

Hello Northern Division racers!

It is looking like we will have a ski area up on top of the Beartooth Pass again this year. This is great news!!! Turns in our own back yard!!! We will be putting together a few different sessions of race camps this year that will fill the beginning of June and would love to have as many of the Northern Division athletes as possible. Starting June 7 we are looking at putting together three different three day sessions that will run through the following weekend:

- June 7 – June 9, Fundamentals camp. The first few days of most early summer camps (especially those camps including younger athletes) are typically used to review skiing fundamentals. We will do the same while using all of the terrain that Red Lodge International has to offer and utilizing drill courses to prepare the athletes for...
- June 10 – June 12, Giant Slalom Fundamentals camp. These three days in the mid-week will be used for fundamentals as well as Giant Slalom tactics. For any of the older athletes, and the more accomplished J4 athletes, we will try to run GS from the Highway to the bottom! This is a pretty exciting opportunity for us. Of course we will also be running GS and GS drill courses on the lower half of the venue in order to hone our Giant Slalom techniques and tactics.
- June 14 – June 16, Slalom and Fundamentals camp. The second weekend session will hold a lot of options depending on our response and participants. For those athletes who are staying for the entire nine days we will be running slalom and slalom drills. For the skiers who might only be coming for the two weekend sessions we will have a mix of GS and Slalom drills and courses during the second weekend. Finally, if there are any athletes who can not make the first weekend, we will also offer a repeat of the first weekend's camp.

The coaching staff for these sessions is shaping up very nicely. So far I have talked to Jeremy Ueland, Jarod Roberts, Roger Bay, Mark Selby, and Chris Smith from the Northern Division coaching ranks and they are all interested and hoping to be able to come. I am hoping also to add at least one NCAA Division I ski coach, and at least two recently retired FIS elite level racers who are moving into the coaching ranks.

At this time I am hoping to see how much interest there is in the various three-day scenarios. I am trying to be flexible in order to best serve as many Northern Division athletes as possible, but would like to have commitment to any of the available sessions as soon as possible.

A good guideline for cost of our camps is \$100 per day. This cost includes coaching, lifts, our lane space and salt, and transportation from Red Lodge to the camp and back, as well as a daily snack. The cost **does not** include housing, meals or transportation from your house to Red Lodge. There are a number of lodging options available through families in the Silver Run Ski Team, as well as the many hotels in the area. We will be willing and able to help with finding lodging or at least to steer you in the proper direction. The prices for the camps will be refined as we learn how many athletes will be attending.

For those interested in attending any of the sessions, please contact me (Ted McNamara) directly via phone (406.672.2736) or email (teddymacski@msn.com). As we gather information and get closer to camp, we will get the necessary paperwork to the interested families. Hope to see you all in a few weeks for some super summer skiing!!!

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