendition, the gala auction event raised more than \$200,000 in support of our commitment to keep snowsport accessible to the youth of the Wood River Valley.



SVSEF volunteers are THE BEST!



Livin’ it up at the 2022 Wild Game Dinner! PC: Ray Gadd

Winterstart /win-terstahr/ *SVSEF Cross Country Tradition* — A celebration of the Nordic community’s love for skiing across all ages, where current athletes, families, alumni, and skiers gather to race and kick off the season at Lake Creek.



Sammy Smith at Junior Worlds earning her way to the World Cup.
PC: FlyingPointRoad.com



It’s all in the family at Winterstart!

World Cup /wurld kuhp/ *noun* — One of the greatest pinnacles an athlete can reach in sport. In 2022/23, SVSEF XC Gold Team athlete Kevin Bolger returned to the World Cup as a member of the U.S. Cross Country Ski Team and Peter Wolter earned his first World Cup start in Les Rousses, France; XC Comp Team athlete Sammy Smith earned her first World Cup start in Drammen, Norway; Jake Adicoff stood atop podiums across the Para Nordic World Cup scene; and Jesse Keefe continued his progression as a member of the U.S. Para Alpine Ski Team.



Xenacious /zuh-ney-shuhs/ *adjective* — Filled with a yearning to learn or change. We love xenacious athletes who are eager to learn and try things differently!



You /yoo/ *pronoun* — YOU are the ones who help make what we do at SVSEF possible, and we extend our profound gratitude for all YOU do. To our donors, friends, families, sponsors, partners, and volunteers; THANK YOU for your generosity and for believing in the work that we do.



Zero /zeer-oh/ *adjective* — Inspired by SVSEF Director of Sport Development, Rick Kapala.

10 things that require **Zero** talent:

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|------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Being on time | 6. Passion |
| 2. Work ethic | 7. Doing extra |
| 3. Effort | 8. Being prepared |
| 4. Energy | 9. Being coachable |
| 5. Body language | 10. Attitude |



That’s a whole lot of smiles right there! 😊



As we celebrate the infinite moments that made the 2022/23 season memorable, and we look to all that the coming season will bring, we extend our gratitude to each and every one of you who support the Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation.

Whether through your time, talent, or treasure, it is our family, our community as a whole, that leaves an indelible impression on the lives of our youth in the Wood River Valley.

THANK YOU.



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