

Snow Tracks

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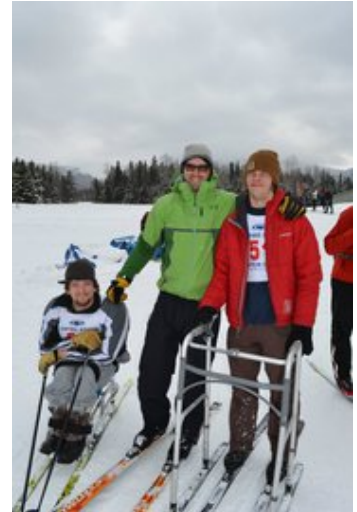
To provide snowsports experiences and skill development for people with disabilities utilizing the safest and most effective adaptive equipment and qualified/trained volunteer staff in a fun, supportive and positive learning atmosphere

Season Officially Starts

- Saturday, January 7, 2012
- End of Season and Awards Picnic - March 17 and 18, 2012

Welcome and Congratulations to our new Executive Director, Elijah Cooper

Elijah comes to us from Adirondack Adaptive Adventures, where he serves as executive director. He has his undergraduate degree from SUNY Plattsburgh and is completing his graduate degree in therapeutic recreation at SUNY Cortland. We are excited to have Elijah on board!



Welcome AmeriCorps member Adam Campbell

Adam will work for GPAS full-time until approximately April 26, or until he reaches the mandated 900 hours of service. Many of you may remember Adam, as he was a student in the SUNY Cortland Adaptive Ski and Snowboard class last year. Welcome and congratulations Adam!



Pass Eligibility for 2013 season

For the 2013 season the formula for season pass eligibility will change to the following:

- **Individual Pass**- following 45 credited hours with a minimum of 12 real (6 credited) hours of training and a minimum of 35 hours of actual teaching, guiding, or coaching participants.
- **Family Pass**- following two consecutive years of 60 credited hours with a minimum of 12 real (6 credited) hours of training and a minimum of 45 hours of actual teaching, guiding, or coaching participants.

Credit toward the total number of hours is calculated as follows:

Teaching at Greek Peak (including teaching GPAS authorized clinics) - full credit

Teaching at another facility and training (including PSIA clinics)- one half credit

We Need Your Help!

We have 113 tickets left for the Greek Peak Adaptive Snowsports & Winter Challenge Pot O'Gold Raffle

The raffle is to benefit GPAS and Winter Challenge. Only 200 tickets have been printed. Each ticket is \$50. This sounds like a lot but there are 5 cash prizes...your odds are much better than the lottery!

1st Prize \$1500

2nd Prize \$1000

3rd Prize \$750

4th Prize \$500

5th Prize \$250

The drawing will be Picnic Weekend at GPAS. If we sell all the tickets we will make \$6000 for the program. So, please pick up some tickets to sell or if you are feeling lucky buy one yourself! Tickets will be available at the GPAS office or through Robyn King or Elijah Cooper. If any one is good with photo shop or poster making, raffle posters for the lodge might be helpful too!

Thank you for your help and support of GPAS!

2012 Winter Challenge

Winter Challenge 2012 will be held 1/29-2/2/2012. To date we have 9 scholarship participants. We have the potential for 1-3 additional participants but time is getting short. We will need instructors for 2 visually impaired stand up skiers; 1-2 mono ski participants, 1 snow-boarder with a prosthesis and 5 tri-track participants. Monday and Tuesday we will need help picking folks up off the snow. So those of you with strong backs that have the time we could use your help! Robyn King will be doing volunteer sign ups at GPAS. If you are available we can use you for one day or multiple days. Please check with Robyn.

For those of you not familiar with Winter Challenge go to www.winterchallenge.org for more information.

We are looking forward to a great Challenge Week!



PSIA CERTIFICATION CLINICS

Adequate training is the groundwork on which successful volunteer organizations grow. We will begin a series of certification clinics on Monday January 16th. These clinics are for all volunteers that would like to learn more about skiing, adaptive techniques, adaptive equipment and the various disabilities that we work with.

Whether your interest is in becoming certified or merely improving your knowledge, the benefits for GPAS are tangible. For anyone wishing to become certified, these clinics will be required.

GPAS encourages all volunteers who have an interest and can attend these sessions, to do so. Indoor sessions will be held at the adaptive center on Monday evenings. On snow sessions will be held whenever practicable throughout the season.

If you have the interest and want to attend these clinics, please contact Elijah Cooper skicooper@gmail.com.

Visiting Instructor Program 2011-2012

Challenge Alaska Adaptive Ski and Snowboard School, at Mt. Alyeska, is continuing our successful visiting instructor program for the 6th season. It is our goal to promote the sharing of adaptive program information and facilitate instructor development while providing the opportunity to experience teaching in Alaska. Challenge Alaska benefits from the knowledge and experience instructors can bring to us. Visiting instructors broaden their base of knowledge by participating in a program different from their own. Instructors will get a chance to see how our program runs on and off the hill. This is a great opportunity to experience Alaska skiing and learn from a program other than your own. Your only cost will be airfare and food.

Here is what we will provide:

- Opportunity to participate from Dec. 15th- April 15th.
- Housing in our 4,500 sq.ft. slope side building.
- Full Kitchen/shower facilities at your disposal.
- Lift Tickets for the duration of your stay.
- Free skiing equal to lessons taught.
- Clinics that are scheduled during your time here.
- A friendly, relaxing environment in the adaptive world

What we require for the Visiting Instructor Program:

- PSIA Level 1 certification minimum
- Recommendation by Ski School Director



Challenge Alaska:

http://www.challengealaska.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=21&Itemid=62

Alyeska Resort: <http://www.alyeskaresort.com>

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