

## Call for Board Candidates in Regions 3, 4 & 7

### president's message



### Eastern launches new consumer-friendly website

#### learntoskiandride.org to promote the value of lessons and our members!

By Eric Jordan, President

**G**reetings Eastern members, our favorite season is right around the corner and I am sure you are as excited as I am to get on the snow! We recently had a very productive Board of Directors meeting in Troy, New York on the weekend of October 17-18. Your volunteer and paid division office staff have been very busy during the off season and we have many exciting things on tap for this season.

**First and foremost, we have launched our first ever consumer based web site that is designed to promote our brands and our members to the skiing and riding public.** You can check out the new site and other tools at [www.learntoskiandride.org](http://www.learntoskiandride.org). This site will continue to evolve and grow throughout the season in order for us to continuously and effectively connect the guest to our members and resorts throughout the Eastern Division. You can also find out more details about this exciting project in Michael Mendrick's Executive Tracks column on page 3.

**Another exciting outcome from our Board meeting was the strong commitment to focus programs and policies to meet the specific needs of our younger members.** There were several proposals approved by the Board that address the survey responses regarding the timing of dues collection, the options for how to pay dues and different membership category options that could become available for the future core of our membership, those ages 16-39. We are hoping to partner with PSIA-AASI National on these efforts so stay tuned for more details in the next issue.

Speaking of new and exciting, **I am pleased to announce the creation of the Ron Kubicki "Staff Appreciation" Award which is geared towards SnowSports Directors who demonstrate a long track record of commitment in supporting the needs of their staff** – as expressed by the staff loyalty via individual nominations. This award is named after our immediate past President, Ron Kubicki, who has recently retired as SnowSports Director at Holiday Valley. It is only fitting that this award is named in honor of Ron since he has always put the needs of his staff first and is known for creating a great working environment over the past 16 years at the Valley. The new award will be presented for the first time



on December 1 (along with the 6th Einar Aas Award for Excellence in Snowports School Management) at the School Director's Seminar at Mount Snow, VT. See story on page 2.

Lastly, I would like to recognize the huge off season efforts that were put in by the SnowSports Management Committee as well as the Membership Promotions Committee which are led by chairpersons Doug Daniels and Walter Jaeger, respectively. These committees have been extremely busy and have dedicated countless volunteer hours, ideas and energy over the off-season. If you plan on attending the Management Seminar, I am confident that you will have an enjoyable and educational experience as the agenda is very robust. Speaking of robust, the Membership Promotions Committee has been consulting with our division staff and put together many new promotional tools for you to use this season. One in particular interest is a new business card that you can customize for each guest which includes the ability for you to write a comments on the back of the card in order to effectively close the loop and summarize their lesson.

As many of you may know, PSIA AASI National is currently looking to hire a new CEO/Executive Director to replace Mark Dorsey who was with the organization for many years. A four member National Search Committee has been appointed by Ed Younglove, the National Chairperson. I am very honored and pleased to have been invited to serve on this Committee. We recently put out an RFP and subsequently hired the search firm of Sterling Martin to assist us with the process. The search process is underway and the firm is currently interviewing the stakeholders throughout the organization in order to get a feel for the characteristics and skill set needed by our next CEO/Executive Director at PSIA AASI National. We expect the entire search process to take about 4-6 months so stay tuned for more updates throughout the season.

As you can see, the Eastern Division has been very busy working on your behalf this summer and fall. I could not be more proud of the efforts put forth by both the volunteer and paid leadership. I am confident that we are fully prepared to deliver you the best season possible.

That's all for now. As always, please feel free to contact me or your regional representative if you have any suggestions, thoughts or concerns. I can be reached at [president@psia-e.org](mailto:president@psia-e.org). ☺

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## The new "Ron Kubicki Staff Appreciation" Award Approved by Eastern Board

Award to recognize school staff advocacy and loyalty – Susan Smoll, first recipient

By Michael J. Mendrick  
Executive Director

In October 18 the Eastern Division Board of Directors approved the creation of a new award for snowsports school directors: The "Ron Kubicki Staff Appreciation Award." This award will recognize snowsports school directors of smaller and perhaps less-known resorts that have demonstrated support and advocacy for their staff and earned tremendous respect, admiration and loyalty from their school staff members.

Ron Kubicki retired in October after decades of service (the last 15 years as snowsports school director) at Holiday Valley and has been both a loyal servant and advocate for his staff as well as a respected and admired director by staff throughout his tenure there. The Eastern Board felt that naming this award for him is a fitting tribute to him as he walks away from volunteer service to PSIA-E, professional service to the industry and personal dedication to his snowsports school staff members over the years.

In a previous nomination of Ron for the Einar Aas Award, a staff member wrote, "Ron Cares! He is there daily for his skis school staff and the adults and children who come to learn at Holiday Valley."

Dana Forbes, a former staff supervisor at Holiday Valley who worked for Ron for many seasons before heading off to become the current executive director of the PSIA-AASI Rocky Mountain Division, wrote of Ron, "He showed me the difference between being a supervisor and being present for your staff, he taught me the art of staying positive and keeping a smile no matter how much a customer beats you up, he supported me through moments of genius and times of complete failure as I grew from instructor, to supervisor to director and was a shoulder to cry on in-between. He put the P in professional setting the highest standards for his staff, his supervisors and everyone around him as he himself was the consummate pro."

The new honor will selected each year by the voting members of the SSM Committee and awarded to a school director that receives 8 or more individual nominations by school staff in the opening round for the Einar Aas Award for Excellence in Snowsports School Management.

After reviewing all of the individual nominations submitted from school staff members the SSM Committee voting regional reps and chair chose to honor Susan Smoll of Bear Creek, PA with the first "Ron Kubicki Staff Appreciation Award" to be presented at the SSM Seminar at Mount Snow, VT on Tuesday evening, December 1. Susan received an incredible 24 individual nominations from staff members at Bear Creek. Congratulations to Susan on the award and Happy Trails to Ron on his retirement! ☺



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## executive tracks

MICHAEL MENDRICK,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### The Push is ON Again!

The period since our June 2015 Board meeting has been very active with the development major initiatives, research and planning taking place relative to the coming season. The Division Staff has been working hard and creatively on promotional initiatives along with the Membership & Promotions Committee and Snowsports School Management Committee. As a result we are introducing the next round of Push for Public Awareness initiatives including:

- **www.learnstoskiandride.org** – This is a new web domain we purchased the rights to that will serve as a consumer and resort-guest oriented website and promote the value and fun of taking lessons with PSIA and AASI members. This consumer portal address will be promoted on the back of the new consumer postcards, the new promotional lesson cards and on the new teardrop flags as well as other Eastern Division outlets such as our Facebook page and Twitter feed. Krista DiCaprio, Candace Charles and Jodi Bedson of the Eastern Division staff have been working hard alongside our graphic & web design consultant Tyler Barnes of Elev8Brands (also a PSIA-NW Board member) and the site is now live. Check it out and let us know what you think!
- **Promotional lesson cards.** We have ordered and have in production 25,000 business card-size cards for member instructors to be distributed in shrink-wrapped bundles of 50 for distribution at (or after) lessons. They will serve as both an instructor-student connection/follow-up tool and a promotional tool for PSIA-AASI Eastern. We will be offering these to interested members (as we did with the car magnets last season) and distribute the remaining quantity to snowsports school directors for distribution to school staff members. We will produce additional cards as needed. The lesson cards are available via the "Pro Shop" form in the SnowPro and online for a \$5 donation to the Education Foundation.



- **Promotional stickers for consumer show and resort event giveaways.** 5,000 2.5" by 3" stickers ordered and in production. This is a very inexpensive giveaway item that can be given out by resorts, schools and the division office at a variety of events. We have also ordered 1,000 of the stickers in a vinyl & waterproof outdoor format for distribution to members (along with the promotional lesson card bundles) as helmet and gear stickers.
- **Learn it! Love it! Live it!** postcards for consumers and resort guests. 5,000 7" by 5" double-sided promotional postcards have been produced and will be distributed to a number of Eastern resorts that have agreed to display them at their exhibit booths

at a variety of Eastern winter sports expos and shows this fall. Resorts that have agreed to distribute the consumer-oriented postcards at expos and events:

- Mount Snow, VT
- Killington, VT
- Sugarloaf, ME
- Liberty Mountain, PA
- Whitetail, PA
- Roundtop, PA (same ownership)
- Gore/Whiteface/Belleayre, NY
- McIntyre Ski Area, NH
- Sugarbush, VT
- Jay Peak, VT
- **Learn it! Love it! Share it! postcards for member recruitment.** 2,500 postcards printed and available for distribution to Eastern schools for display in locker rooms. We will order another 2,500 prior to the SSM Seminar so that all 100-plus schools in attendance can receive a bundle of 50 recruitment postcards for display.

## National Report

By Steve Kling  
ASEA Board Representative

As reported in my previous report, the big news from the PSIA-AASI national organization was the resignation in July of the long-time executive director Mark Dorsey and the inclusion of our President, Eric Jordan on the four-member search committee charged with finding the new executive director. The national board approved the approach recommended by the search committee in August, and by late early October we have engaged the Executive Search firm, Sterling-Martin to assist with the search for a new Executive Director to be based at the national PSIA-AASI office in Lakewood, CO. My personal view on this, as I have stated to the national board, is that the hiring is the next executive director is probably the most important decision we will make as board members, and I prefer to take the time to get it right.

The search firm is starting its efforts on our behalf by speaking with a wide variety of proverbial "stakeholders" including staff, volunteer leaders, division representatives and industry partners so we can have an appropriate and sound position profile from which to create the job description and posting. Once the job description is agreed upon the search firm will be working with the search committee to evaluate candidates for the job. Eventually there will be a small number of finalists, more extensive interviews, and the Board will select the next executive director. While we do not know the exact time frame for all this, it seems clear that it will be after the first or the year and perhaps mid-winter before a final selection is made.

While the search process is ongoing Tom Spiess, financial director of ASEA since 2002 is serving as Interim Executive Director. We are greatly encouraged that Tom seems open to considering a number of membership policy initiatives that Eastern has been urging to ASEA for several years. For example, Tom was also able to restore some of the funding previously provided to assist the Division in bringing National Team members to the East to work with our members and educational staff at such events as the Master's Academy.

In other news, thanks to substantial member and industry support we were able to send a full delegation to Interski in Argentina in early September. You should have received almost daily reports on activities during Interski, and we can look forward to new information on the best thinking and practices in international snowsports education over this coming winter. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns about our national association.

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- **Stand-up teardrop flags** featuring the new "We make winter more fun!" slogan, PSIA & AASI logos and the consumer web address. Resorts that have requested and agreed to display a teardrop flag (to date) include:

Elk Mountain, PA  
McIntyre, NH  
Ski Liberty, PA  
Holiday Valley, NY  
Ski Sundown, CT  
Holimont, NY  
Pico, VT  
Pats Peak, NH  
Jay Peak, VT

Gore Mountain, NY  
Massanutten, VA  
Sugarloaf, ME  
Belleayre, NY  
Wintergreen, VA  
Seven Springs, PA  
Bristol Mountain  
Sugarbush, VT  
Mount Southington, CT

Homestead, VA  
Mount Snow, VT  
Killington, VT  
Ober Gatlinburg, TN  
Okemo, VT  
Greek Peak, NY  
Blue Hills, MA  
Woods Valley, RI  
Cannon Mountain, NH

If you are interested in a teardrop flag for your resort contact me at [mmendrick@psia-e.org](mailto:mmendrick@psia-e.org).

There you have it. Lots in play and production and although we will not be advertising in magazines and publications this season we feel these new tools and outreach efforts will generate positive feedback from consumers, our members and our snowsports schools and resorts. The introduction of the learntoskiandride.org web domain will provide interested consumer and resort guests a place to learn more and get hooked up with our schools and resorts while providing us with trackable data on website visits and usage being generated by the various tools.

I look forward to building on these efforts and following through on the decisions made this weekend to deliver a rewarding season for our members and a successful operating year. ☐☐





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STRAIGHT TALK FROM THE ASSOCIATION

### On the Fringe of the Season... A bureaucratic bedtime story

By Peter Howard

*Alpine Education and Certification Chairperson*

Once upon a time, in a land far away (Lakewood, Colorado), a benevolent entity was of many minds. Its purpose, direction and membership a bit confused.

In the Eastern lands across the Big Muddy, summer planning had progressed with the hope that snow and common sense would soon return. A great contest was held the previous spring at Stowe Vermont to find several motivated and talented individuals to become the Eastern Technical Team. The team members are to be like yeast, mixed amongst us, raising the Eastern membership experience. These individuals will run events like “Gateway to Dynamic Skiing, Unlock Your Inner Expert, and the Exam Colleges”. In addition a variety of projects and initiatives are expected to come from this Team.

Since time is money and money is scarce for many, the time/money/value balance has driven the creation of a few new events this season. The Level 2 and 3 colleges (level 3 new this season), a one day update event (designed and timed for younger members), a combined CS1 and Level 1 three day event, and an all in one - three day Level 2 exam pilot project are examples of time and cost saving formats. In addition, PSIA-e office and the Education Certification Committee have been working on a Level 1 workbook to help our members prepare for their Level 1 exams.

A couple of USSA Skills Quest tasks have been added to the list of exam tasks, and a few tasks have been eliminated. The Eastern Tech Team is working to give greater clarity to exam task descriptions. They have also been comparing task descriptions from division to division and creating national test bank questions.

Meanwhile at the bottom of the Earth (Ushuaia, Argentina the location of Interski) explorers in teaching and technique gathered to share their vision of snow sports present and future. As they return to America, National Team Members from the East - Eric Lipton, Matt and Jeb Boyd, will share concepts and teaching gems from around the world that will collide with local knowledge, spinning off shimmering particles of wisdom to be collected and reassembled for the benefit of our customers.

Over the summer changes occurred in the leadership of the national organization, making cooperation between divisions, the national office, and USSA (America’s competition snow sports organization) much more likely. All this bodes well for the coming season.

Perhaps some of what you have read elsewhere indicates that the Eastern Division is in a bit of a monetary squeeze. But take heart, it’s worth remembering that some of what gets done is volunteer driven and since volunteers work for free, good work is still accomplished. Now that there is cooperation between the divisions and the national office much is possible to promote the profession.

So all that’s needed for everyone to live happily ever after is . . .

- Remuneration commensurate with the talent and responsibility necessary to deliver the product to our customers.
- Fitness to safely play as an athlete should. (“I don’t count my sit ups, I only start counting when it starts hurting because they’re the ones that count” Muhammad Ali)
- And Snow. <<

### Attention Alpine Level I Members! New Event – One and FUNdamentals

By Don Haringa

*Director of Education and Programs*

#### New \$99 One Day Weekend Event Available!

You spoke and we listened! Our annual membership surveys have demonstrated a concern by younger and newer members regarding both the cost and time required to remain “educationally updated.” In an effort to address this concern, we have added a new event to the schedule just for Alpine Level I Members!

We are excited to introduce our new One and FUNdamentals event. This new one-day event will be held on Sundays, a day many instructors have indicated is easier to take an educational event. This event also has a later registration time of 9:30-10:00am, which allows more time to drive to the resort the morning of and eliminates the need for additional overnight hotel expenses.

One and FUNdamentals events will be held on snow from 10:00am to 4:00pm and you will receive six continuing education credits. Members are required to attain 12 continuing education credits every other season so you are half way there. Can it get any better than that? – YES it can! The cost to attend this new One and FUNdamental event is only \$99! At this event, you can plan on plenty of skiing time with our Alpine Examiners who will focus on the Alpine Skiing Fundamentals and how you can apply these to your personal skiing. Come join us! <<

### New National Team Coaches, Manager, and Adaptive Team Captain Named

By Don Haringa

*PSIA-E /AASI Director of Education and Programs*

In early October PSIA announce the names of the new National Teams Coaches, the Team Manager and the Adaptive Team Captain. PSIA-E would like to congratulate all of these talented skiers and snowboarders, and we would like to give a big shout out to our Eastern Division members that are part of this talented group. Geoff Krill is the new Adaptive Team Captain, and Jeb Boyd has been named as the new National Team Manager. Congrats gentlemen! We couldn’t be more proud. Here is the entire list:

The 2016-20 PSIA-AASI Team Manager, Coaches, and Adaptive Captain are:

**Team Manager:** Jeb Boyd – Alpine Team member, PSIA-E Examiner Coach

**Adaptive Captain:** Geoff Krill – Adaptive Team member, PSIA-E Examiner, Executive Director of Eastern Adaptive Sports (In this new position, Krill will provide guidance for team members with adaptive teaching backgrounds on each discipline-specific team.)

**Alpine Coach:** Michael Rogan – Alpine Team Captain, USSA/USST Fundamental Skills and Technique Coach

**Nordic Coach:** David Lawrence – Nordic Team member, PSIA-NW Examiner, Lookout Pass Snowsports Director

**Snowboard Coach:** Scott Anfang – Snowboard Team member, AASI-RM Examiner and Committee Chair <<

## A Preview of 2015-16 Feature Events

By Don Haringa

PSIA-E/AASI Director of Education & Programs

It is that time of year again. The skiing and snowboarding publications have shipped their equipment issues, the PSIA accessories catalog has arrived, the leaves have reached their peak in the northern states, and a couple of ambitious resorts have opened a trail or two. The 2015-2016 ski and snowboard season is getting started. I can't wait!

With the start of the season comes the opportunity to attend PSIA and AASI events. In this issue of the SnowPro you will find the event schedule for this season. Please take a little time to check it out to see which events might interest you. We have a combination of Mega-weeks, with a lot of events at either one resort or two nearby resorts, and we also have lots of smaller events spread around the east, in the hope that there will be something for you within a reasonable distance. If you aren't sure about the content of our events, please go to [www.psia-e.org](http://www.psia-e.org) and under the Events heading you'll find Event Descriptions where you can get information about each of our programs.

Here are some events and dates to remember:

### Snowsports School Management Seminar – Mount Snow November 30 – December 2, 2015

Doug Daniels and the Snowsports School Management Committee have collaborated with the Education and Programs staff to come up with what we believe will be a truly outstanding seminar. This year's SSMS will be focused on helping Snowsports School Directors and managers form better relationships with their resort management. Earl Saline, who is a former PSIA Education Manager and is now the Director of Education for NSAA will kick off the seminar on Monday night with the Keynote Address. Earl will also participate in several of the indoor programs.

Our Town Hall meeting will once again feature Michael Mendrick with an update on the latest initiatives for the Push for Public Awareness, followed by our National Team members, who will present a talk on their experience at Interski. Following the Town Hall Meeting is the annual Awards Banquet, where we will be presenting the Einar Aas Memorial Award.

As always we will offer numerous indoor and outdoor sessions, plus on the Alpine side we have the return of the Eastern Trainers Academy (ETA). The ETA was very popular last year, and this season we are offering two versions of it. ETA 101 and ETA 201. 101 will be almost identical to last year's academy, with a strong focus on the National Standards, the 5 Alpine Skiing Fundamentals, and how our exam tasks relate to them. ETA 201 will focus on being able to effectively present this information to your staff. Only directors and trainers who participated in the ETA last year will be eligible for ETA 201. For those who would prefer to take ETA 101 again, that option is open.

### Eastern Children's Academy – Mount Snow Two Day Academy – December 7-8, 2015 Three Day Academy – December 7-9, 2015 Alpine or AASI Level I – December 7-9, 2015

The annual Children's Academy moves back to December and to Mount Snow in southern Vermont. This year's theme is "Hunger for Games." Our members are always asking for more games and activities, so here is a great opportunity for you! There will be several tracks for new children's instructors as well as those with lots of experience. New members have the option to register for the Alpine or Snowboard Level I Certification being held in conjunction with the three-day Children's Academy. Whatever your focus is, whether it be preparing for certification, preparing for Children's Specialist, or just adding to your "bag of tricks," the Children's Academy is the place to start. Please read more about this great event in Sue Kramer's article, found in this issue.

### Mini Academy for Alpine and Telemark Killington, VT

December 12-13, 2015

You would love to attend the Masters Academy, but you can't arrange for five days away? The Mini Academy may be for you! If you're an Alpine Level III instructor and want to ski with a member of the PSIA Alpine National Team, this is your opportunity. This season we are expecting Robin Barnes, Jennifer Simpson, Michael Rogan, and Eric Lipton as our Alpine coaches. Tele skiers will have the opportunity to ski with some of this country's best Nordic Instructors. Prepare for the season, get some valuable feedback, and have fun doing it, all on the weekend without missing any work! Attendance is limited by the number of team members available, and the event often closes before the deadline, so make your plans early.

"This event is made possible in part through a grant from the PSIA-AASI Education Foundation."

### Snow Pro Jam, Master's Academy, Adaptive Pro Jam, and Tele Pro Jam – Killington, VT

December 14-18, 2015

Always one of the premier events, anywhere in the nation, the Snow Pro Jam, Masters Academy, and the Tele Pro Jam return to Killington for another amazing week of skiing and sharing ideas, and fun. And, after a very successful debut, we are proud to announce that the Adaptive Pro Jam is returning for the 2015 season!

If you are looking to brush up on your teaching skills and add a few tips to your bag of tricks, we have a group for that. If you are interested in pursuing your certification, we have a group for that. Or, if you just want to improve your personal skiing, we have a group for that too! This week long event will get you in shape and ready for the busy season.

Killington's snowmaking capacity and grooming guarantees a dependable and consistent snow surface, no matter what weather conditions Mother Nature has planned. With more than 70 miles of diverse terrain spread across six peaks, there will be plenty of trails for you to explore during the week.

The ProJam experience is not one to miss. Each day optional après ski activities are scheduled starting off with a presentation by National Team Members on Monday afternoon, Tuesday is Sponsor Night where you can visit our many sponsors and mingle with fellow instructors, Wednesday afternoon take a breather from your group and try something new for the afternoon at one of the many optional sessions, Thursday is party night with a fantastic dinner, great music, dancing and of course the ever popular raffle to benefit the Education Foundation and Membership Scholarship Fund. Friday it's time to wrap up and pull together all the information you gained during the week and put it to use during your lessons all season long. So why not join 500 of your best friends and sign up for the Pro Jam today!

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### Race Camp – Hunter, NY February 1-2, 2016; 2-day camp February 3-4, 2016; 3-day camp

If you missed it last year... now is your chance to attend the 2016 Race Camp at Hunter Mountain. The 2015 Hunter Race week was a huge success. Participants embraced the team coaching format where members were able to work with guest coaches in an open format with no set groups. We plan on using this format again this year so grab a friend and come join us for three days of exceptional coaching both in and out of the gates. There will be lots of coaching on both ski technique and race tactics along with timed runs through the gates. Participants should be prepared for both GS and slalom training. You can choose a two-day camp or a three-day camp.

## PSIA-E Spring Academy – Killington, VT March 31-April 3, 2016

Killington will be our host for the annual Spring Academy this year and it promises to be an outstanding event to either cap off the year or prepare for spring skiing out west. Coaches for this event will either be from the new Eastern Tech Team or the PSIA National Team. The group size will be small so you can glean the most from your instructor and make big changes in your personal skiing and take home plenty of teaching tips.

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## PSIA-E/AASI Spring Rally – Killington, VT April 2-3, 2016

Celebrate spring! The Spring Rally brings together instructors from all disciplines for one fabulous and fun event. There are many topics participants may choose for the two days, plus many instructors and coaches to help you achieve your goals in an amazing and exciting format. Challenge another group in the Hannes Schneider Memorial Race held on Sunday, this is a fun experience for all level racers.

We have planned a great season of fun, educational events, and we're looking forward to seeing you! ☞

## Annual Membership Meeting to be held during ProJam

Open to all interested members

The Eastern Division Annual Membership Meeting & Open Forum will be held during ProJam week in the VT Fresh Cafe on the ground floor of the Snowshed Lodge at Killington on Wednesday, December 16 at 4:30pm. You don't have to be attending ProJam to come to the meeting; it is open to ALL members! This is the perfect opportunity to hear updates from our Eastern Division leadership Eric Jordan, Eastern President; Michael Mendrick, Executive Director and National PSIA-AASI Board representative, Steve Kling and discuss issues and opportunities of interest to you as our members. ☞

## What's New in the Alpine World?

By Don Haringa

PSIA-E /AASI Director of Education and Programs

As I write this article on a somewhat gloomy October morning, there are people skiing and snowboarding at two of the eastern resorts. The 2015/2016 skiing and snowboarding season has officially begun! You've got to love modern snowmaking! With some resorts opening up for the season, I'm sure that some of you are wondering what new courses will be offered on the Alpine Event Schedule this year. Here is a little sample:

If you are like most of us, then time and money are important to you. With that in mind we are offering three events this year designed to cut some of the time and expense involved in attending exams or taking an update.

The first program is a **3-day Level I/CS-1**. It is a combination of a Level I Exam and a CS-1 course. This is a 3 day program where successful candidates may receive both their Level I certification and CS-1. This course is designed for an ambitious member that is on a fast track to Level II. The candidate will have to put in some study time, as the completion of the CS-1 workbook and passing the written exam are required to attend the event. It is also highly recommended that the candidates fill out the new Level I workbook and attend some skiing clinics, as they must pass the Level I to be eligible for CS-1. The Standards for CS-1 require a candidate to have attained Level I first. However, if a candidate is successful at both, they will have saved the cost of one night of lodging, food, and a little bit on the exam cost.

The second new program is also a combination of exams. It is a **3 day Level II exam**. This pilot program will combine the Level II skiing exam with the Level II teaching exam over the course of 3 days. Sounds like the good old days, doesn't it? Each day the candidates will be with the same examiner for a whole day. Part of the day will be devoted to the skiing tasks and part of the day will be one of the three teaching modules. By spending the whole day with the same examiner we

hope to alleviate some exam jitters and also help to develop some positive group dynamics. Although technically this is the same amount of exam time as our current 1 ½ day skiing, 1 ½ day teaching format, it will actually save on the cost of one night's lodging and food.

The third new time and money saver is an educational update called the **One and Fundamental**. This pilot program is open to Level 1 Alpine instructors. It is a one-day clinic held on Sundays, a day that many members can take an update without missing too much work. It starts at 10:00AM, with registration beginning at 9:30AM. This will allow most participants to drive in the morning of the exam, which will save them a night at a hotel. The course will focus on the 5 skiing fundamentals and the participants will receive 6 educational credits for attending. This will give them their credits for the season, however they will need another 6 credits the following year. Here is the best news- we've priced this event at just \$99.00.

In other Alpine event news, we have two Level III exams of interest this season. The first one is a **Level III skiing** exam to be held at **Snowshoe, West Virginia**. This will be the first Level III alpine skiing exam to be held in Region 7 and we are very excited about it! The other new Level III exam is the **Level III College**. The College will be held at Killington on April 4-8. Like the Level II College, this is a Level III skiing prep course (3 days) followed immediately by the exam (1 ½ days).

These are just the new Alpine events. Please be sure to look over the 2016 Event Schedule to see the complete selection of events and locations for the discipline you are interested in. I can't wait to see you on the slopes! ☞

## Eastern Division Membership Benefits for 2015-16!



# VIPrivileges



Here is your 2015 - 2016 Eastern Division membership benefits and promotions update. Throughout the season, be sure to look on the Eastern Division website to see what's new and for more details, forms, etc. on all of our programs. Focusing on keeping our website up-to-date with the details and forms needed for any of these programs allows us to get the timeliest info possible to you. We hope you take advantage of all of these great programs!



### Elan/Alpina Exclusive Offer for Eastern Division Members!

Elan/Alpina Sports is proud to support PSIA/AASI-Eastern Division and its members. With that, we are excited to extend special PSIA-E/AASI members a 35% discount off prices shown PLUS 50% off shipping/handling on Elan's entire range of products.



### Launch Snowboards has extended their PROFORM program to PSIA-E/AASI.

Members should place your order at [www.launchsnowboards.com](http://www.launchsnowboards.com) and before checkout enter "PSIA-E/AASI" and your membership number in the special instructions field in the Cart screen. At checkout enter the promo code "PSIA-AASI-EASTERN-1516" to get 40% off your order.



### Hovland Snowskates Pro Form Offer for Eastern Division Members!

Hovland Snowskates is offering AASI members a 43% off PRO FORM deal this season - you can get more information about snowskates on Hovland's Website today! Hovland makes it easy for AASI members to order a snowskate today. All you have to do is use the Coupon Code "AASI" when you're checking out.



### WSI Sports – Pro Purchase Program for 2015-2016 Season!

WSI Sports manufacturers of quality 100% MADE IN USA innovative performance apparel is offering our members 30% off! PSIA-E members will be able to access discounted products through a special web link and purchases will be 30% off of retail using the code PSIAE. Additionally, WSI Sports has created some limited addition custom "Ski with us. Ride with us." apparel in support of our Push for Public Awareness Campaign.



### Speedboard USA – Exclusive Pro Deal Program for Eastern Division Members!

Speedboard USA would like to offer our Pro Deal Program to Eastern Division Members. Through this program you will receive promotional pricing of \$2450 (a discount of \$1,000). Each member is allowed 2 boards at this promotional price. Two of our three paddle board models are available for purchase through this program.

### PSIA-E/AASI Logo Business Cards – high-quality, well-priced

Through our new partnership with Tyler Barnes of ELEV8, we are again offering high-quality, well-priced personalized logo business cards. You can create your cards, preview them, and place your order directly from the Eastern Division website. Order now and get ready for the season!



### Avalanche Skiwear – Member purchase program will continue for 2015-2016 Season!

PSIA-E members will be able to access all of the products that Avalanche sells through a special web link and make purchases at up to 40% off retail.



### BJ's Wholesale – Fuel Your Fundraiser Program

The Fall BJ's Fuel Your Fundraiser campaign is on and running from October 11th to October 24, 2015. The program is available to both members and non-members so tell any friends who you know that shop at BJ's. It's a great deal for the BJ's patron and our PSIA Education Foundation.

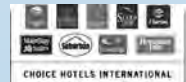
Print, fill out and submit the application provided on the Eastern Division website to get \$10 off the \$50 annual BJ's membership fee and an additional 3 months of membership. A free second membership card will be provided for a household member. If it is not your time to renew, you can still use this program; your membership will simply be added to what is left of your current one. For each BJ's application submitted through the PSIA-E/AASI program, BJ's will donate \$5 to the Education Fund.

Over the past few years this program has generated about \$1,000 per year for the EF.



### Burton – Attain AASI Level II and Level III Certification Recognition Program

Burton – Attain AASI Level I Certification Recognition Program  
Burton is once again providing us with awesome Burton gear to use toward recognizing the importance of obtaining your next level of AASI certification. All AASI members who attain their next certification are entered to win various prizes. As you would expect, the prize opportunities get bigger as you move up in certification level. For details about this season's Burton promotions for Level I, II and III, go to the member benefits area of the Eastern Division website.



### Choice Hotels – Usage of this great member benefit program just keeps growing!

As an Eastern Member using our PSIA-E Promotion ID, you get a 15% discount when you book online for reservations at hundreds of Choice Hotel locations (including Comfort Inns, Clarion, Quality Inn and Econolodge) – plus, take advantage of their Choice Privilege promotions to earn free rooms, etc. See the Choice Hotel ad in this issue for more details.



### Green Mountain Orthotic Lab (GMOL) – Another chance to win free GMOL footbeds!

Green Mountain Orthotic Lab, located at Bromley Mountain in Vermont offers pro prices on boots that are in stock as well custom footbeds. Please call for an appointment.

Green Mountain Orthotic Lab is again running their annual fall promotion to our members.

Simply purchase boots and footbeds from GMOL between October 1, 2015 and November 30, 2015, send in your proof of purchase and promotion submission, and be entered to win a rebate on the cost of your footbeds - a \$199 retail value!

To download the drawing submission form, go to the new GMOL page of the Eastern website. Good Luck!



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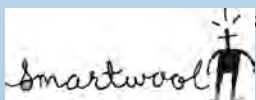
## Reliable Racing – Again offering a discount to PSIA-E/AASI members!

Reliable Racing is again providing support to the Eastern Division racing program as well as again offering our members the opportunity to get 10% off purchases of \$100 or more. The discount is available for on-line orders via the Reliable Racing website or for orders placed by phone directly to them. Please go to the Eastern Division website for this season's Promotional Code which you must reference to receive your discount.



## SkiPal – Back this year and again offering member and snowsports school discounts.

SkiPal, the ski/ride teaching tool, will again be offering two programs this season; a discount offer to members on individual orders as well as a volume discount offer to Snowsports schools. See the SkiPal advertisement on our website for more details.



## SmartWool – This popular Pro Purchase Program which provides 40% off retail is again available to Eastern members!

See the SmartWool banner and link to their site from our Event Schedule page to see their great products. Access the SmartWool page and details on how to get your 40% discount in the Member Benefits section of the Eastern website.

The SmartWool fiber combines comfort and performance into one versatile package and the product line includes shirts, pants, jackets, vests, socks and more. You won't find better gear to keep you comfortable in all conditions!



## Avis is now a supplier of rental car services for members of PSIA-E/AASI.

For personal and/or business rentals when making a reservation, it is very important that you always ask for the best rate available by providing Avis Worldwide Discount number (AWD) T453600. PSIA-E/AASI members can enjoy special member rates, considerable value-added discounts and the latest in technology, products, and services to make your car rental experience better than ever. See our website for more details.

## PSIA-E/AASI Gift Certificates

Don't forget when you are looking for a unique and useful gift for an employee, parent, spouse or child who is a member; gift certificates toward dues or events are available. To purchase a gift certificate, please call the office at 518-452-6095 and speak with member services to order your certificate.

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## Technically speaking – an Awesome resource

By Chris Ericson – Examiner  
Belleayre Mountain  
Director of Training

**Y**ou may have missed the soft unveiling last year – but the new Alpine Technical Manual is just what every instructor should have in their library. Don't be fooled by its smaller size, because it is full of information that has been condensed, logically organized and written in a way that is easy to understand and hence, easy for you to transfer to your students.

To begin, the new manual gives us a very nice historical reference of where we have come from since the incorporation of PSIA in 1961 with a “vast variety of European ski techniques” and the challenges of multiple teaching styles. It takes us through the '60's and '70's and some of the authors in the industry such as Clif Taylor, Georges Joubert, Olle Larsson, James Major and Ruedi Bear, just to name a few. In probably one of most singularly important landmarks of PSIA, we are reminded of how the 1970's recognized that the student should have more of an influence on the lesson plan and student centered teaching emerged, which thankfully has stood the test of time to where we are today. Between then and now, various changes in equipment and snow conditions have also had an impact on some of our strategies for teaching a lesson and how we convey our message. History is always a good thing to look at, because as it has been said – in order to know where we are going, we need to know where we have been.

As a ski coach, many of us have heard for years of how Ski Instructors all skied, or to the untrained eye, looked the same. There may be some truth to this, and the Technical Manual goes to support the need for diversification and the blending of skills that we use, depending on the conditions and the desired outcome. We shouldn't all look the same (we are built differently) and in order for us to access the skills, we may have to open or close our stance, tip or flatten the skis more or less and twist some of our body parts more than others. The manual validates that our ability to teach versatility with how we access and blend our skills – will allow our clients to explore the mountain environment with success.

If you did get a chance to look at the Technical Manual last year, you may have heard of a little “controversy” over something that was stated with regard to the Skills Concept. The statement reads; “The Skills Concept serves as the technical model of American ski instruction, it is based on the knowledge that three skills – rotational control, edge control, and pressure control – are integral to all turns, and they are essential for maintaining balance.” You heard it right – three skills. I asked fellow Examiner and National Team member Jeb Boyd for his comments

on this. Jeb responds; “The problem was that in the recent past, balance was being viewed as a component unto itself. It was tough to tell someone they were out of balance, but still upright. Today's version of balance is much more accurate in the sense that it is described as equilibrium meaning that the skill application of Rotational Control, Edge

Control and Pressure Control are Equal for any particular situation encountered on the mountain. When the skill application is equal for that situation, equilibrium is achieved, which is our goal.” The skills are defined in terms of the movement of the body, the action of the skis that results, and how these affect balance.

One of the best ways to determine if a technical manual is really great, is to look at how it breaks down a potentially complicated subject. If you are “technically challenged” the sections that describe the Physics of Skiing and Biomechanics of Skiing will be well worth your read. These are the sections that I think more of our instructors should read so as to get a better idea of how their own ski performance can be adjusted and bringing this knowledge to their

clients. I am not saying that explaining Newton's Laws to your paying customer is a good idea – but if you can understand it better and its impacts, you can deepen your knowledge behind the science of skiing with the ski snow interaction and the functionality of your anatomy to make it happen. This knowledge will undoubtedly have a positive impact on your next lesson.

Finally, I couldn't finish this article without talking about the videos that are in the manual. No that is not a printing error in your book with some sort of a hieroglyphic square image, those are QR codes (Quick Response code) throughout the manual. If this is confusing to you, read no further and kindly ask someone around the age of 10 to get you a free “App” on your smart phone. They will show you how your phone will play videos of the section of the manual that is currently being described. It is a great feature and something that actually works very well.

So as you plan to get ready for the 2016 season, make sure you pick up a copy of the Alpine Technical Manual, it's an awesome resource and well worth your time to read. «

## Membership & Promotions Committee Update

By Walter Jaeger, Chairperson

**E**fforts this year by the Eastern Division staff to promote public awareness is innovative and strong and is being achieved with very limited resources. What is particularly gratifying amongst those efforts is PSIA-E's new web site: [www.learnstoskiandride.org](http://www.learnstoskiandride.org). The web site is designed to have a year over year impact on promoting public awareness of PSIA-E's strengths and benefits (education, training, and certification) in an indirect manner through offering resources for the immediate needs and interests of the consumer regarding snow sports instruction. The web site's focus on fun and value dovetail and build upon previous and ongoing themes. Hopefully the web site will see future development to become a major resource for skiers of all types, including those interested in becoming an instructor. Those involved deserve tremendous credit for bringing this to fruition: Krista DiCaprio, Candace Charles, Jodi Benson, Michael Mendrick and our “go-to” graphics guy - Tyler Barnes of elev8 branding.

The other efforts bring resources to the instructor, and resort while promoting PSIA-E's mission: Promotional Lesson Card, Promotional Stickers, Car Magnets and Posters (last year), Postcards for Resorts and members to utilize innovatively, and my favorite: Standup Teardrop Flags for Resort lesson areas. The flags open a door to utilize lesson cards by instructors: each feature the same theme and invitation and is therefore a natural and reinforcing message to instructors to use the lesson cards to their and PSIA-E's advantage.

To assist in promoting greater interest in LII accreditation the Members and Promotions Committee is encouraging thoughts on a descriptive phrase that conveys the pride, importance and achievement of Level II certification. A “slogan” or phrase would be mentioned by every course conductor, every ski school director and resort trainer at every appropriate opportunity to entice members to pursue and achieve LII certification and to convey PSIA-E's pride in Certified LII members. Hopefully there will be some result of this effort at the spring Board meeting.

Members of the committee continue to suggest new ways to reach non-members and to promote PSIA's value to the public. Hopefully 2015-16 will see more inspiration and ideas generated.

Though PSIA-E continues to face budgetary challenges the Board must be mindful that promotion to non-members, retention of current members and promoting the educational value and fun of member participation in PSIA-E programs is essential to resolve these challenges. The Board should be forceful in setting a sufficient annual budget for Member Promotion. Budgets do not make a successful endeavor rather, creative energy and commitment are the significant factors, but funds are necessary to implement the best and most creative of strategies. Review of efforts and particulars, coupled with metrics of determining success is fair. We are fortunate to have Michael Mendrick's marketing background and his interest in meeting this challenge and our committee encourages the provision of a marketing budget worthy of the effort. «

## around the regions

### Region 2 Report

Not as much has happened in Vermont resorts this summer compared to recent years past. Jay Peak's construction has slowed a bit, adding only condos this summer. A new hotel was built at QBurke Resort. On mountain lodging may help QBurke grow its brand and add to its already strong reputation as a race training hill.

There have been some personnel changes in at least a couple of the larger resorts. Killington and Jay Peak both have new Children's Managers; Killington hired Tom Thatcher formerly from Breckenridge, and Jay Peak hired Matthew Dittmer formerly of Park City. Looks as though folks DO occasionally move from out west to the 'Ice Coast'.

Several resorts added non-snow amenities. The hope, of course, is to further add to the year-round viability of these resorts. Killington added the \$2M Beast Mountain Coaster which looks AWESOME ... can't wait to try that one. They also invested an additional \$1.5M in off-snow upgrades with attractions such as upgrading mountain bike trails and a high speed zip line. Killington reports a significant (30%) bump in revenue over last summer. Other resorts have followed suit. For example, Okemo has also added a mountain coaster and Jay Peak hosted close to 100 weddings this summer.

These summer improvements seem to be working, Vermont's sales tax, and rooms and meals tax, were both up 4 and 6 percent respectively over last summer. It is likely that not all of these summer visitors were already participants in winter sports, potentially, this could add to the number of winter visitors as more folks become familiar with the state's great amenities.

The unofficial report, at this time, is that by the time you are reading this report there will be snow guns firing on the slopes of Killington with an opening expected very soon, if not already.

**Ted Fleischer – Region 2 Director**  
**Katherine Rockwell MacLauchlan –**  
**Region 2 Representative**

### Region 3 Report

As I write this, foliage is about at its peak, the air is getting cooler, and we are counting the days until the areas' fire up the snow guns. Plus, the early predictions are calling for a snowy Winter!

Mohawk Mountain in Cornwall, CT has made some big improvements to their main lodge. A new addition will house a new ski shop, additional storage, and a huge new room for guests and functions. (Photos can be seen at [www.mohawkmtn.com](http://www.mohawkmtn.com)). Mohawk is very excited about the changes!

Mohawk Mountain is also introducing a unique learn to snowboard program this year. They have teamed up with K2 to offer an adult and children's weekend snowboard program that will include four weeks of 2-hour lessons in January, and when the program is completed, participants get a brand new K2 boot/binding/board setup. Students that complete the program will also receive additional days of riding to boot! The program will cost around \$600. It is designed to boost the snowboard presence at Mohawk Mountain and introduce kids and adults to a different way of seeing the area.

Mount Southington in Southington, CT has also had a series of renovations. The Alpine Eatery and lower base lodge have been renovated and the improvements look great!

A Children's Specialist 1 and a Workshop clinic will be held at Mt. Southington in February. These will be late afternoon/evening events and could be an excellent opportunity to get your CS1 or update, without taking a lot of time out of your busy schedules! Check the PSIA-E event schedule for details.

In our continuing efforts to improve communication and provide an ongoing information source for Region 3, please take a look at our Facebook page (Region-Three-Psaaasi-Eastern-Division) that has been setup for our region.

I am always interested in hearing from you so feel free to contact me at the following email address:

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See you on the slopes and remember  
 .....Think Snow!!

### Region 4 Report

Hello fellow Region 4 members! It's that time of year, when the leaves are falling, darkness comes earlier, and the cold air is moving in. By the time this newsletter goes to press, some of our eastern resorts will be making snow or already open. The season is just around the corner for us here in the east.

Looking at the Eastern Division schedule of events for '15-'16 season, resorts in Region 4 (R4) will host a vast variety of events for every discipline. Our Alpine members can choose from 43 different events including a Level II exam. Snowboarders have 24 events scheduled that also include an exam. There are 8 Freestyle events, 11 Children's events (including several CS1-CS2 events), 5 Adaptive, and 3 Nordic events. This schedule provides more than 90 events in our region, at 12 different resorts, from December through late March. When I say a "vast variety," the R4 schedule will accommodate all levels of education and abilities, from new instructors to seasoned veterans.

Because of the success of our new Level II College implemented last season, you will notice the schedule also has 2 LII colleges, and new this season we are offering a Level III College. Also new this season, we will conduct a 3-day Level II exam combining the three skiing assessment areas with the three teaching/professional knowledge assessment areas. Sign-up early, a maximum number of participants will be accepted in this new format and no reassessments are allowed! Another new event in this season's schedule is a 3-day combined Level 1 and CS1 event. (Region 4 will host 2 of these combined events). You will find more details and descriptions of these and other new events in this newsletter and on our eastern website.

Along with our new R4 representative Steve Martin, I will conduct 2 regional meetings this season and each will run in conjunction with educational events. Having a northern/southern meeting during the year has been well received by R4 members in the past. We hope to hold one in the northern part of the region (Camelback or Elk) and one in the south (Liberty or Whitetail). The regional meetings are designed to update members about the division, the region, and provide national news. These meetings are also a venue for members to voice concerns or issues, present suggestions, and ask questions about the association and the division. In addition, Steve and I are available any time during the year for regional members, so feel free to contact us directly with any questions or concerns.

Have a great fall and early winter. We hope to see you on the hill soon!

**Bob Shostek, Region 4 Director**  
**Steve Martin, Representative**

## Region 5 Report

Congratulations to **Ron Kubicki** who is retiring after 26 years at **Holiday Valley**. Throughout his 15 years as Snow Sports Director, Ron has provided outstanding leadership to Holiday Valley and PSIA-E/AASI. He was unwavering in his support of PSIA and recognized the importance of the organization to advance ski and riding instruction. All instructors benefited from his service to the Board of Directors and the years he served as PSIA-E President. He will now have time to spend with his horse, motorcycle and grandchildren. I know, that Debbie Goslin and I will miss his sage advice and wicked sense of humor. As Dick Fox says, "Those are some pretty big shoes to fill, Bob. Best of luck to both of you."

Region Five welcomes **Bob Armour** as the new Snowsports Director at **Holiday Valley**. Bob has spent the last three years as a snowsports supervisor at the Valley, after spending forty years as a supervisor at Peek n' Peak. He is a PSIA Alpine Level 3. He retired from General Electric where he held management positions in information technology, inventory management and manufacturing. His wife, Karen, is a PSIA Level 2 Alpine instructor at Holiday Valley. We wish you all the best in your new position. Headlining the new projects at the Valley for 2015-16, is the installation of 37 new automated snow guns. Lights on two new beginner slopes. Also two-thirds of a mile of the HV Road has been re-routed to allow pedestrians direct access to the base area. The Valley's website is being completely re-designed including a new trail map, videos, web cams and social media links.

**Peek n' Peak** is extremely pleased to announce that **Doug Benson** has accepted the position of Snowsports Operations Manager. Doug graduated from West Virginia University. In 1998, Doug began his industry career as a Supervisor for Keystone Ski & Ride School and was promoted to Asst. Manager, where he supervised 400+ instructors with a focus on private lessons. After 12 years at Keystone, Doug accepted a new opportunity to work as the Ski & Ride School Manager at Breckenridge where he provided operational oversight/working leadership to 300+ instructors and a supervisory team. He was most recently employed as a private instructor at Beaver Creek Ski and Snowboard School and Coronet Peak Snow Sports School in New Zealand. Doug is a PSIA Examiner for the Rocky Mountain Division and a PSIA/AASI Examiner for the Northern Rocky Mountain Division.

**Steve Howie** reports that **Bristol Mountain** has extended their Universe Trail, all the way to the bottom of the mountain, opening a lot of new terrain for skiers and riders. To help with the conversion rate, last season Bristol developed a VIP Gold Learn to Ski Program in partnership with Elan. The 4-day program runs all day and includes lunch. Skiers received a set of Bristol cosmetic skis and bindings

from Elan. The program, which began with 18 years old and up, was so successful, that they have added 2 kids VIP Gold Camps for 8 – 12 year olds, which also include the ski package. On the third day of camp, kids are fitted with their new skis and bindings, so they can ski on the new equipment the last day. The retention rate from last season was great.

**Debbie Goslin** says the Snowsports School will now be designing and maintaining all of the terrain parks and terrain based learning features at **Kissing Bridge**. The Coal Chute Chair has been removed and a new chair should be installed by next season. Debbie says that her supervisory staff is so pro PSIA/AASI, the newer snowboard L3 guys held meetings all summer with the younger staff and have setup steering committees. They were inspired by Ted Fleisher and his staff for sure! The keyword here is "inspire."

**HoliMont** is still working on getting our Terrain Based Learning area just right. We are opening up a new area to accommodate a large Learn to Ski and Ride area. By next fall, a new chair will be installed making a whole new area to explore. The Snowsports School is busy getting ready for our exciting new season. Our HoliMont President presented the Snowsports School and Racing to HoliMont members in a great talk about PSIA/AASI including how many certified instructors we have, and what it takes to become certified. Stressing the importance of PSIA-E and the value of becoming a PSIA/AASI trained instructor, our Snowsports Team Leaders will open our November staff get-together by wearing all our pins, holding up our certifications, and getting all the staff psyched for the coming season. Also congratulations go out to **Chuck Richardson**, former Phoenix Adaptive Program Director, who is taking on a new position as Phoenix Program Athlete Coordinator. Chuck will now be interviewing prospective athletes, designing their programs, and mentoring the athletes to ensure success. Our new Phoenix Program director is **David Berghash**. David has been assisting Chuck in the program for the past five years and is very excited to begin his new role as director of this very successful program. We wish them both well in their new roles at HoliMont.

A big thank you to all Region Five Directors and Area Reps who sent in information for the Snow Pro, we really appreciate your input and can't do it without you.

As the wise old Fox says: "It takes about six weeks to get in shape from summer sports to winter sports, better get started. Also, it's time to go wooly bear hunting with a can of black paint."

Enough wisdom for now.....

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## Region 6 Report

It is exciting to think ski season is just around the corner.

What skis are you choosing this season? Is it time for new boots? Have you checked out all of the pro deals through PSIA? Maybe this is the season for taking that exam you have been thinking about? Are you ready? The Eastern division is ready for you.

The Eastern division has dedicated a lot of time and effort toward Eastern promotional tools geared to help draw in, educate, captivate and retain new and existing members. These tools help to publically support the value of the certified ski pro and the importance of taking lessons.

Here are some examples of new promotional tools coming your way.

- [www.learnertoskiandride.org](http://www.learnertoskiandride.org) A new web domain designed to promote the value and fun of taking lessons with PSIA/AASI
- Promotional lesson cards to hand out to students to maintain and foster relationships and follow-up lessons
- Promotional stickers
- Car magnets
- Posters
- Postcards for new member recruitment
- Stand up teardrop flags, to help draw attention to the snow sports industry

These are some of the ideas from our committees, volunteer leadership, and administration staff to help generate membership and promote the value of PSIA/AASI instructors. It is good to know that we, as a division, are focusing on promoting the value of instruction to the public. The more the public knows about our association and our educational value, the more our member instructors will benefit.

There are many talented members who volunteer on committees and special task forces who contribute to the direction of our division. For example, the Eastern Children's Committee has new and exciting educational tools coming our way (see Sue Kramer's article in the Kids, Kids, Kids section for more details). Our Eastern office staff and administration team do an amazing job implementing new programs and managing existing ones with great effort and passion. Thank you!

Many of you who are regular readers of the SnowPro may remember the hot topic of the "affiliation agreement" with ASEA and the Eastern division. This issue occupied much of our leadership time and efforts throughout the past 3 years. Having been part of the process that eventually led to a signed affiliation agreement, I can assure you many of our volunteer and paid leadership staff did an amazing job navigating through this cumbersome process. I would like to send out a thank you to our entire Eastern Board of Directors, past President Ron Kubicki, past Representative to the ASEA Board Bill Beerman, current Rep. Steve Kling, and President Eric Jordan, for their tireless efforts to help reach an agreement

with ASEA. Mike Mendrick and the entire Eastern Office Team provided an amazing level of support and direction throughout this process. It is good to have this issue behind us so we can move forward with new ideas and agendas for the benefit of our membership.

There are great new opportunities for anyone thinking of an exam this season. The Level 2 College is back, along with a Level 3 College for this season. In addition, there are some new educational events coming out this season as well (see the 2015/16 schedule).

Many resorts in Region 6 are finishing up projects before the season arrives. Windham, in Southern NY, has new lodging and amenities, and Gore Mountain, in Northern NY, has a new daycare facility. These areas, and many more, are doing a great job developing and maintaining new facilities, trails, lifts, and programs in an effort to enhance the guest experience.

The Eastern Division continues to collaborate with other divisions. This has resulted in an abundance of shared creativity in all areas of our education model. This collaboration has led to new exam processes, new national standards definitions and much more. Having participated in events such as the Fall Conference in Copper Mt. where all 9 divisions are typically represented, I witnessed fellow ski pros sharing their ideas and passion toward a common goal. Many of the influences that drive our division are a result of these collaborations. This is an example of how our National Association can unify as one body and voice, despite our business model consisting of 10 different entities.

I look forward to seeing many of you at events throughout the season. I encourage everyone to take care of your local shop owners and managers as we hit them up for deals on gear before the season. Good luck to everyone this year. I hope we all get snow early and lots of great days on the hill!

Sincerely,

**Brian Smith**

**Region 6 Director**

## Region 7 Report

Another winter is coming fast and may it be a great one for Region 7. We have many exciting events that are going to happen south of the Mason/Dixon Line this year, but three really stand out as premier events for the region and whole division.

For the second year running, Region 7 is going to host one of the two Eastern Trainer's Academies, last year at Timberline, and this year at Wintergreen Resort on January 6th and 7th. I and many other trainers were able to take this course last year to which I attribute the dramatic increase, for both disciplines, in Region 7's CS1, Level 1 and Level II exam success. Now the Academy has a level 101 and 201 course available to go even deeper into what makes us a better instructor. I would love to see last year's participants come to Wintergreen and take 201, and bring another trainer with you to take 101 – it will make your staff happy and your job as a trainer easier! Directors, a small investment here, in helping to pay for your trainers to take this course, could provide a great return in staff retention and exam success.

The second event is a repeat of the Level II College that was a rousing success at Massanutten last year. This is one of only three of these events for the entire Eastern division and it will be hosted at Snowshoe from February 29th to March 4th. Lots of good feedback from participants of last year's exam with good exam banking success. At the same time, Level II Skiing Reassessments will also be conducted. Level II teaching exams and Reassessments will be conducted February 22/23 at Wintergreen.

The third event is a first in Region 7 and it is a BIGGIE – A Level III Skiing exam at Snowshoe on March 3rd and 4th!!! Enough said!

These events coming to our Region are a direct result of you, the member, completing your spring survey and requesting closer events and more training, as well as your representatives to the board taking that message to the Ed Staff and Board for consideration. Our Eastern Division Office, Education Staff, Tech Team and Certification Committee have recognized the need for more training in Region 7 and responded greatly with these choice events. As members of Region 7 (region 4 folks come on down too!) we must attend these events, and others in the region, to show our appreciation and keep these events coming in future years.

I would like to thank Tom Parker from Winterplace for his service as Region 7 representative to the Alpine Education and Certification Committee over the last several years and welcome Mark Rotellini, also from Winterplace, as our new representative to that committee.

If you get the chance to go to Massanutten, check out the newest and nicest ski school building in the Region – quite the place and very well designed with the students of all ages in mind. I think the instruc-

tors and director just might like it a little better too – very impressive!

We will be having at least two regional meetings this year – one at Wintergreen during the Eastern Trainer's Academy January 6th and hopefully one at Snowshoe during the Alpine Level II College, and other events, on February 29th.

See you on the hill and at our events this year! Come on El Nino, bring us a great southern snowfall!

**Ty Johnson Region 7 Representative**

**Paul Crenshaw Region 7 Director**

## Not reporting: Region 1 «



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## In Memoriam



**Gordon A. Robbins.** Sculptor, fly fisherman, nationally ranked board sailor and snowboarder, and coach of Olympic medalists, Gordon A. Robbins of Winhall, VT died last February 27.

Born in New York City on January 14, 1942, Robbins graduated from The Groton School and attended Cornell University. He subsequently moved to Paris where he studied architecture and art, becoming a prolific sculptor. He married artist and tapestry maker Claude Ohnenwald in 1965 and their works were jointly exhibited at Le Demeure in 1971.

A skilled and enthusiastic sailor who was a longtime member of the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club, in the 1980s, Robbins made a name for himself in the board sailing community as a coach, competitor and as director of the U.S. Boardsailing Association. After moving to Vermont in 1988, he was hired by Marty Harrison to introduce snowboarding to the Okemo Mountain Resort in 1993. At Okemo, he thoroughly embraced this relatively new sport, becoming one of two first full-time snowboard instructors and subsequently the first Director of the Okemo snowboarding program, most recently serving as a supervisor in the Okemo Ski + Ride School.

Mr. Robbins was a founding father of the United States of America Snowboard Association (USASA), served as Executive Director of the International Snowboard Federation, Technical Director of the US Open of Snowboarding, and President of the USASA Foundation. He was a strong supporter of Adaptive Snowboarding and was revered by boarders of all ages and abilities.

Donations in his name may be made to the USASA Foundation, [www.usasa.org](http://www.usasa.org).



**Roy Evans Brant, Jr.** of Saegertown and Somerset, PA died on August 2, 2015, at UPMC-Hamot Medical Center in Erie, as a result of complications associated with Multiple Myeloma. He was born September 4, 1938 at Mount Davis, son of the late Roy Evans and Melda Brant, Sr. In December of 1961 Roy married Marjorie Flick. They had two sons.

He graduated from Meyersdale High School and earned his B.S. in Secondary Education from California State University. Roy received a M.A. in

Education, a M.A. in Political Science and a Ph.D in Political Science from West Virginia University. His teaching career began at Conneaut High School in Conneaut, Ohio. After five years there he taught at Edinboro University (PA) until the end of his academic career. He was also the Ski Club advisor and Theta Xi Fraternity advisor. He retired from his academic duties in 2001.

In addition to riding motorcycles Roy's other passions were following WVU sports and skiing. After retiring from college teaching Roy became a certified ski instructor and began working at Peak and Peak Ski Resort in New York then Seven Springs Ski Resort near Champion. The most important thing in Roy's life was his family. Roy experienced great joy seeing his grandchildren learning to ski at Seven Springs Ski Resort, riding motorcycles with his son and spending family time together at their second home in Somerset. He also greatly enjoyed time he spent with his brother-in-law, David Flick and his wife Susan.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bethesda Children's Home, 15667 State Highway 86, Meadville, Pa 16335 or Saegertown Fire Department, P.O. Box 164, Saegertown, Pa 16433.

**Richmond (Dick) W. Allison, Jr.** died Saturday, June 7 at his second home in Eustis, Maine.

Born February 25, 1939 in Boston, Massachusetts. Raised in Swampscott, MA and graduated from Fryeburg Academy, Fryeburg, ME. He received his degree from Paul's Smith College in Paul's Smith, NY in Forestry. He also attended the University of Massachusetts (Amherst).

His primary residence was in Wolfeboro, NH. He was President and CEO of the Maine Line Company (Drilling and Blasting) located in Wolfeboro and Stratton, ME.

Dick was an outstanding skier and was a member of the Professional Ski Instructors of America for 50 years. He was taught skiing by Hans Schneider (father of Modern Skiing) and his son Herbert in North Conway. Dick taught skiing at Sugarloaf, Cranmore, Lake Placid Club, NY, Witter and Wildcat Mountains. He was also instrumental in establishing the Sugarloaf Ski Club.



**Patricia Summers, 61**, died on June 19, 2015 in Golden, Colorado, from heart failure due to complications of valvular heart disease caused by congenital heart defects. Patti was born on March 26, 1954, in Teaneck, New Jersey. Patti was a longtime resident of Nyack, New York and most recently an eight-year resident of Frisco, Colorado.

A proud certified level III ski teacher and 20-year member of PSIA, Patti was a very dedicated and caring ski teacher to all; teaching at Windham Mountain in New York and Copper Mountain in Colorado. She will

be remembered for her know-no-limits personality that shined with passion, loyalty, love and most of all fun. She was a true Renaissance woman with impressive and unsurpassed competencies: pilot, sailor, ski teacher, pianist, guitar player and interior decorator. There was no craft or project, big or small that she could not master.

Patti is survived by daughter Brooke Summers and beloved Australian Shepherd companion Aly. Patti will be deeply missed as a mother, mentor, teacher and friend.

Submitted by Jennie Crossley



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### This is your brain on snow

By Bonnie Kolber  
AASI Examiner Training Squad &  
ACE Team Member

**T**hink back to when you were first getting the hang of snowboarding - do you remember the first time you hit uneven or unexpected terrain and recovered? I do. I was popping in and out of the woods on the side of a favorite trail and hit a little rutted out kicker to get back onto the trail. Little did I know there was a good 6 foot drop off the tree root! Some Zen reaction kicked in and somehow I landed it. I felt surprised and elated and couldn't wait to do it again... on purpose! Now that I knew I could.

This kind of moment is a subconscious reaction that draws on our motor memories. I recently heard the story of Clive Wearing, a British musician who had severe amnesia, on NPR. He wrote in his diary about every ten minutes, "now I am truly awake," then cross it out ten minutes later and write "NOW I am truly awake," for pages and pages. Even though he had lost the ability to make new memories and every moment was like waking from a coma, he could still play piano perfectly and sight read music, because it drew on muscle/motor memory. Psychologists call this type of memory "procedural memory," a type of long term memory that develops by repeating a complex activity over and over again until all of the relevant neural systems work together to automatically produce the activity.

What is the connection between these stories and teaching snowboarding?

Repetition and free riding create this procedural memory and help our students develop the motor skills for riding snowboards until it becomes automatic, like it did for us. There are several ways to do this.

One way is to start with a basic move then add another layer, like adding on to a beat or rhythm in a song. This is called spiral learning, where critical skills are reviewed at regular intervals. Think of poems like "There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly," where the first line is repeated, then each subsequent line is repeated so by the end you could recite most of it by heart. This is a great way to develop muscle memory and get students out of their heads. As the instructor it is important to remind them what they are doing and point out how much they've accomplished when they get it. Help them use skills they already know to put together more challenging moves or ride harder terrain.

Another way to help our students create muscle memory is through drills. Selecting a specific skill and giving them something they can practice is really valuable for fine tuning aspects of their riding such as transitions, timing, and ranges of motion. Guided practice is key for

breaking down movements and isolating the skills that need work in order to create those neural pathways that make for good snowboarding reflexes.

Finally, often the most overlooked form of repetition is FREERIDE time. Don't feel like you as the instructor have to be "instructing" all the time! Independent practice, whether as a free run in your class or on their own time is a chance for your students to integrate all these skills they've been working on and to discover their own timing and style. This is incredibly useful to allow new movements to become automatic.

"Practice doesn't make perfect, it makes permanent." This is why instructor feedback is SO important! I recommend allowing students plenty of guided practice, and either providing freeride time at the end of a lesson or alternating it with spiral learning as new skills are acquired, cementing the old ones deep in their muscle memory. This way, even if they suffer severe amnesia they can still get out on the mountain and shred! ☺

### Simple Teaching Overcomes Killed Energy

By: Ian Boyle, AASI Development team, Jay Peak Resort, VT

**Whoosh!"... "Whoosh!"... "Whoosh!"...** These sounds followed by an unfamiliar choking feeling were both masked by one of the most EPIC of human emotions: being stoked! I'm, of course, describing my first bottomless powder turns followed by a white-out face-shot that literally took my breath away. When you are absolutely stoked out of your mind all you want to do is shout about it. It's that emotion that drives us to do what we do.

One of the most gratifying things about being an instructor is leading people to that "AH-hah!" moment. That moment when your student links their first turn or stomps that Backside 360 they've been chasing after. Getting these moments can, at times, be quite a process. Keeping things fun and simple is even tougher. Just remember; Simple Teaching Overcomes Killed Energy, or S.T.O.K.E.

In our world, most of our interactions with students are only over a few short hours. By keeping things simple you allow more time for movement, practice, and success creating more stoke through the lesson. As we get more time with a student we can add more layers to the simplicity cake by setting small goals that create huge wins. Stoke can be a sneaky rabbit at times. She loves to randomly show

up, make a scene, and with one wrong move, she can be frightened away just as quick as she came. This is where keeping your teaching simple will stop energy (yours and your student's) from burning out.

I was teaching these four awesome kids to ride the park and the energy was high. First thing the next day, all four were bright-eyed and bushy-tailed to head to the park and get jibby with it. After some talking, demonstrating, and feeling our boards slide over the box, it was time to drop. The first one drops: nailed it! Next two go with amazing smoothness. You could feel the stoke level rising. Child four drops with a solid approach, a good takeoff, and then: SLAM!!! She opened her shoulders and caught toe edge while on the box.

After making sure she was okay, the group decided some mellow groomer runs were in order. We had a nose/tail manual competition and after some time playing, the stoke was back. The little girl turned to me and asked, "Can we go back to the park?" Needless to say, I was excited by her renewed confidence. Her and I were both nervous as she called her drop. She started with another solid approach, good confidence on the take-off, into a buttery tail press across the box! Cheers and high fives all around! Not only had she conquered her fear of the box, she stepped the game up for the whole group. When asked how she did that, she replied, "Well it was just the same as a tail manual right?" With a huge grin I told her, "Absolutely!" Taking the level back to a simple tail manual and practicing with other flat board tricks enabled her to progress beyond where the wall was originally hit.

We teach to stoke and inspire our students through a sport that we have all fallen in love with. Leading them through that journey can often be complicated and stressful, yet very rewarding when your teaching and their abilities collide, creating unforgettable success. The sharing of these moments is what creates life-changing fun and leaves your students craving for more. Just remember that - Simple Teaching Overcomes Killed Energy - and bring the STROKE back into any lesson. ☺



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## AASI Update

By Brian Donovan

Eastern Division AASI Advisor

**G**reetings everyone! That time of the year is upon us again. I can see my breath when I go outside in the morning, it's dark when I take my dog for walks after dinner, social media is filled with photos of snow guns practicing their art, and I, like all of you, cannot wait to make my first turns of the season. This is also the best time of year to develop plans for how we want to attack our own personal growth as instructors with the unveiling of the annual AASI Event Schedule. I encourage you to take a minute to glance through the entire schedule to find some events that look fun and can help you get better at teaching and riding this season. I have also included a brief summary of some of the new event offerings that you will find on this schedule for this season.

1. AASI Snowboard Resort Area Trainer – This new event is geared towards Level 3 certified snowboard instructors, coaches, and trainers. The focus of this event is to give snowboard trainers top level training ideas, movement patterns, clinic concepts, and technical information to take back and use in clinics at their home mountains and to help them train other instructors seeking to better themselves. This event is open to all AASI Level 3 certified trainers. AASI Level 2 certified trainers may attend with Director's signature.

2. Women's Park Camps – Following up on the success of our Women's Camps, we will be offering Terrain Park specific 2-day camps for female instructors at Seven Springs and Mount Snow resorts this season. The goal of the Women's Park Camps is to provide the opportunity to ride and socialize with other women who share an interest in progressing in terrain parks. These events will spend the majority of the time working on freestyle progression both inside and outside of the various terrain parks at the host mountains.

3. Freestyle Specialist Accreditation Prep Events – These events are intended as a practice test/trial run to prepare candidates for FS2 and FS3 accreditations. Expect to be given the opportunity to teach and ride to the FS2/FS3 standards and be provided with feedback and coaching specific to your performance in relation to the standards. Riding and coaching tasks will be similar to those you will experience at the FS2/FS3 events.

4. Halfpipe Camp – Halfpipe Camp is back this year at Okemo Resort March 14th and 15th! Spend 2 days focused on dialing in your halfpipe game. Whether you have never been in a halfpipe before, are looking to improve your skills in the pipe in order to prepare to meet the National Standards at a certification exam, or are just looking to have an awesome two days focused on lapping the pipe, this event will surely not disappoint.

5. Snowskating events are back! There will be four snowskating events this year at Sunday River, Belknap, Peek'n Peak, and Jay Peak Resort. Check the

event schedule for specific dates, come on out, and experience a great way to slide the mountain and improve your snowboarding.

6. The mid-season Level 2 certification exam will be held at Elk Mountain, PA 1/25/16 – 1/27/16. If you feel your skills are ready to meet the Level 2 National Standards, and you just can't wait until the end of the season to prove it, join us at Elk Mountain in January.

7. The end-of-season Level 2 and Level 3 certification exams will be held at Killington Resort 4/4/16 – 4/6/16. Start preparing now, and be ready to put your skills on display at Killington in April!

Remember that you can always find more event description information on the PSIA/AASI Eastern Division website at <http://www.psia-e.org/ev/event-descriptions/>, and you can also find helpful information regarding the National Standards at <https://www.thesnowpros.org/BeaSkiorSnowboardInstructor/PSIA-AASINationalStandards.aspx>. ☞

## DAY ONE OF MANY: Solving the "Split"

By: Joshua Larimar -

AASI ETS Team Member

and William Winn - AASI Level 3

**M**any resorts have week-long programs like vacation week clubs, or even season-long recreational and competitive teams, they are fun, rewarding, and have many different challenges than typical group or private lessons. These groups often present a "split", and it is the coach's job to manage difference in skills by encouraging cohesion within the group based on common goals, games, objectives, identity (like team names) or any variety of teaching techniques. To resolve a split and build a team that will work to support each other's efforts, use some of these proven strategies and tactics.

The first thing to do with a new group of students (aside from greeting one another and playing a fun game) is discovering everyone's riding level. The range of student's proficiency will dictate the difficulty of the trails and tasks a coach may choose. Students will often overestimate or underestimate their riding ability. A successful way to determine a group's ability is to test them with tasks instead of terrain. Get your team on easy terrain at the beginning of the week. Give them a variety of tasks that will simulate different skills in the Y-model (180's, carves, skids, butters, etc.). Splits are not always clear: sometimes students will excel in certain areas of the Y-model and struggle in others. Take mental notes on the strengths you see and build on them later in the program.

As a coach increases the difficulty of terrain, they will need to assess and improve the riding level of ALL the students. Always have the team working together on the same general movement or skill (i.e. pivot, tilt, rotation or carving, butters, etc.). To help everyone learn, create smaller groups that challenge each student at their level. Increase the difficulty of the

task for proficient riders and focus on basic movements for those with initial or elementary proficiency in the same area. By separating the tasks into smaller riding groups, the coach can control the pace down the slope. Effectively slowing down the faster riders and allowing the slower riders to keep pace. Once the group's riding improves, increase the terrain difficulty again. This will encourage group bonding as the riders will be growing together.

Here are a few great examples of how this can work. Start on green terrain, task the faster riders with riding switch stance and work on carve turns with the slower riders. Link the group together by using a flex and extension movement to help complete the carve or switch turn. Address the group as a whole and explain they will all be flexing at the start of their turn and extending at the end. Explain to your team that we are all practicing/training together just on different riding aspects. Be sure to give the team the ability to identify when this move has been done successfully (V.A.K. queues work best, i.e. smooth transition, increase in speed, etc.). High fives and group encouragement to follow when team members complete the tasks.

Ramping up to blue terrain, focus the group on the rhythm in their turns using a musical reference that corresponds with the turn style. The slower songs will increase turn size (medium radius) and more intense songs will tighten the turn size or increase intensity (slash turns). Apply the same flex and extension movements from before, just vary the intensity of the extension. For a medium radius turn use a low intensity extension and the slash turn would be high intensity extension. Again, high fives and group bonding to follow when team members complete the tasks.

Once you're on black terrain the focus should be toward safety. As a coach you should be confident that your team has shown the skills to conquer black terrain, while they might be lacking the confidence required. If one student in the group is making you hesitant about taking things to the "next level" chances are that they are nervous too. A successful group tactic is to make frequent stops in safe places on the trail, alternate team leads to let your group feel like they are conquering the terrain together. The coach should focus on the group's pace and technique down the trail. Each individual should focus on improving their own riding by applying the skills previously learned. With the new steeper terrain, some students might need your calm reminder or rephrasing of the skills you've worked on. Instill a theme of safety in your group discussions, and everyone will know that safety is important.

By assessing the teams riding early, varying the tasks given, and solidifying team stoke level each individual will be able to grow somewhere in the Y-Model. These tactics should begin on day one. With a little creativity, you can develop your own games with all these tips and tricks to increase everyone's fun. Enhance the experience for every student and look past the "level" they should be in. Challenge yourself to create inclusiveness in your next radical group of grommets. ☞

## adaptive airtime

### Looking at Adaptive for 2020

By Kathy Chandler  
PSIA-e Adaptive Advisor

I have been involved with, and examining for certification, in Adaptive for over 20 years. I know that's hard to imagine...for me too, but I feel very lucky to have lived through an amazing growth and acceptance of people with many differences and challenges learning to ski and ride, and helping others show their passion for teaching this population. Gwen Allard was our leader who fought hard for adaptive to be accepted as a viable discipline within PSIA, not only for the east but nationally. Those of you who know Gwen, know that she is a force to be reckoned with when she has a cause. We would not be where we are today without her passion and leadership.

Adaptive Programs have grown and most ski areas have some sort of accommodations for people with disabilities who come to their mountain. Thank you Gwen for helping to make that happen. There will always be a place for people who need specialized equipment, and instructors who can handle that; however, so many of the adaptive programs around the country were filled with students who were high functioning, with smaller issues. Parents were putting their children in adaptive to get the specialized one-on-one instruction. These students were learning to ski or ride, many to the point that they could go off and ski/ride with their family and friends. Success! It worked. We were able to get many people off their couches and out skiing, and everyone was so excited about their accomplishments. It was a win-win for us all.

As I look forward, I see "mainstreaming" and "integrating" happening everywhere; and know a number of people, who were once part of adaptive, are now part of the "regular" snowsports schools, and more parents want it that way. This mainstreaming is what they are getting in schools and they want the same for sports. This is a soapbox I have been on for years now. I pretty much say it to anyone who will listen. So, not all the numbers in the adaptive programs are growing as they once did, when it was new and innovative, and we were able to reach a population that never thought they could participate in snowsports. Now, we are looking toward a time when more and more classes will be made up of people with more challenges than we've had in the past, and we need to recognize that, and be able to teach them all. The regular alpine and snowboard schools will need to have a group of instructors who are trained

to teach people with challenges. As a result, more of our specialized instructors will become part of the regular snowsports schools. A smaller group will remain in adaptive programs to handle students with challenges that cannot be mainstreamed. The leadership within adaptive needs to help to train more people to recognize differences, and have the skills to teach to all students. It's the way we are moving.

It has almost come full circle and our adaptive programs may become smaller or obsolete as our regular snowsports schools are able to handle more people with challenges. I'm not sure I'll be around for another 20 years to see it, but you can bet I'll be watching as adaptive evolves into the next generation. «

### "Skiing is skiing is skiing" - observations of an adaptive coach's development

By Ed Meltzer  
Adaptive Development Team  
L3 Adaptive, L2 Alpine

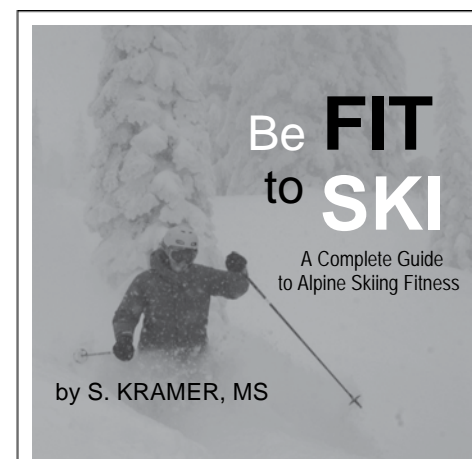
Our PSIA-E Adaptive Development team leader, Kathy Chandler, never tires of saying, "Skiing is skiing is skiing." I happen to agree, but it took a long time for me to realize it. When I first volunteered for what is now New England Disabled Sports (NEDS), I primarily found a culture of joy in skiing and a desire to share that joy with our student population. Looking back, many of our well-meaning instructors didn't take the time to challenge our students to improve. In fairness, there were some great alpine instructors at NEDS then, and many more now, who understand that skiing is skiing, I am writing this article, not to them, but to those who do not yet make this connection.

As a rookie, I bought in hook, line and sinker. I worked very hard to become a competent tetherer. I was, and continue to be, thrilled to give our least independent students rides in the "Mountain Man" Bi Ski. I took my level 1 in Mono-Bi the first season and I got on track to get the shiny pin of a level 2 Adaptive instructor. I told anyone who asked that I had no use for Alpine because my intention was to be an adaptive instructor, period. Although our sports director, Geoff Krill was always talking about, "it's just skiing", it was his timely council that pushed me to explore the Alpine side. He told me that if I wanted to pass level 3 Adaptive, I would need to be able to teach ATS skiing at a high level. He said that it would make success much easier if I redirected my focus to a better understanding of skiing.

I ventured off into the PSIA-E Alpine world, starting with an exam prep and then the level 2 Alpine exam. By doing so, a whole new world opened up to me! I was so impressed by the consistency of the

examiners' skiing, movement analysis and teaching. What they said made so much sense, and they said it with such a high level of understanding, that it was infectious. There were many "aha" moments. With a deeper understanding of skiing, I realized I needed to rethink how to teach skiing using our adaptive tools. Fortunately, I was not the only one at NEDS heading down this route. There was, and continues to be, an ever expanding group seeking Alpine certification. We already have several instructors, (examiners), with level 3 pins in both disciplines. They recommended this approach from the beginning, but self-discovery plays a big part in how we choose our paths.

I believe if we look down the road, the ski industry's approach to attracting students and teaching is going to continue to bring the Adaptive and Alpine worlds closer together. As an adaptive instructor, the better we are at teaching skiing, the more valuable we will be to our students, our program and our industry. «



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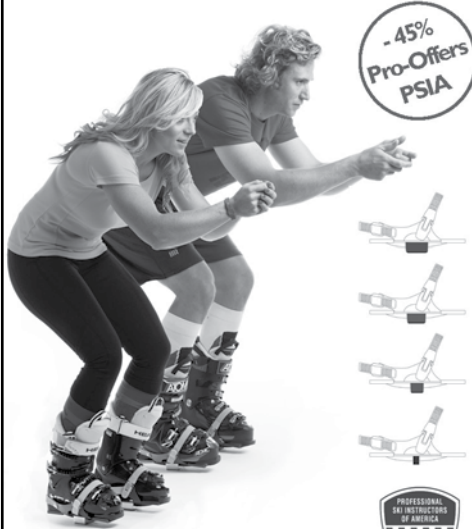
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## snow sports school management

### Snowsports Seminar – Making the Connection Count

By Doug Daniels

*Snowsports Management Committee Chair*

*Alpine Examiner & ETS Coach*

As I sit down to write this first article as the chair of the Snowsports Management Committee Chair I am paying the price for procrastination. Currently at my home area of Mount Snow we are in the midst of getting ready to open the gates for our 18th annual Octoberfest. Over the course of the next 2 days, we will see about 8000 of our favorite season pass-holders, kids that participate in our seasonal programs, and key winter staff as they return to our valley for what we all hope will be an amazing winter. I tell you this story, so I can tell you another one:

As we all welcome winter in our own ways I think we all have a few things in common: We are hopeful for a great winter; we are looking forward to seeing our guests and staff return for another season; and we look forward to the sense of community that skiing and riding provide. We are excited to renew those contacts and make the connections with people that we sometimes fall out of step with during the “off-months”.

As it has been for a long time, this season’s Snowsports School Directors Seminar at Mount Snow, in early December, will be an opportunity to renew old contacts and make new ones. But this year’s program offers up another opportunity as well...the chance for Snowsports Directors, program managers, and supervisors to attend a 2-day educational event that is going to be focused on making a better connection with your ski area management. By looking at several topics through the lens of our partner in the industry - the National Ski Areas Association, we hope to offer you the ability to strike up a conversation about managing employee injuries or solving a staffing issue that will result in a better ratio for your programs. The upcoming seminar has been designed to meet the needs of the modern Snowsports manager by giving you a “direct feed” into some of the hot topics at the NSAA shows and seminars this summer and fall. In addition, we’ll boil it down to some of the issues that affect snowsports departments and their relationship with ski area managers. A detailed brochure is available to all member schools and I certainly encourage you to attend.

Earl Saline, former Education Manager for PSIA/AASI and now the Director of Education for NSAA will be our keynote speaker and will participate in our indoor programs. We will also be offering a risk management session that will be conducted by several members of the NSAA’s subcommittee currently tasked with developing educational content for snowsports schools relative to reducing injuries for on-snow staff. They will be offering a roundtable to share some best practices, and gather input from attendees to further develop this program as a partnership.

In addition to these NSAA and resort management focused sessions we will also be offering up a steady menu of indoor sessions for children’s programs, Adaptive, Snowboard, and the ever-popular small school roundtable. In addition, we will also have the return of an indoor movement analysis session that is exam specific – “What flies and what dies at exams”.

Jeb and Matt Boyd along with Eric Lipton will present information from Interski. In addition, Michael Mendrick will hold a Town Hall style meeting to talk about the Eastern Division, our push for Public Awareness, and the many grassroots promotional programs that we have developed and launched for this season.

Out on the snow, we will be sending out sessions that are exam specific to both the Skiing and Teaching exams; further exploration of the current manuals in the “bring the manual to life” series for skiing and riding; and a session that is all about finding the “stuff” that make a good instructor great. We will also follow up on last year’s Skills Quest partnership, with USSA, to help you to better train your staff.

Some additional events that will run concurrently with the Seminar. First, the Eastern Trainer’s Academy, will offer 100 and 200 tracks. Attendees who participated in last season’s Academy are eligible to attend the 200 track. A CS1 event, as well as a Snowboard and Adaptive Trainers tracks will also be offered. Lots of good stuff for almost any of your key supervisors and leadership. Any attendees of the additional events and tracks are invited to also attend the Keynote and the Town Hall meetings.

Many Snowsports School Directors work only a few weeks outside their operating season. We know you only have a small amount of time to get things together for the coming season. Many of us can relate to this challenge so the phrase “we are all in it together” certainly rings true. We hope this season’s Snowsports Management Seminar will arm you for a successful season of making connections with your ski area management and your staff through establishing common goals.

Yours in Snow! ☄

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Please note: Online registration is available for members only. Some sessions (exams, riding retakes, etc.) need to be processed through the office, and will not be available for online registration.

We encourage you to take advantage of our convenient event registration service! ☄

## kids, kids, kids

### What's New in the Kids' World?

By Sue Kramer  
Children's Committee Chair  
ACE Team Coach  
Alpine Examiner

During a late summer gathering in the Adirondacks, several children's committee and ACE team members brainstormed ways to improve all-things-snowsports-kids. In addition to learning how to paddleboard, we came up with a few exciting programs.



**The 1st Annual Hunger For Games Children's Academy**  
**Date: December 7-9, 2015**  
**Location: Mount Snow**

Members frequently ask for more games and activities to fill their toolbox, so this year's theme will be the 1st Annual Hunger For Games to be held at Mount Snow during the second week of December. ACE team members will present their favorite activities to attendees for a portion of the academy. The emphasis however, will be on learning to develop one's own activities to better connect with students in order to improve skills and enhance the overall learning experience. In keeping with this theme, Jeb Boyd, newly appointed National Team's Coach will speak at the academy about how to simplify the process to enhance the connections we make with students for better outcomes.

So, please join the ACE team and Children's Committee at this year's exciting 1st Annual Hunger For Games Academy. Effie, Haymitch and all the Victors and Tributes will be on snow skiing and riding. Learn what the pros do and find your strength in the field. Seriously folks- if you want games, we got games! And as always, may the game be ever in your favor.

#### Children's Specialist

Who doesn't want to be more creative and innovative with their teaching? Learning how to make the right decisions, at the right time, and for the right student will be a focal point of the Children's Specialist events.

Assessment cards will more accurately reflect what happens at the CS event. You'll see that it's very consistent with the Children's Specialist Rubric, which is the national document stating the expectations for CS1 and CS2, and is available at [www.psia-e.org](http://www.psia-e.org).

New this year is the combined Alpine and AASI Level 1 and CS1 events. Participants must pass the Level 1 portion to receive the CS1. It's a commitment for those who are ready, as both workbooks must be completed prior to attending the event.

#### Projects in the Works

##### Kids Kube Phone App

We're really excited about the Eastern division's new Kids Kube Phone App, which will be available to members by Christmas. Using YouTube to host very short video clips (under 2 minutes each), the Kids Kube app will provide pros with demonstrations of activities that are appropriate for different ages, skills, and

learning zones. All told, there will be 27 variations to choose from. Depending on what level, age, and skill your student is working on, we'll have an idea for you!

#### Webinar

This past summer, Griz Caudle, the wizard himself, developed our first children's development webinar. With the help of Melissa Skinner and a few guinea pigs it was tested and is now ready for use. The first webinar will be held live at the SMSS. The intention of the webinar is to provide interested members with the opportunity to learn from home. As we all know this method of disseminating information has become widely accepted as a norm in education.

#### ACE Team Selection

As you can see, the ACE team is very busy these days and is looking for passionate, energetic, and creative members. If you are looking to give back to the membership by being a leader of children's snowsports education in the eastern division, sign up for the tryout, which will be held in March at Stowe, in conjunction with the DEV team exam.

Once the Thanksgiving hangover has worn off, we'll have more information on the App, Webinar, and ACE team exam posted on [www.psia-e.org](http://www.psia-e.org). And lastly, if there's only one children's event that you can do this winter, consider the Children's Academy. It's bound to leave you inspired and ready to teach! <<

### Our Youngest Clients

By Darlene Desroches  
Alpine Level 1 Ski/ Snowboard Level 1  
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As instructors, we have lesson plans in our head as we to our weekly program, walk-in group lessons or scheduled private lessons. But what happens if you get the "Crier" (where everyone knows where you are on the teaching area) or young 2- 5 year old who is unsure of the sport and will not fully participate in your planned lesson?

Most programs have these 2-5 year olds on the snow for only short periods of time due to their ages. So how can we as instructors use the little time on the snow to get them moving on skis? How do we get those criers or children with some doubts about the sport to put the skis on?

1. Let the criers know you cannot help them when they are crying. Crying is usually fear of the unknown or being away from parents, however, talking to them in a calm soothing voice (about anything that makes them stop... their outfit, favorite color, favorite snack, what they did in pre-school, etc.) to ease the tears. Assure them you will not let them get hurt, that you will stay with them as they explore their new environment and that their parents "just went to get coffee" and will return for them.
2. Yes they are young to have conversations with... But speak with them in words they understand while kneeling/sitting at eye level with them. Ask questions to find out why they are scared of the new sport... are they afraid of going too fast? Is the teaching area too big of a hill? Are they cold? Are they hot? Do their feet hurt? Do not downplay or ignore their feeling- they are very real to them. Let them know it is ok to be a little "scared" (lack of better term) and have these fears. Once again, reassurance that you will be with them and not let them get hurt goes a long way.
3. Once you figured out the fear they perceive with the new sports, have them observe the other students for a few minutes. If staffing permits, can one of the instructors or apprentices stay with them to explain what the others are doing? Slowly easing them into the group activities is the goal, even if done in a limited way. They do not want to put skis on... can they do sidestepping or "ski" down the hill with only their boots? They don't want to put that second ski on... work on the drills with only one ski or do balance drills.
4. Distract them with a learning environment made up of props. Besides the usual set-up with hoola hoops and cones, there are great "natural" distract-

tions in your ski area. In the ski area that I work, if you can get 1 or 2 skis on . . . . we scoot on over to see the snowmaking guns up close, move toward the ski lift to see older kids getting on, or explore the area where groomers/ski mobiles are stored. We can work on scooting, side stepping, learning how to turn around with stepping, and if you go the right route. . . go down small hilly areas to get them acclimated to sliding down hills.

Assurance that we as instructors will be there, that you won't let them get hurt, and you will work at their comfort pace is what these type of students are looking for in the lesson. Do they put a damper on your "lesson plan" . . . sure they do. The great part of getting these fearful students is the reward at the end of program when they are skiing and smiling. You just have to be willing to work and wait for it! <<

## Hunger for Games - Creating your own Games and Activities

By Steve McGrath

A3, SB1, CS2

PSIA-E Children's Committee, Region 1 Rep.

Snow Sports Stars Supervisor, Mount Sunapee

It seems that every year I overhear a conversation that goes something like this, "I saw you doing this really neat, great, wonderful, new thing with your students. Can I steal it and where did you ever come up with it?" Well, the answer to the second question can be found in the Hunger for Games quiz. Test your Games IQ and see if you can match Effie and Haymitch. No peeking ahead at the answers.

A Hunger for Games is:

- Fun games that you do, or play, with your students.
- Built upon the principals of safety, fun and learning.
- An exercise or progression that is skill based, grounded in biomechanical principals, and ages and stages appropriate.
- All of the above.

A Game or Activity is

- An original creation.
- Something borrowed from another.
- A spur of the moment BFO [blinding flash of the obvious].
- All of the above.

An activity/game is:

- Infinitely adaptable.
- Affected by slope conditions, snow conditions, and the attitudes of the students.
- Age and gender neutral.
- All of the above.

Your Game is:

- Something you own.
- A talk you can talk.
- A walk you can walk.
- All of the above.

So how did you do on your Hunger for Games quiz? If you chose answer D each time, toss your tassel, walk across the stage, get your diploma and go celebrate. If you found yourself wondering, guessing, or just not sure, then it's time to come to the Children's Academy at Mt Snow, December 7-9, and join in the 1st annual Hunger for Games event. Yes, we the Children's Committee, as well as the ACE team, are going to help you satisfy your Hunger and go away full of experiences that will allow you all to master the fun of creating Activities/Games for your students.

For those of you that cannot attend the Academy, I would urge you to look at the Children's event schedule and find another fun and informative Children's event to attend. Or do it the old fashion, way and read. I recommend PSIA's excellent Children's Instruction manual and any and all books on the Further Reading section in the back. In addition, Ellen Post Foster's great books, the PSIA newsletters, and all of the great new AASI materials are a must.

Finally, our students are always our best resources, their happy faces, glowing cheeks, and enthusiastic "See You Tomorrow's" always prove we used our activities/games as tools to create a safe, fun, learning environment.

For extra credit, create an activity/game to develop or improve the edging skill for skiers or riders levels 1-9 using as a concept the idea of a ladder. E-mail your game to me at [sugarsoc@srnet.com](mailto:sugarsoc@srnet.com). I will collate the answers, have them reviewed by an experienced panel of judges (real students), and write another article to publish the results. <<

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## xx-ploring

### Nordic and Telemarking Season Preview

By Mickey Stone, Nordic Coordinator

The Nordic Discipline is ready to go for another great season. The staff is excited for another year of fun educational events for our members. Some are especially excited after coming off of a unique experience at Alta and Snowbird Utah last April participating in the Inter Tele event. Some of the clinics we attended were very supportive of the Eastern's outlook on our Telemark education. Some of the popular takeaways included a lot of leg transition discussions, application of pressure on either ski through the turn for different turn types and strategies for steep terrain with variable snow conditions.

Detailed movement analysis of the USTSA Telemark racers was also analyzed by the U.S. Coach Ty Upton and Keith Rodney from the East as one of the clinics. Allowing your new turn to happen early at the top with the lead change already made was an activity focus we all tried to accomplish. Your Eastern Team of Nordic Examiners will have a lot of outside information and stories for you this year. Please check out the recent 32 Degrees with commentaries from Eastern Examiners who participated in InterTele.

In addition to last season we also have a National Team Tryout this year in April at Breckenridge, Colorado. This season if you have one of the participants as a clinic leader or you see them at an event please give them your support and some kudos. Any member willing to help financially for cost incurred for the trip please contact Mickey Stone, Nordic Team Coach for details. Good luck Karen Dalury and Ali Pirnar from Killington, Matt Charles from West Mountain, Christian Nation from Seven Springs and Keith Rodney from Mount Snow.



2015 Inter Tele participants enjoying a perfect day!

### Event Schedule

This season we have 29 Telemark, 19 Cross Country and 5 Backcountry events on the slate. Please look at the early season events in Telemark at Sunday River, ME, Seven Springs PA. and Wachusett MA as this is a great way to get some early season skiing and polish for your teaching this year. Also, our ever-popular Mini Academy and the Sno Pro Jam will again be in December at Killington. This year on the Wednesday topic day we will have Telemarkdown.com offering Telemark demos for the day and clinics on how to and ski improvement, so try something different this year on the transition day. For Cross Country we have four early season events in December. We have Teaching/Skiing at Lapland Lakes NY. and Rikert X-C in VT as well as our popular Instructor Training Course at Bretton Woods. Then in early January at Trapps Family Lodge we have a Master's Clinic for intermediate and above skiers. Do not forget that they have their own brewery there with award winning beers made from true Bavarian hops.

This off season we fine tuned our event descriptions for both disciplines and course outlines. For Telemark we detailed the exam scorecard by dropping one movement analysis section and eliminating snapshots so we have more time for participants to teach, explore terrain and do movement analysis more in-depth. Please look at the study guide for updates and the new scorecards. In addition to that I would like to thank Karen Dalury, Ali Pirnar, Jay Nation, Keith Rodney, Dave Gould, Shannon Belt and Matt Charles for creating the new test questions for our online exam using the New Telemark Manual. So the online exam is now made up of questions from the Core Concepts and the New Telemark Manual.

This early season we will be honoring John Tidd's retirement as an Examiner Emeritus for his 30 years of service as a Cross Country examiner before PSIA-E was created, First Eastern Telemark Examiner, previous National Nordic Team member and our spiritual leader and mentor for all these years. Look for the Sno Pro Jam awards night to celebrate John's illustrious career. Get in shape, try something new this year and sign up for a Nordic event early this season. Enjoy stick season and see you in the mountains.



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## your turn

### Flex and rock and roll

By Dave Gould

PSIA-E Telemark DCL, A2

Sugarbush

After reading Matt Charles' article "The Bomber Stance", I was pumped to get back on the hill. Matt touched on most every movement and skill we use and need, for effective and efficient telemark skiing. I could almost feel the power, control, and freedom we feel on the hill when everything lines up just right. I wanted to pull out all of my gear; make sure I really did put the summer wax on in the spring; see what I will need (want) for this season; and put on my tele boots just to walk down the road and get the mail. After all, I have to get my feet used to them again, and the boots used to my feet.

It was then the realization hit; I can't do any of this. I'm not allowed to do any of this. The Doc says "No". It has been a long, lazy summer. I haven't been allowed to do any of the things that I would normally do to stay fit in the off season. Will I be strong enough to ski? Can I ski myself back into shape?

At the time of this writing, I am 21 weeks post op and have just started using 1 and 2 pound weights in my PT. In the spring, I had rotator cuff surgery to repair multiple, massive tears in three muscles, three tendons and the labrum. I have just been cleared for "mellow" bike rides. That's a long way to go and a lot of strengthening to do, in a short period of time.

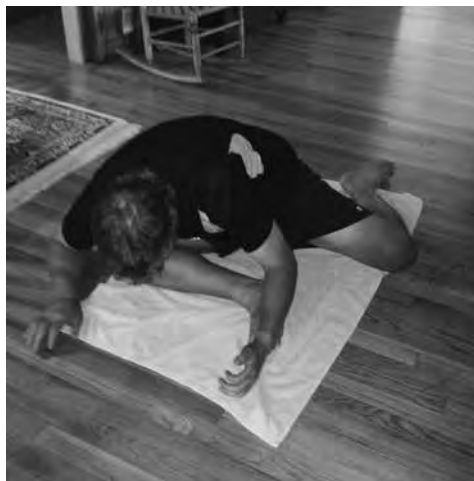
Then the light bulb! Where does the energy come from when we ski? Do we have to create that energy? Is it all created by physical strength? The answer, obviously, is no. There are many outside forces at work here. The two most important forces being gravity and centripetal force. Gravity pulls us down the hill toward the Earth's core and the snow pushes our skis back against us toward the center of our arced turns, centripetal force. If we harness these outside forces by manipulating our body parts, as Matt pointed out, we don't need to expend much of our own energy. Let the tools do the work for us!

So here's the deal... We need to be able to manipulate body parts in order to maintain our balance as we slide over different types of terrain. We rotate our legs under a stable upper body. We create angles to balance against the outside forces. We flex and extend. We reach with our legs, either simultaneously or independently, to the outside of the turn. An alpine examiner once told me that if you stand in the right place on the skis, the magic just happens. If we are able to do all of these things we don't need to be the source of energy.

What makes moving our body easier? - Flexibility and range of motion. It's far more difficult to create good angles and steer our legs under a stable body if we lack flexibility. My physical therapist said to work on my mobility and the strength will come. As a result, working to get the range of motion and flexibility back in my shoulder has been a huge part of my recovery.

A couple of years ago, I incorporated the following stretches into my workout routine and they have really changed my skiing. If you've ever been told to create better angles, extend more through the center of the turn, or that you need more counter, these stretches should help.

The obvious stretch is our quads. Obvious, because they often demand the most attention at the end of a ski day. While there are tons of ways to stretch our quads, I prefer to kneel on the floor with the tops of my feet flat on the floor and sit on my heels. This provides a great stretch and I don't have to worry about falling over while I drink a beer. ;) You can decide how you stretch your own quads, just remember, as with any exercises, start slow and know your limits. It really comes down to preference. Same goes for hamstrings. You can choose any of the myriad ways to stretch these muscles but you must stretch them consistently.



Now for the good stuff! Hip flexors. We often forget about these muscles but they are the key to leg steering, angulation and counter. The first stretch is a kind of modified pigeon pose from yoga. Sitting on the floor, bring one foot out in front of you with the knee bent so that your shin runs across your body. The other leg is behind you, also with the knee bent, for balance. Now simply lower your chest toward the front foot. Hold this for thirty seconds, then switch sides. In time, you should be able to rest your chest on your ankle.

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The next stretch I call the Happy Dog because it makes you look like a dog lying on his belly in the middle of the room. Begin by getting on all fours, elbows on the floor. Now, carefully let your knees slide out to the sides and away from each other. Hold this for thirty seconds, as well. Start small, slow and work your way up to big full stretches. You'll be amazed at how this will improve your skiing!

So, that's what I'm doing to get ready for the season, and I will continue throughout the winter. These key stretches will provide the flexibility that allows me to maintain balance and enlist the outside forces to do the bulk of the work for me. I'll let you know how it turns out.

See you on the hill. <<

### The Duality of Performance and Coaching

By Stan Wilkes

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I have been an athlete my entire life. From motocross to mountain biking to long distance running, I love challenging my body and pushing myself to the limit. But from day one of my ski career, I knew this sport was something special. The passion came over me like an avalanche the first day I walked down the access road of my hometown mountain, Whitetail Ski Resort. Since then, as soon as I can feel a bite in the air, it's the first thing I think about when I wake up, and it's the last thing running through my mind at the end of the day. The 20+ years that have passed since my first day teaching have only shown me to a greater degree how unique skiing is in comparison to other sports.

Picture this: You are relaxing on the couch watching your favorite football team on Sunday, and suddenly, your favorite player, is pulled from the

game. The player that replaces him? The coach! It's unheard of, right? Not in the world of skiing. Many athletes will play their selected sport and then, after peaking or achieving their goals, retire to coaching. But not in skiing, and this makes our world special! There is no other sport that requires you to perform at a high level as an athlete while simultaneously requiring proper coaching techniques.

After pondering this duality, I pose this question to you, my fellow snowsport instructors: what do you focus on in training, your skiing performance or your pedagogy (your methods of teaching, aka your toolbox)? A perfect answer would be equal amounts of time, but if most professionals answer honestly, I believe it is their personal skiing performance. Of course, each mountain and resort has their own unique focus, depending on the training staff and their goals, but a number of individuals in our field can walk the walk but cannot talk the talk. To elaborate, many instructors can mimic a demonstration, but they do not have a solid foundation of the mechanics, the skills involved, and more importantly, how to coach these skills. As I continue on my journey as an Education Staff Member, it has become clear that personal pedagogy needs to be a strong focus for instructors.

If you are a trainer, you can do this by making a conscious effort to spend as much time working on coaching development as you do on personal skiing. Use lift time to pick the brains of your staff. Figure out where their baseline of knowledge is; don't forget, just because you "covered this before" doesn't mean your entire staff can put that lesson into practice on their own. When I first started doing this, I found that instructors were a little reluctant to be put on the spot, so keep in mind, intimidation is not the goal. Take time to develop trust, get to know your students, and don't be afraid to let them know how passionate you are about their potential success. Ultimately, the majority of these instructors want every bit of info you can give them and the chair lift is the perfect place. Today, my staff fight to sit with me on chairlift rides!

Also as a trainer, sometimes listening is just as effective as sharing information. Listening (not always an "easy" passive skill) is a key trait in effective communication. Listening, is just keeping your ears open at all times. It's amazing what you hear on and off the slopes that you can catch and correct. I have used many afternoons, while taking boots off, to listen to a conversation about a lesson to make sure that skills were being applied properly. Then, I could start a conversation about what was applicable to the student they were teaching. Training and honing this skill will also help your own teaching in the future. Don't forget, as a trainer, you have been put here for a reason!

If you are an instructor, I challenge you this winter with a few simple exercises. First, ask questions, and then ask them again. I was able to achieve my goals as an instructor and skier because I was not

afraid to ask the question, and then, more importantly, to ask why. Go one step deeper; ask until you are able to explain it to yourself and to a student. If you can't explain it to a student, you don't understand it yet. This mentality not only helps you, but it helps everyone on your staff! Not all trainers have the answers, but the good ones will go out and find the answer for you. If they don't help you, go find someone that will. Which brings me to my next exercise, surround yourself with two or three individuals you believe in and you connect with. Shadow their lessons when you are off the clock. Drill them about everything you learned until you have a clear understanding. You won't connect with everyone on your mountain, and that's ok. My goal for you is to find those people who speak to you in a way you can understand and meet the needs of your learning style. Finally, my last exercise for you is to never teach a skill that you do not clearly understand, especially when you aren't sure in what context you should use the skill. If you accept this last part of the challenge and set the goal of understanding each task you do and how it pertains to the body, equipment, and ski to snow interaction, you will see your teaching/coaching soar to another level, and don't be surprised that your skiing will go up a notch or two.

I hope instructors and training staff alike are able to accept this challenge this winter. ❄️

## What's in your Quiver?

By *Clermont Boutin*

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**T**he Urban Dictionary online ([www.urbandictionary.com](http://www.urbandictionary.com)) indicates "A ski quiver refers to a skier's collection of ski gear. A ski quiver can be anywhere from one to fifty pairs, or more, of skis or ski boots, depending on the individual's point of view." It wasn't until last season that I learned the value of a good ski quiver. I had always said if you have a good pair of skis you can ski everything, but now I know differently.


As a young hockey player my point of view was always this: "It's the person who makes the skater, not the skate". I lived with this point of view for many years. I always skated with middle-of-the-road hockey skates. Then one day, I slipped on my brother's top of the line hockey skates. As soon as I hit the ice with his expensive new skates, I realized I could make sharper turns, pivoting from front to back so effortlessly, with lightning speed. I was in such awe I never wanted to give him back the skates. I literally improved my skating twenty-five percent. I formed a new opinion of what makes a good skater, good quality equipment combined with athletic skills.

Fast forward many years, you would have thought my skating point of view would have trans-

ferred to skiing, but it didn't. My view on skiing was, as I said initially, "If you have a good pair of skis, you can ski anything". For the past three seasons, I had been skiing on a pair of "All Mountain Skis" and I was very satisfied. I could teach, race, and recreational ski on my one pair of "All Mountain Skis" and I believed they were the finest all mountain ski available "for me".

Now, let's insert the old skating lesson to skiing. I had the opportunity to try a pair of professional race skis for our weekly race night and I was amazed at how well they handled, I cut a few seconds off my time. Later in the season, I tried a pair of Power Turn Rocker skis. Again, I was blown away by how these skis carved up the hill, ten times better than my All Mountain Skis. I might add, it's great to have a friend who has the same boot size, and DIN, so we could just trade skis mid-slope. I was lucky to be able to try so many different skis in this format.

As I looked at how many different pairs of skis my friends have in their quivers, I had wondered if it was worth the money for me; however, having the opportunity to try different skis, for different terrain, conditions, and purposes, I realize the importance of having a variety of skis in my quiver. I recently bought a pair of shorter skis for teaching, and it's ok if my students ski across them and they get scuffed up - that is why I have them. I will also be adding two more pairs, one for super carving turns and another for race nights. After all, now I understand the value of a diversified ski quiver. Just please don't let my wife know, she still thinks I have only one pair. ❄️



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## Learning Styles....Why Should I Give a VAK?

By Jim McCrea

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Imagine yourself in a lesson, or perhaps an exam, where you are suddenly challenged to describe a movement or sensation in another way to adapt to the student's learning style. Perhaps the delivery of your lesson progression is more designed to deliver visual information and your current student prefers auditory or kinesthetic information. Most seasoned instructors can dig into their "bag of tricks" to achieve success in these situations. However, there are times when both new and seasoned instructors have nothing left in their bag. You feel the pressure as the student, or examiner, looks at you waiting for what is next so they can better connect to your lesson progression(s). How can you avoid such a nerve wracking moment?

As new instructors we are taught that students learn through the VAK model (Visual, Auditory, and Kinesthetic). The model provides a method to inform students with different learning styles. For a visual learner you may draw diagrams in the snow or ask them to watch your demonstration. Your approach to an auditory learner might involve providing clear direction on what to do next or giving them a cue they can say out loud or to themselves. Kinesthetic learners may want to try a task without explanation or discuss what they feel.

While the model is great, we as instructors have a tendency to treat the VAK model as a procedural checklist sending single messages to our students. In a lesson, we typically break the model into separate parts: Describing the task – Auditory (check), conveying a feeling – Kinesthetic (check), and then demonstrating the task – Visual (check). This approach can be limiting since it treats a student's learning style as different parts.

Imagine the potential to communicate with your student if you combine the parts of the VAK model together. While students likely prefer one part of the model, everyone utilizes all three parts to introduce new information to their brain. By packaging two or more parts of the model together into a message, we can maximize the student's ability to connect to a progression.

Below are some examples of how a single message can be converted to a combined message for greater impact.

| VAK Model Parts  | Single Message   | Combined Message  |
|--|--|---|
| Link a feeling (K) with a direction (A)                      | Tip your feet to change edges progressively (A)  | Tip your feet slowly (A) until you feel the first degree of your ski edge engage (K) before tipping your feet more (A).   |
| Combine visual imagery (V) with a feeling (K)                | Feel your shins move across your boot shaft (K)  | Imagine a clock across the top of your boot shaft (V), now feel your shins move across the minutes (K) from one side at 11 o'clock to the other at 1 o'clock (V)                |
| Connect a conceptual statement (A) to your demonstration (V) | See how edging earlier prevents me from having a high edge angle at the bottom of the turn (V) | By slowly lifting my uphill edges at the top of my turn before the fall line (A) you will see shaping that allows me to have a smaller edge angle at the bottom of the turn (V) |

While a few words are added, each statement sends a more powerful message to multiple learning styles. The ability to flex between learning styles in group or private lessons will expand your bag of tricks and help your students connect to your lesson progression(s) sooner. <<

## Was I taught or did I Learn?

By Mick O'Gara

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As a long-time member of the Eastern Division Ed Staff, I have had the privilege of attending many clinics from National Alpine Demonstration team members. One common characteristic of these clinics is we work on one thing for a long time. During a whole day of training we might focus on 2 closely related topics. How does this compare to the amount of ideas or movements being presented in your one and half hour lessons? I have evidence on how I make changes in my own skiing but my lessons do not always reflect that process. I regularly present three to four concepts in a clinic or lesson lasting an hour or two. I present a theme, and coach someone to experience the associated movement and as soon as they kind of get it, I move on to the next thing that will help them improve even more. I had just found the key to allowing someone to improve but before it becomes ingrained I changed the topic.

In hindsight I can easily see that is probably not effective teaching for the vast majority of people. How many times have you had a student showing you positive changes in their skiing or riding during the lesson and later that day you see them under the lift and it appears the changes did not stick? All you can say, is I guess I did not give them enough time to really learn what we were working on. My attempt was to be thorough, to reach a perceived goal, but what I did was dilute the message. Conversely, when I speak of my own learning I often say that if I can make 1 or 2 changes a year it is a great year. To me a "change" is a movement that is present at any speed, snow condition, or type of terrain. A real change is something I can produce reliably on demand. Those 1 or 2 changes take place over 60+ days of skiing and being conscious of the attempted movement almost 100% of the time. For me it will take years for it to become "unconsciously competent". Learning takes a lot of focus, effort and persistence.

Recently I had the concept of a small amount of material being worked on with positive results reinforced, again. Kathy Brennan, our lead trainer had said many times to me "I think we give them too much stuff." I thought she was only half serious. When forming our training approach for the season we decided to make some changes. We were going to present less and have them stay with the task we are coaching until they really make the changes. An example, with a group aspiring towards Level II certification we skied 3 or 4 Saturday morning clinics



with a task of skiing with the tail of the inside ski off the ground. We performed the task for an hour and half, once a week for 4 weeks. There were people who had trouble with that. But as we practiced, you could see real changes in how the people stood over their feet. People who had been coached for years to be more supple in the lower leg actually were. Joints were bending equally through the whole body.

Allowing your students enough time and mileage to truly learn movements can have challenges. It can be hard to listen to the same coaching each session. One way we approached that challenge was to be very active with individual feedback. It is not always the same obstacle that prevents a person from accomplishing the task or exercise. Of course if the assessment of what is blocking progress is accurate this all goes so much better. The ability to provide accurate, easy to understand movement assessment is key to success. Another approach is to vary the difficulty of the task, if you get it pretty easily, then keep the whole ski of the ground. If it's really hard let's just pick up the tail for an instant and put it back down. We varied the pitch, the snow, the speed, the size of turn, even the light. The result was people made changes and got better faster than they had before. We had addressed the most prominent issue preventing them from getting better.

As much as we love to teach, we cannot learn for our students. If we could our compensation would be much greater. We can be better at structuring our lessons and clinics to allow and promote genuine learning. Teach less, give accurate feedback, ski or ride more and be patient. Share with your learners how much responsibility they have in the process of getting better. I am not sure how well that concept is understood. How much motivation the learner has to make changes is a big part of success. There are also students who are strongly motivated but do not understand the time and focus component of learning. Your interactions and relationship with the student may be the key to finding the determination and persistence needed to change skiing or riding performance.

It is essential to learning that you control the environment. Terrain, pace and snow that allows for experimenting are needed to learn. That is not always the same thing as keeping them on terrain that is easy for them. This is another topic, but make sure they aren't whispering under their breath "of course I can do it here".

My hope is to share how my personal learning seems to work and how our staff has experienced more improvement in their skiing performance. It takes time, persistence, a lot of focus and effort by the learner. Almost everybody has one flaw in their technique that if they could move past it, the path to progress would be more open. The right coach can help you get focused on that. Then the both of you have to work it long enough for the changes to be real and kept. The improvement will be apparent, even when they see you from the lift later. <<

## Instructor 2.0

By Mike Racz

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**H**aving been involved in the Snow Sports Industry for forty plus years I have seen firsthand the great lengths instructors go to in order to hone their craft. Best boots with custom foot beds are essential. The perfect ski, not too fat and not too thin. High tech clothing including all the various layers. High tech helmets and goggles. Maybe even a heads up display in our goggles showing us essential information like speed, vertical feet, number of runs, etc. If we don't spring for the fancy goggles we certainly log this information on our smart phones.

In addition to the best equipment, we spend thousands of dollars on training, including all forms of clinics and camps. Just check out the number and variety of clinics and programs offered through PSIA /ASSI. And finally you can't start a season without physical training. Running, hiking, biking, weights, yoga, spin class, and Pilates to name a few. The options are endless.

What's left to do to improve our on snow performance? How about an upgrade to our operating system, better known as our brain. Mindfulness, and visualization are two forms of meditation that top athletes have been using for some time now. Just watch Lindsey, Ted, and Mikaela, mentally rehearse at the top of the course. Michael Jordan also learned the value of "brain training" back in the nineties when then Chicago Bulls Coach Phil Jackson brought mindfulness training to the team.

To illustrate these concepts let's look at two Instructors in an exam situation. Instructor "A" has been training for months both physically and mental-

ly. He/she is looking forward to spending the next few days with friends and colleagues demonstrating their proficiencies on and off the hill. When Instructor A begins to feel a little nervous they take some deep breaths realizing that feeling nervous is the body's way of preparing.

Instructor B is also physically prepared and feeling a little nervous. However Instructor B, lacking mental focus, allows themselves to get caught up in an endless loop of worry. Who is our examiner? Are my skis tuned properly? Are my boots going to hurt? I wish I ate this morning. Did I leave the coffee maker on back at the condo? It literally NEVER ends.

My thesis here is very simple, we train our bodies, why not our brains? Mindfulness is becoming popular, I think, because of its simplicity. Acquiring the discipline to control the mind by focusing on the breath. The breath is always there, in and out, in and out, in and out. In the practice of mindfulness the breath serves as an anchor to an otherwise chatty mind. By quieting the mind we are able to focus 100 percent of our attention to the task at hand. This focus is commonly referred to as being in the zone, or in a flow state. When this focus is absent we remain stuck in an endless stream of random thoughts and self-talk.

If this topic strikes a chord in you, just check out YouTube. It's easy to get started, and you will also find this will be the least expensive "upgrade" you'll ever make in regard to your skiing experience.

See you out on the hill! <<

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### Feature Events (Most open to all members and some open to non-members for an additional \$25)

| Key No  | Event                           | Description  | Location       | Price | Dates             | Deadline |
|---------|---------------------------------|--|----------------|-------|-------------------|----------|
| R # 009 | Snowsports School Mgmt. Seminar | For Directors & Supervisors - Keynote<br>Tues; Sponsor Showcase; banquet | Mount Snow, VT | \$265 | Nov 30 -<br>Dec 2 | 11/11/15 |
| R # 700 | Children's Academy              | 2 days; Keynote with Jeb Boyd  | Mount Snow, VT | \$175 | Dec 07-08         | 11/18/15 |
| R # 701 | Children's Academy              | 3 days; Hunger for Games!  | Mount Snow, VT | \$230 | Dec 07-09         | 11/18/15 |
| R 702   | Alpine Level I                  | 3 days at Children's Academy   | Mount Snow, VT | \$230 | Dec 07-09         | 11/18/15 |
| * V 018 | Mini Academy                    | 2 days; for Level III members  | Killington, VT | \$220 | Dec 12-13         | 11/25/15 |
| * 015   | Masters Academy                 | 5 days; banquet, Level III members only                                  | Killington, VT | \$540 | Dec 14-18         | 11/25/15 |
| PR* 016 | Snow Pro Jam                    | 5 days; banquet, Après Ski Activities                                    | Killington, VT | \$450 | Dec 14-18         | 11/25/15 |
| 017     | Alpine Level II College         | 5 days; Level II Skiing Exam with coaching                               | Killington, VT | \$450 | Dec 14-18         | 11/25/15 |
| P R 254 | Spring Academy                  | 4 days; Get Ready to Ski Out West!                                       | Killington, VT | \$355 | Mar 31-Apr 3      | 03/16/16 |
| R 255   | Alpine Spring Rally             | 2 days; Après Ski party  | Killington, VT | \$200 | Apr 02-03         | 03/16/16 |

### Eastern Trainer Academy - Director's Signature Required (Open to Staff Trainers) 3 days - \$265; 2 days - \$220

| Key No | Event               | Location                                      | Dates           | Deadline | Key No | Event | Location | Dates     | Deadline |
|--------|---------------------|---|-----------------|----------|--------|-------|----------|-----------|----------|
| ^ 010  | Eastern Trainer 101 | Follows same format as Mgmt Seminar,          | Mount Snow, VT  | \$265    |        |       |          | Nov 30 -  |          |
| ^ 011  | Eastern Trainer 201 | Starts at 7pm, Keynote, includes banquet      | Mount Snow, VT  | \$265    |        |       |          | Dec 2     | 11/11/15 |
| 030    | Eastern Trainer 101 | For staff trainers with Director's Signature, | Wintergreen, VA | \$220    |        |       |          | Jan 06-07 | 12/16/15 |
| 031    | Eastern Trainer 201 | ETA 101 is a pre-requisite for ETA 201        | Wintergreen, VA | \$220    |        |       |          | Jan 06-07 | 12/16/15 |

### Alpine Resort Trainer (ART) Workshop (Open to Level 2 and 3 members; Director's Signature Required) 2 days - \$220

| Key No | Event        | Location            | Dates     | Deadline | Key No | Event        | Location              | Dates     | Deadline |
|--------|--------------|---------------------|-----------|----------|--------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------|
| 013    | ART Workshop | Sugarloaf, ME       | Dec 09-10 | 11/18/15 | 071    | ART Workshop | Waterville Valley, NH | Jan 28-29 | 01/06/16 |
| 046    | ART Workshop | Smugglers Notch, VT | Jan 19-20 | 01/04/16 | 169    | ART Workshop | Snowshoe, WV          | Mar 02-03 | 02/10/16 |
| 044    | ART Workshop | Ski Roundtop, PA    | Jan 19-20 | 01/04/16 |        |              |                       |           |          |

### Stance and Alignment (Open to all members) 2 days - \$175

| Key No | Event              | Location            | Dates     | Deadline | Key No | Event              | Location       | Dates     | Deadline |
|--------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------|----------|--------|--------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|
| R 026  | Stance & Alignment | Bolton Valley, VT   | Jan 05-06 | 12/16/15 | R 099  | Stance & Alignment | Okemo, VT      | Feb 08-09 | 01/20/16 |
| R 049  | Stance & Alignment | Smugglers Notch, VT | Jan 19-20 | 01/04/16 | R 141  | Stance & Alignment | Mount Snow, VT | Feb 24-25 | 02/03/16 |
| R 278  | Stance & Alignment | Windham, NY         | Feb 01-02 | 01/13/16 | R 279  | Stance & Alignment | Belleayre, NY  | Mar 21-22 | 03/02/16 |

### Skiing Ungroomed Terrain (Open to all members) 2 days - \$175

|       |                       |                   |              |          |         |                       |                    |           |          |
|-------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------|---------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------|
| R 154 | Skiing Ungroomed Terr | Whiteface, NY     | Feb 29-Mar 1 | 02/10/16 | R V 208 | Trees & Steeps        | Mad River Glen, VT | Mar 14-15 | 02/24/16 |
| R 165 | Trees & Steeps        | Gore Mountain, NY | Mar 02-03    | 02/10/16 | R V 236 | Skiing Ungroomed Terr | Stowe, VT          | Mar 23-24 | 03/02/16 |
| R 185 | Skiing Ungroomed Terr | Greek Peak, NY    | Mar 07-08    | 02/17/16 | R V 250 | Trees & Steeps        | Sunday River, ME   | Mar 30-31 | 03/09/16 |
| R 174 | Trees & Steeps        | Middlebury, VT    | Mar 12-13    | 02/24/16 | R 259   | Skiing Ungroomed Terr | Killington, VT     | Apr 04-05 | 03/16/16 |

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| Key No  | Event              | Location           | Dates        | Deadline | Key No  | Event              | Location       | Dates     | Deadline |
|---------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------|---------|--------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|
| P R 063 | Intro to Bumps     | Elk Mountain, PA   | Jan 27-28    | 01/06/16 | P 233   | Advanced Bumps     | Sugarbush, VT  | Mar 21-22 | 03/02/16 |
| P 064   | Intermediate Bumps | Elk Mountain, PA   | Jan 27-28    | 01/06/16 | P R 227 | Intro to Bumps     | Belleayre, NY  | Mar 21-22 | 03/02/16 |
| P R 133 | Intro to Bumps     | Mount Snow, VT     | Feb 24-25    | 02/03/16 | P 228   | Intermediate Bumps | Belleayre, NY  | Mar 21-22 | 03/02/16 |
| P 134   | Intermediate Bumps | Mount Snow, VT     | Feb 24-25    | 02/03/16 | P R 242 | Intro to Bumps     | Sugarloaf, ME  | Mar 28-29 | 03/09/16 |
| P 135   | Advanced Bumps     | Mount Snow, VT     | Feb 24-25    | 02/03/16 | P 243   | Intermediate Bumps | Sugarloaf, ME  | Mar 28-29 | 03/09/16 |
| P R 137 | Women Only Bumps   | Mount Snow, VT     | Feb 24-25    | 02/03/16 | P 244   | Advanced Bumps     | Sugarloaf, ME  | Mar 28-29 | 03/09/16 |
| P R 156 | Intro to Bumps     | HoliMont, NY       | Feb 29-Mar 1 | 02/10/16 | P R 268 | Intro to Bumps     | Killington, VT | Apr 06-07 | 03/16/16 |
| P 157   | Intermediate Bumps | HoliMont, NY       | Feb 29-Mar 1 | 02/10/16 | P 269   | Intermediate Bumps | Killington, VT | Apr 06-07 | 03/16/16 |
| P 207   | Advanced Bumps     | Mad River Glen, VT | Mar 14-15    | 02/24/16 | P 270   | Advanced Bumps     | Killington, VT | Apr 06-07 | 03/16/16 |
| P R 231 | Intro to Bumps     | Sugarbush, VT      | Mar 21-22    | 03/02/16 | P R 271 | Women Only Bumps   | Killington, VT | Apr 06-07 | 03/16/16 |
| P 232   | Intermediate Bumps | Sugarbush, VT      | Mar 21-22    | 03/02/16 |         |                    |                |           |          |

### Race Series (Open to all members and non-members for additional \$25) 3 days - \$250; 2 days - \$175

| Key No  | Event                 | Location        | Dates     | Deadline | Key No  | Event                 | Location          | Dates     | Deadline |
|---------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|---------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|
| R # 775 | Giant Slalom          | Attitash, NH    | Jan 11-12 | 12/28/15 | R # 739 | Coaching Kids in Race | Dartmouth, NH     | Mar 05-06 | 02/17/16 |
| R # 776 | Giant Slalom          | Gunstock, NH    | Jan 21-22 | 01/04/16 | R # 784 | Giant Slalom          | Blue Mountain, PA | Mar 07-08 | 02/17/16 |
| R # 778 | Race Camp - 2 Day     | Hunter Mtn, NY  | Feb 01-02 | 01/13/16 | R # 785 | Slalom & Giant Slalom | Ski Butternut, MA | Mar 10-11 | 03/02/16 |
| R # 779 | Race Camp - 3 Day     | Hunter Mtn, NY  | Feb 01-03 | 01/13/16 | R # 744 | Coaching Kids in Race | Ski Butternut, MA | Mar 10-11 | 03/02/16 |
| R # 781 | Slalom & Giant Slalom | Bristol Mtn, NY | Feb 08-09 | 01/20/16 | R # 786 | Giant Slalom          | Sugarbush, VT     | Mar 21-22 | 03/02/16 |
| R # 782 | Giant Slalom          | Timberline, WV  | Feb 08-09 | 01/20/16 |         |                       |                   |           |          |

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 Weekend events are highlighted in blue. ^ = Non-standard event registration & start time  
 ^ = Non-standard event registration & start time M = Master Teacher Continuing Education Course  
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 A \$25 non-refundable late fee will be charged, please contact the office 518-452-6095 to inquire on availability.

All educational events earn 6 CEU's per day - membership requires 12 CEU's every two seasons (NOTE: only passed exams earn CEU Credit)

| Senior Tour |                      |                       |              |          | (Recommended for members 55 years or older) 2 days - \$165 |                      |                   |           |          |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------|--|----------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|
| Key No.     | Event                | Location              | Dates        | Deadline | Key No.  | Event                | Location          | Dates     | Deadline |
| R 059       | Senior Skills Clinic | Elk Mountain, PA      | Jan 25-26    | 01/06/16 | R 195  | Senior Skills Clinic | Ski Butternut, MA | Mar 10-11 | 03/02/16 |
| R 072       | Senior Skills Clinic | Waterville Valley, NH | Jan 28-29    | 01/06/16 | P R 229  | Senior Bumps         | Belleayre, NY     | Mar 21-22 | 03/02/16 |
| P R 136     | Senior Bumps         | Mount Snow, VT        | Feb 24-25    | 02/03/16 | R 230  | Senior Skills Clinic | Sugarbush, VT     | Mar 21-22 | 03/02/16 |
| R 159       | Senior Skills Clinic | HoliMont, NY          | Feb 29-Mar 1 | 02/10/16 | P R 272  | Senior Bumps         | Killington, VT    | Apr 06-07 | 03/16/16 |

| Adaptive Specialty Events |  |                                  |                      |           |          | (Open to members & non-members for an additional \$25) 1 day-\$125; 2 days-\$175 |       |          |       |          |  |
|---------------------------|--|----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------|--|-------|----------|-------|----------|--|
| Key No.                   | Event                                  | School                           | Resort               | Dates     | Deadline | Key No.  | Event | Location | Dates | Deadline |  |
| # R 502                   | Training for your Trainers             | Bart J. Ruggiere Adaptive Sports | Bromley, VT          | Jan 09-10 | 12/28/15 |  |       |          |       |          |  |
| # R 512                   | Behavior Management Techniques         | Elk Ski and Snowboard School     | Elk Mountain, PA     | Jan 25    | 01/06/16 |  |       |          |       |          |  |
| # R 513                   | Working with VI and DD Skiers          | Elk Ski and Snowboard School     | Elk Mountain, PA     | Jan 26    | 01/06/16 |  |       |          |       |          |  |
| # R 511                   | Skiing with Seniors                    | New England Disabled Sports      | Bretton Woods, NH    | Jan 23-24 | 01/06/16 |  |       |          |       |          |  |
| # R 527                   | Working with Sit Down Skiers           | Gore Snowsports School           | Gore Mountain, NY    | Feb 08-09 | 01/20/16 |  |       |          |       |          |  |
| # R 528                   | Behavior Management Techniques         | Okemo Ski & Snowboard School     | Okemo Mountain, VT   | Feb 07    | 01/20/16 |  |       |          |       |          |  |
| # R 529                   | Working with VI and DD Skiers          | Okemo Ski & Snowboard School     | Okemo Mountain, VT   | Feb 08    | 01/20/16 |  |       |          |       |          |  |
| # R 530                   | Teaching Kids on the Autistic Spectrum | Blue Mountain Learning Centers   | Blue Mountain, PA    | Feb 21-22 | 02/03/16 |  |       |          |       |          |  |
| # R 544                   | Tethering Mythbusters - Alpine & AASI  | New England Disabled Sports      | Loon Mountain, NH    | Mar 05-06 | 02/17/16 |  |       |          |       |          |  |
| # R 545                   | Incorporate students w/ special needs  | Greek Peak Snowsports School     | Greek Peak, NY       | Mar 05-06 | 02/17/16 |  |       |          |       |          |  |
| # R 549                   | Teaching Kids on the Autistic Spectrum | Hunt Hollow Snowsports School    | Hunt Hollow, NY      | Mar 12-13 | 02/24/16 |  |       |          |       |          |  |
| # R 563                   | Teaching Kids on the Autistic Spectrum | Wachusett Mtn Snowsports         | Wachusett Mtn, MA    | Mar 16-17 | 02/24/16 |  |       |          |       |          |  |
| # R 567                   | Skiing with Seniors                    | Liberty Mountain Snowsports      | Liberty Mountain, PA | Mar 20-21 | 03/02/16 |  |       |          |       |          |  |

| Skiing Improvement |                        |                      |              |          |         | (Development Series for Reg & Level I, Master Series for Level 2 & 3) 2 days - \$175 |                   |              |          |  |  |
|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------|---------|--|-------------------|--------------|----------|--|--|
| Key No.            | Event                  | Location             | Dates        | Deadline | Key No. | Event  | Location          | Dates        | Deadline |  |  |
| R 032              | Alpine Modern Skiing   | Shawnee Peak, ME     | Jan 07-08    | 12/16/15 | 102     | Masters Series   | Bristol, NY       | Feb 08-09    | 01/20/16 |  |  |
| R 048              | Alpine Modern Skiing   | Smugglers Notch, VT  | Jan 19-20    | 01/04/16 | R 106   | Alpine Modern Skiing   | Timberline, WV    | Feb 10-11    | 01/20/16 |  |  |
| P R 061            | Development Series     | Elk Mountain, PA     | Jan 25-26    | 01/06/16 | R 120   | Skiing for Women Inst.   | Mount Snow, VT    | Feb 22-23    | 02/03/16 |  |  |
| 062                | Master Series          | Elk Mountain, PA     | Jan 25-26    | 01/06/16 | P R 118 | Development Series   | Mount Snow, VT    | Feb 22-23    | 02/03/16 |  |  |
| P R 077            | Development Series     | Mt. Sunapee, NH      | Jan 31-Feb 1 | 01/13/16 | 119     | Master Series  | Mount Snow, VT    | Feb 22-23    | 02/03/16 |  |  |
| 078                | Masters Series         | Mt. Sunapee, NH      | Jan 31-Feb 1 | 01/13/16 | P R 126 | Development Series   | Bear Creek, PA    | Feb 23-24    | 02/03/16 |  |  |
| P R 084            | Development Series     | Whitetail Resort, PA | Feb 01-02    | 01/13/16 | 127     | Masters Series   | Bear Creek, PA    | Feb 23-24    | 02/03/16 |  |  |
| 085                | Masters Series         | Whitetail Resort, PA | Feb 01-02    | 01/13/16 | R 158   | Alpine Modern Skiing   | HoliMont, NY      | Feb 29-Mar 1 | 02/10/16 |  |  |
| R 082              | Skiing for Women Inst. | Windham, NY          | Feb 01-02    | 01/13/16 | P R 190 | Development Series   | Loon Mountain, NH | Mar 09-10    | 02/17/16 |  |  |
| P R 101            | Development Series     | Bristol, NY          | Feb 08-09    | 01/20/16 | 191     | Masters Series   | Loon Mountain, NH | Mar 09-10    | 02/17/16 |  |  |

| Teaching Improvement |                       |                    |           |          |         | (Open to Certified Members; Coaching High End Ski open to Level 2 or 3 only) 2 days - \$175 |                   |           |          |  |  |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------|---------|---|-------------------|-----------|----------|--|--|
| Key No.              | Event                 | Location           | Dates     | Deadline | Key No. | Event   | Location          | Dates     | Deadline |  |  |
| P M 042              | Movement Analysis     | Cranmore, NH       | Jan 13-14 | 12/28/15 | P M 181 | Movement Analysis   | Cannon Mtn, NH    | Mar 07-08 | 02/17/16 |  |  |
| P M 045              | Movement Analysis     | Ski Roundtop, PA   | Jan 19-20 | 01/04/16 | P M 180 | Movement Analysis   | Blue Mountain, PA | Mar 07-08 | 02/17/16 |  |  |
| P M 055              | Practical Teaching    | Bretton Woods, NH  | Jan 23-24 | 01/06/16 | P M 192 | Movement Analysis   | Loon Mountain, NH | Mar 09-10 | 02/17/16 |  |  |
| P M 083              | Movement Analysis     | Windham, NY        | Feb 01-02 | 01/13/16 | P M 200 | Movement Analysis   | Seven Springs, PA | Mar 12-13 | 02/24/16 |  |  |
| P M 090              | Practical Teaching    | Hunter Mtn, NY     | Feb 03-04 | 01/13/16 | P M 217 | Practical Teaching  | Wachusett, MA     | Mar 16-17 | 02/24/16 |  |  |
| ^PM 113              | PM-Movement Analysis  | Kissing Bridge, NY | Feb 10-11 | 01/20/16 | 246     | Coaching High End Ski   | Sugarloaf, ME     | Mar 28-29 | 03/09/16 |  |  |
| 122                  | Coaching High End Ski | Mount Snow, VT     | Feb 22-23 | 02/03/16 |         |   |                   |           |          |  |  |

| *** NEW *** One & FUNdamental - 6 CEU's (Event starts at 10AM) |                    |                    |        |          |         | (Open to Alpine Level I members) 1 day - \$99 |                   |        |          |  |  |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------|----------|---------|---|-------------------|--------|----------|--|--|
| Key No.  | Event              | Location           | Dates  | Deadline | Key No. | Event   | Location          | Dates  | Deadline |  |  |
| ^ 036  | One & FUNdamentals | Mount Snow, VT     | Jan 10 | 12/28/15 | ^ 205   | One & FUNdamentals                            | Ski Butternut, MA | Mar 13 | 02/24/16 |  |  |
| ^ 079  | One & FUNdamentals | Mount Sunapee, NH  | Jan 31 | 01/13/16 | ^* 204  | One & FUNdamentals                            | Seven Springs, PA | Mar 13 | 02/24/16 |  |  |
| ^* 095   | One & FUNdamentals | Kissing Bridge, NY | Feb 07 | 01/20/16 | ^ 225   | One & FUNdamentals                            | Belleayre, NY     | Mar 20 | 03/02/16 |  |  |
| ^* 144   | One & FUNdamentals | Massanutten, VA    | Feb 28 | 02/10/16 | ^ 241   | One & FUNdamentals                            | Bromley, VT       | Mar 27 | 03/09/16 |  |  |

| 1-Day On-snow Continuing Education - 6 CEU's |                       |                  |        |          |         | (Open to all members, some open to non-members) 1 day - \$125 |                   |        |          |  |  |
|--|-----------------------|------------------|--------|----------|---------|---|-------------------|--------|----------|--|--|
| Key No.                                      | Event                 | Location         | Dates  | Deadline | Key No. | Event   | Location          | Dates  | Deadline |  |  |
| R 034  | Alpine Dynamic Skiing | Bromley, VT      | Jan 10 | 12/28/15 | # R 130 | Adult Develop & Aging   | Mount Snow, VT    | Feb 23 | 02/03/16 |  |  |
| R 043  | Alpine Dynamic Skiing | Cranmore, NH     | Jan 15 | 12/28/15 | R 138   | Alpine Dynamic Skiing   | Mount Snow, VT    | Feb 24 | 02/03/16 |  |  |
| R 068  | Alpine Dynamic Skiing | Elk Mountain, PA | Jan 27 | 01/06/16 | R 160   | Alpine Dynamic Skiing   | HoliMont, NY      | Mar 01 | 02/10/16 |  |  |
| # R 108                                      | History of Snowsports | Timberline, WV   | Feb 10 | 01/20/16 | R 161   | Alpine Dynamic Skiing   | Gore Mountain, NY | Mar 02 | 02/10/16 |  |  |
| R 109  | Alpine Dynamic Skiing | Timberline, WV   | Feb 11 | 01/20/16 | R 214   | Alpine Dynamic Skiing   | Jiminy Peak, MA   | Mar 15 | 02/24/16 |  |  |
| # R 117                                      | History of Snowsports | Mount Snow, VT   | Feb 22 | 02/03/16 |         |   |                   |        |          |  |  |

| Alpine Freestyle   |                               |                      |           |          |         | (Open to all members and non-members for an additional \$25) 2 days - \$175 |                  |           |          |  |  |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------|---------|---|------------------|-----------|----------|--|--|
| See Freestyle Schedule for complete list of Freestyle Events |                               |                      |           |          |         |   |                  |           |          |  |  |
| Key No.  | Event                         | Location             | Dates     | Deadline | Key No. | Event   | Location         | Dates     | Deadline |  |  |
| # R 028  | Intro to Park Zone - FS1 Prep | Bolton Valley, VT    | Jan 05-06 | 12/16/15 | # R 252 | Intro to Park Zone - FS1 Prep   | Sunday River, ME | Mar 30-31 | 03/09/16 |  |  |
| # R 086  | Intro to Park Zone - FS1 Prep | Whitetail Resort, PA | Feb 01-02 | 01/13/16 | # R 253 | Advanced Park Zone - FS2 Prep   | Sunday River, ME | Mar 30-31 | 03/09/16 |  |  |
| # R 123  | Intro to Park Zone - FS1 Prep | Mount Snow, VT       | Feb 22-23 | 02/03/16 | # R 257 | Intro to Park Zone - F  | Killington, VT   | Apr 02-03 | 03/16/16 |  |  |
| # R 203  | Intro to Park Zone - F        | Seven Springs, PA    | Mar 12-13 | 02/24/16 | # R 258 | Advanced Park Zone - F  | Killington, VT   | Apr 02-03 | 03/16/16 |  |  |

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**PLEASE Check Event Time:** 8am Reg, on snow 9am-4pm; 9am Reg, on snow 10am-6pm; 2pm Reg, on snow 3pm-10pm

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## Accreditation Programs (Open to all Certified members) – 2 days - \$200

See Children's Schedule for complete list of Children's Specialist events

| Key No.                                    | Event | Location                | Dates             | Deadline  | Key No.               | Event | Location                | Dates               | Deadline        |           |          |
|--|-------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|
| <b>Coaching Advanced Skiing and Racing</b> |       |                         |                   |           | <b>Sports Science</b> |       |                         |                     |                 |           |          |
| M  | 777   | Course Setting & Drills | Bousquet, MA      | Jan 25-26 | 01/06/16              | M     | 129                     | Biomechanics        | Bear Creek, PA  | Feb 23-24 | 02/03/16 |
| M  | 780   | Advanced Movement       | Crotched Mtn, NH  | Feb 06-07 | 01/20/16              | M     | 213                     | Science of Skiing   | Jiminy Peak, MA | Mar 14-15 | 02/24/16 |
| M  | 783   | Tactics & Techniques    | Greek Peak, NY    | Mar 07-08 | 02/17/16              | M     | 237                     | Exercise Physiology | Stowe, VT       | Mar 23-24 | 03/02/16 |
| <b>Freestyle Specialist 1</b>              |       |                         |                   |           | <b>Backcountry</b>    |       |                         |                     |                 |           |          |
|  | 093   | Freestyle Specialist 1  | Seven Springs, PA | Feb 03-04 | 01/13/16              | 600   | Snow Sense & Plan       | Mount Snow, VT      | Oct 31-Nov      | 10/14/15  |          |
|  | 103   | Freestyle Specialist 1  | Loon Mountain, NH | Feb 08-09 | 01/20/16              | 609   | Collecting Data         | Maple Wind, VT      | Feb 06-07       | 01/20/16  |          |
|  | 140   | Freestyle Specialist 1  | Mount Snow, VT    | Feb 24-25 | 02/03/16              | 619   | Putting it All Together | Maple Wind, VT      | Mar 05-06       | 02/17/16  |          |

**NOTE: Freestyle Specialist courses require completed online workbook prior to attending - see [www.psia-e.org](http://www.psia-e.org) for more info**

## Workshop Clinics (Open to all Members) 2 days - \$175

| Key No. | Event | Location           | Dates               | Deadline  | Key No.  | Event | Location | Dates              | Deadline           |              |          |
|---------|-------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------|----------|-------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------|
| R       | 014   | Workshop Clinic    | Sugarloaf, ME       | Dec 09-10 | 11/18/15 | R     | 150      | Workshop Clinic    | Montage Mtn, PA    | Feb 27-28    | 02/10/16 |
| R       | 019   | Workshop Clinic    | Mount Snow, VT      | Dec 12-13 | 11/25/15 | R     | 153      | Workshop Clinic    | Whiteface Mtn, NY  | Feb 29-Mar 1 | 02/10/16 |
| R       | 021   | Workshop Clinic    | Mt. Abram, ME       | Dec 19-20 | 12/02/15 | R     | 151      | Workshop Clinic    | Snowshoe, WV       | Feb 29-Mar 1 | 02/10/16 |
| R       | 024   | Workshop Clinic    | Winterplace, WV     | Jan 04-05 | 12/16/15 | R     | 273      | Workshop Clinic    | Beech Mountain, NC | Mar 01-02    | 02/10/16 |
| R       | 027   | Workshop Clinic    | Bolton Valley, VT   | Jan 05-06 | 12/16/15 | R     | 163      | Workshop Clinic    | Gore Mountain, NY  | Mar 02-03    | 02/10/16 |
| R       | 033   | Workshop Clinic    | Bromley, VT         | Jan 09-10 | 12/28/15 | R ^   | 172      | PM-AWC - Reg @ 2pm | Blue Hills, MA     | Mar 03-04    | 02/10/16 |
| R       | 038   | Workshop Clinic    | Attitash, NH        | Jan 11-12 | 12/28/15 | R     | 179      | Workshop Clinic    | Canaan Valley, WV  | Mar 05-06    | 02/17/16 |
| R       | 050   | Workshop Clinic    | Liberty Mtn., PA    | Jan 21-22 | 01/04/16 | R     | 187      | Workshop Clinic    | Ski Sundown, MA    | Mar 07-08    | 02/17/16 |
| R       | 053   | Workshop Clinic    | Gunstock, NH        | Jan 21-22 | 01/04/16 | R     | 184      | Workshop Clinic    | Greek Peak, NY     | Mar 07-08    | 02/17/16 |
| R       | 054   | Workshop Clinic    | Bretton Woods, NH   | Jan 23-24 | 01/06/16 | R     | 189      | Workshop Clinic    | Jack Frost, PA     | Mar 09-10    | 02/17/16 |
| R ^     | 092   | PM-Workshop Clinic | Mt Southington, CT  | Feb 03-04 | 01/13/16 | R     | 201      | Workshop Clinic    | Seven Springs, PA  | Mar 12-13    | 02/24/16 |
| R       | 089   | Workshop Clinic    | Hunter Mtn, NY      | Feb 03-04 | 01/13/16 | R     | 199      | Workshop Clinic    | Toggenburg, NY     | Mar 12-13    | 02/24/16 |
| R       | 094   | Workshop Clinic    | Crotched Mtn, NH    | Feb 06-07 | 01/20/16 | R     | 211      | Workshop Clinic    | Jiminy Peak, MA    | Mar 14-15    | 02/24/16 |
| R       | 100   | Workshop Clinic    | Bristol, NY         | Feb 08-09 | 01/20/16 | R     | 218      | Workshop Clinic    | Sugarloaf, ME      | Mar 16-17    | 02/24/16 |
| R       | 098   | Workshop Clinic    | Okemo, VT           | Feb 08-09 | 01/20/16 | R     | 211      | Workshop Clinic    | Swain, NY          | Mar 19-20    | 03/02/16 |
| R ^     | 276   | PM-Workshop Clinic | Kissing Bridge, NY  | Feb 10-11 | 01/20/16 | R     | 226      | Workshop Clinic    | Belleayre, NY      | Mar 21-22    | 03/02/16 |
| R       | 116   | Workshop Clinic    | Gatlinburg, TN      | Feb 20-21 | 02/03/16 | R     | 274      | Workshop Clinic    | The Center, NJ     | Mar 23-24    | 03/02/16 |
| R       | 125   | Workshop Clinic    | Sugar Mountain, NC  | Feb 22-23 | 02/03/16 | R     | 239      | Workshop Clinic    | Catamount, NY      | Mar 26-27    | 03/09/16 |
| R       | 146   | Workshop Clinic    | Alpine Mountain, PA | Feb 25-26 | 02/03/16 | R     | 248      | Workshop Clinic    | Mount Snow, VT     | Mar 28-29    | 03/09/16 |
| R       | 143   | Workshop Clinic    | Massanutten, VA     | Feb 25-26 | 02/03/16 | R     | 249      | Workshop Clinic    | Sunday River, ME   | Mar 30-31    | 03/09/16 |
| R       | 148   | Workshop Clinic    | Peek n' Peak, NY    | Feb 27-28 | 02/10/16 | R     | 265      | Workshop Clinic    | Killington, VT     | Apr 04-05    | 03/16/16 |

## Exam Prep (Open to Level I or II members) 2 days - \$175; With Video - \$200

| Key No. | Event | Location         | Dates                | Deadline  | Key No.  | Event | Location | Dates                  | Deadline          |           |          |
|---------|-------|------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------|-------|----------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|
| P       | 022   | Level 2 Skiing   | Mt. Abram, ME        | Dec 19-20 | 12/02/15 | P     | 104      | Level 3 Skiing w/Video | Timberline, WV    | Feb 08-09 | 01/20/16 |
| P       | 051   | Level 2 Teaching | Liberty Mountain, PA | Jan 21-22 | 01/04/16 | P     | 105      | Level 2 Skiing w/Video | Timberline, WV    | Feb 10-11 | 01/20/16 |
| P       | 057   | Level 2 Skiing   | Titus Mountain, NY   | Jan 23-24 | 01/06/16 | P     | 112      | Level 2 Skiing         | Camden SB, ME     | Feb 10-11 | 01/20/16 |
| P       | 058   | Level 2 Skiing   | Bousquet, MA         | Jan 25-26 | 01/06/16 | P     | 164      | Level 3 Teaching       | Gore Mountain, NY | Mar 02-03 | 02/10/16 |

## Exam Prep - Level II Skiing (Open to Level I Members) 3 days - \$230

| Key No. | Event | Location           | Dates                 | Deadline  | Key No.  | Event | Location | Dates              | Deadline       |           |          |
|---------|-------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------|-------|----------|--------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|
| P       | 069   | Unlock Your Expert | Waterville Valley, NH | Jan 25-27 | 01/06/16 | P     | 080      | Unlock Your Expert | Windham, NY    | Feb 01-03 | 01/13/16 |
| P       | 066   | Unlock Your Expert | Elk Mountain, PA      | Jan 27-29 | 01/06/16 | P     | 131      | Unlock Your Expert | Mount Snow, VT | Feb 24-26 | 02/03/16 |

## Exam Prep - Level III Skiing (Open to Level II and Level III members) 3 days - \$230

| Key No. | Event | Location            | Dates                 | Deadline  | Key No.  | Event | Location | Dates               | Deadline       |           |          |
|---------|-------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------|-------|----------|---------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|
|         | 070   | Gateway Dynamic Ski | Waterville Valley, NH | Jan 25-27 | 01/06/16 |       | 081      | Gateway Dynamic Ski | Windham, NY    | Feb 01-03 | 01/13/16 |
|         | 067   | Gateway Dynamic Ski | Elk Mountain, PA      | Jan 27-29 | 01/06/16 |       | 132      | Gateway Dynamic Ski | Mount Snow, VT | Feb 24-26 | 02/03/16 |

## Teams (Open to Level III members) - Prep - \$175; Exam - \$220

| Key No. | Event | Location      | Dates            | Deadline  | Key No.  | Event | Location | Dates         | Deadline           |           |          |
|---------|-------|---------------|------------------|-----------|----------|-------|----------|---------------|--------------------|-----------|----------|
|         | 041   | DEV Team Prep | Cranmore, NH     | Jan 13-14 | 12/28/15 |       | 121      | DEV Team Prep | Mount Snow, VT     | Feb 22-23 | 02/03/16 |
|         | 060   | DEV Team Prep | Elk Mountain, PA | Jan 25-26 | 01/06/16 |       | 168      | DEV Team Prep | Holiday Valley, NY | Mar 02-03 | 02/10/16 |
|         | 716   | ACE Team Prep | Elk Mountain, PA | Jan 25-26 | 01/06/16 |       | 219      | DEV Team Prep | Sugarloaf, ME      | Mar 16-17 | 02/24/16 |
|         | 091   | DEV Team Prep | Hunter Mtn, NY   | Feb 03-04 | 01/13/16 |       | 752      | ACE Team Exam | Stowe, VT          | Mar 23-24 | 03/02/16 |
|         | 107   | DEV Team Prep | Timberline, WV   | Feb 10-11 | 01/20/16 |       | 234      | DEV Team Exam | Stowe, VT          | Mar 23-24 | 03/02/16 |

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## Alpine Level I Exams - Director's Signature Required (Open to Registered members) 2 days - \$150

A new member application must be submitted prior to, or at the same time as Level I Exam Application. Director Signature is required.

New members who join after February 15, 2015 will receive membership benefits through June 2016.

| Key No | Event               | Description  | Location       | Price | Dates     | Deadline |
|--------|---------------------|--|----------------|-------|-----------|----------|
| R 702  | Alpine Level I Exam | Alpine Level I Exam at Children's Academy – 3 days | Mount Snow, VT | \$230 | Dec 07-09 | 11/18/15 |

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|---------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------|---------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------|
| R 023   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Mt. Abram, ME        | Dec 19-20    | 12/02/15 | R 186   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Ski Sundown, CT    | Mar 05-06 | 02/17/16 |
| R 025   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Winterplace, WV      | Jan 04-05    | 12/16/15 | R 178   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Canaan Valley, WV  | Mar 05-06 | 02/17/16 |
| R 029   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Wintergreen, VA      | Jan 06-07    | 12/16/15 | R 193   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Loon Mountain, NH  | Mar 09-10 | 02/17/16 |
| R 035   | Alpine Level I Exam    | West Point, NY       | Jan 09-10    | 12/28/15 | R ^ 194 | PM-Alpine Level I Exam | McIntyre, NH       | Mar 10-11 | 02/17/16 |
| R 037   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Attitash, NH         | Jan 11-12    | 12/28/15 | R 173   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Middlebury, VT     | Mar 12-13 | 02/24/16 |
| R 047   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Smuggs Notch, VT     | Jan 19-20    | 01/04/16 | R 197   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Plattekill Mtn, NY | Mar 12-13 | 02/24/16 |
| R 052   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Liberty Mountain, PA | Jan 21-22    | 01/04/16 | R 196   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Hunt Hollow, NY    | Mar 12-13 | 02/24/16 |
| R 056   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Titus Mountain, NY   | Jan 23-24    | 01/06/16 | R 202   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Seven Springs, PA  | Mar 12-13 | 02/24/16 |
| R 076   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Powder Ridge, CT     | Jan 30-31    | 01/13/16 | R 198   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Toggenburg, NY     | Mar 12-13 | 02/24/16 |
| R 075   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Labrador, NY         | Jan 30-31    | 01/13/16 | R 206   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Ski Butternut, MA  | Mar 12-13 | 02/24/16 |
| R 097   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Okemo, VT            | Feb 08-09    | 01/20/16 | R 212   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Jiminy Peak, MA    | Mar 14-15 | 02/24/16 |
| R 114   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Thunder Ridge, NY    | Feb 20-21    | 02/15/16 | R 215   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Hidden Valley, PA  | Mar 14-15 | 02/24/16 |
| R 115   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Gatlinburg, TN       | Feb 20-21    | 02/15/16 | R 216   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Wachusett, MA      | Mar 16-17 | 02/24/16 |
| R 124   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Sugar Mountain, NC   | Feb 22-23    | 02/15/16 | R 223   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Mount Peter, NY    | Mar 19-20 | 03/02/16 |
| R 128   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Bear Creek, PA       | Feb 23-24    | 02/15/16 | R 222   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Swain, NY          | Mar 19-20 | 03/02/16 |
| R 145   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Alpine Mountain, PA  | Feb 25-26    | 02/15/16 | R 224   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Belleayre, NY      | Mar 19-20 | 03/02/16 |
| R 149   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Montage, PA          | Feb 27-28    | 02/15/16 | R 235   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Stowe, VT          | Mar 23-24 | 03/02/16 |
| R 147   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Peek n' Peak, NY     | Feb 27-28    | 02/15/16 | R 275   | Alpine Level I Exam    | The Center, NJ     | Mar 23-24 | 03/02/16 |
| R 155   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Whiteface Mtn, NY    | Feb 29-Mar 1 | 02/15/16 | R 238   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Catamount, NY      | Mar 26-27 | 03/09/16 |
| R 256   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Beech Mountain, NC   | Mar 01-02    | 02/15/16 | R 240   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Oak Mountain, NY   | Mar 26-27 | 03/09/16 |
| R 162   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Gore Mountain, NY    | Mar 02-03    | 02/15/16 | R 245   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Sugarloaf, ME      | Mar 28-29 | 03/09/16 |
| R ^ 171 | PM-Alpine Level I Exam | Blue Hills, MA       | Mar 03-04    | 02/15/16 | R 247   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Mount Snow, VT     | Mar 28-29 | 03/09/16 |
| R 175   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Greek Peak, NY       | Mar 05-06    | 02/17/16 | R 251   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Sunday River, ME   | Mar 30-31 | 03/09/16 |
| R 176   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Dartmouth, NH        | Mar 05-06    | 02/17/16 | R 264   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Killington, VT     | Apr 02-03 | 03/16/16 |
| R 177   | Alpine Level I Exam    | Ski Bradford, MA     | Mar 05-06    | 02/17/16 |         |                        |                    |           |          |

## \*\*NEW\*\* Level I and Children's Specialist 1 Combined Open to Reg Members Only, Dir. Sig Required - 3 days - \$230

Candidates must complete Level I Workbook and Children's Specialist 1 Workbook prior to event - both available free of charge at [www.psia-e.org](http://www.psia-e.org)

| Key No. | Event                | Location         | Dates     | Deadline | Key No. | Event                | Location       | Dates     | Deadline |
|---------|----------------------|------------------|-----------|----------|---------|----------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|
| R 065   | Alpine Level I & CS1 | Elk Mountain, PA | Jan 25-27 | 01/06/16 | R 188   | Alpine Level I & CS1 | Jack Frost, PA | Mar 09-11 | 02/17/16 |
| R 142   | Alpine Level I & CS1 | Massanutten, VA  | Feb 24-26 | 02/15/16 | R 266   | Alpine Level I & CS1 | Killington, VT | Apr 04-06 | 03/16/16 |
| R 139   | Alpine Level I & CS1 | Mount Snow, VT   | Feb 24-26 | 02/15/16 |         |                      |                |           |          |

## Online Exams/Events - Director's Signature is NOT required August 15 to April 15 - Exams: \$20, eLearning: \$125

| Key No. | Professional Knowledge Exams - 2 attempts only | Deadline | Key No. | e-Learning Courses - 6 CEU Credits | Deadline |
|---------|--|----------|---------|------------------------------------|----------|
| 981     | Level II Online Exam 2016 Online Season        | 04/15/16 | R M 990 | History of Snowsports Earn 6 CEU's | 04/15/16 |
| 982     | Level III Online Exam 2016 Online Season       | 04/15/16 | R M 991 | Adult Develop & Aging Earn 6 CEU's | 04/15/16 |
| 980     | Master Teacher Exams 2016 Online Season        | 04/15/16 | R M 992 | Working w/ VI&DD Ski Earn 6 CEU's  | 04/15/16 |

# Alpine Level II - Level III Exams and Reassessments

More Information on the Alpine College is available in the Snow Pro Newsletter or online at [www.psia-e.org](http://www.psia-e.org)

Skiing reassessment candidates may register for one or more skiing performance areas - i.e. Mountain Skiing and Agility/Versatility in same event

Exam candidates may register for one or more teaching modules - i.e. Creative Teaching 8:00am-12:00pm & Children & Youth 12:00pm-4:00pm

All successful Skiing Performance Area or Teaching Module may be kept for life based on continuous membership

Snowsports School Director signature needed for all exams - not required for reassessments

**Absolutely no walk-ons will be admitted - MUST register prior to deadline date**

| **NEW** 3-Day Level II Exam: Skiing and Teaching                |                        |                       |              |          | 3 days - \$300   |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------|--|
| Key No.   | Event                  | Location              | Dates        | Deadline |  |
| P* 096  | Level II Exam - 3 Day  | Okemo, VT             | Feb 07-09    | 01/20/16 | NOTE: No Reassessments allowed at this exam. Max 48 participants |
| Alpine Level II Certification Exams                             |                        |                       |              |          | 5 days - \$450   |
| Key No.   | Event                  | Location              | Dates        | Deadline |  |
| P 017   | Level II Exam College  | Killington, VT        | Dec 14-18    | 11/25/15 |  |
| P 152   | Level II Exam College  | Snowshoe, WV          | Feb 29-Mar 4 | 02/10/16 |  |
| Alpine Level II Certification Exams                             |                        |                       |              |          | 2 days - \$200   |
| Key No.   | Level II Assessment    | Location              | Dates        | Deadline |  |
| 039   | Level II Skiing        | Jay Peak, VT          | Jan 11-12    | 12/28/15 |  |
| 040   | Level II Teaching      | Jay Peak, VT          | Jan 11-12    | 12/28/15 |  |
| 073   | Level II Skiing        | Waterville Valley, NH | Jan 28-29    | 01/06/16 |  |
| 074   | Level II Teaching      | Waterville Valley, NH | Jan 28-29    | 01/06/16 |  |
| 110   | Level II Skiing        | Camelback, PA         | Feb 10-11    | 01/20/16 |  |
| 111   | Level II Teaching      | Camelback, PA         | Feb 10-11    | 01/20/16 |  |
| 277   | Level II Teaching      | Wintergreen, VA       | Feb 22-23    | 02/03/16 |  |
| 166   | Level II Skiing        | Holiday Valley, NY    | Mar 02-03    | 02/10/16 |  |
| 167   | Level II Teaching      | Holiday Valley, NY    | Mar 02-03    | 02/10/16 |  |
| 209   | Level II Skiing        | Jiminy Peak, MA       | Mar 14-15    | 02/24/16 |  |
| 210   | Level II Teaching      | Jiminy Peak, MA       | Mar 14-15    | 02/24/16 |  |
| 262   | Level II Skiing        | Killington, VT        | Apr 04-05    | 03/16/16 |  |
| 263   | Level II Teaching      | Killington, VT        | Apr 04-05    | 03/16/16 |  |
| Alpine Level III Certification Exams                            |                        |                       |              |          | 2 days - \$200   |
| Key No.   | Level III Assessment   | Location              | Dates        | Deadline |  |
| 267   | Level III Exam College | Killington, VT        | Apr 04-08    | 03/16/16 |  |
| 087   | Level III Skiing       | Hunter Mtn, NY        | Feb 03-04    | 01/13/16 |  |
| 088   | Level III Teaching     | Hunter Mtn, NY        | Feb 03-04    | 01/13/16 |  |
| 170   | Level III Skiing       | Snowshoe, WV          | Mar 03-04    | 02/10/16 |  |
| 182   | Level III Skiing       | Cannon Mtn, NH        | Mar 07-08    | 02/17/16 |  |
| 183   | Level III Teaching     | Cannon Mtn, NH        | Mar 07-08    | 02/17/16 |  |
| 260   | Level III Skiing       | Killington, VT        | Apr 04-05    | 03/16/16 |  |
| 261   | Level III Teaching     | Killington, VT        | Apr 04-05    | 03/16/16 |  |
| NOTE: Snowshoe, WV exam is tentative based on available terrain |                        |                       |              |          |  |
| Alpine Skiing Reassessment - Agility / Versatility              |                        |                       |              |          | Reassessment runs from 8:00am - 4:00pm - \$67                    |
| Key No.   | Level II Assessment    | Location              | Dates        | Deadline |  |
| 039A  | Agility / Versatility  | Jay Peak, VT          | 11-Jan       | 12/28/15 |  |
| 073A  | Agility / Versatility  | Waterville Valley, NH | 28-Jan       | 01/06/16 |  |
| 110A  | Agility / Versatility  | Camelback, PA         | 10-Feb       | 01/20/16 |  |
| 166A  | Agility / Versatility  | Holiday Valley, NY    | 2-Mar        | 02/10/16 |  |
| 209A  | Agility / Versatility  | Jiminy Peak, MA       | 14-Mar       | 02/24/16 |  |
| 262A  | Agility / Versatility  | Killington, VT        | 4-Apr        | 03/16/16 |  |
| Alpine Skiing Reassessment - Mountain Skiing                    |                        |                       |              |          | Reassessment runs from 8:00am - 4:00pm - \$67                    |
| Key No.   | Level II Assessment    | Location              | Dates        | Deadline |  |
| 039B  | Mountain Skiing        | Jay Peak, VT          | 11-Jan       | 12/28/15 |  |
| 073B  | Mountain Skiing        | Waterville Valley, NH | 28-Jan       | 01/06/16 |  |
| 110B  | Mountain Skiing        | Camelback, PA         | 10-Feb       | 01/20/16 |  |
| 166B  | Mountain Skiing        | Holiday Valley, NY    | 2-Mar        | 02/10/16 |  |
| 209B  | Mountain Skiing        | Jiminy Peak, MA       | 14-Mar       | 02/24/16 |  |
| 262B  | Mountain Skiing        | Killington, VT        | 4-Apr        | 03/16/16 |  |
| Alpine Skiing Reassessment - Skiing at Skill Level              |                        |                       |              |          | Reassessment runs from 8:00am - 4:00pm - \$67                    |
| Key No.   | Level II Assessment    | Location              | Dates        | Deadline |  |
| 039C  | Skiing at Skill Level  | Jay Peak, VT          | 11-Jan       | 12/28/15 |  |
| 073C  | Skiing at Skill Level  | Waterville Valley, NH | 28-Jan       | 01/06/16 |  |
| 110C  | Skiing at Skill Level  | Camelback, PA         | 10-Feb       | 01/20/16 |  |
| 166C  | Skiing at Skill Level  | Holiday Valley, NY    | 2-Mar        | 02/10/16 |  |
| 209C  | Skiing at Skill Level  | Jiminy Peak, MA       | 14-Mar       | 02/24/16 |  |
| 262C  | Skiing at Skill Level  | Killington, VT        | 4-Apr        | 03/16/16 |  |
| Alpine Creative Teaching Reassessment                           |                        |                       |              |          | Reassessment runs from 8:00am 12:00pm - \$67                     |
| Key No.   | Level II Assessment    | Location              | Dates        | Deadline |  |
| 040E  | Creative Teaching      | Jay Peak, VT          | 11-Jan       | 12/28/15 |  |
| 074E  | Creative Teaching      | Waterville Valley, NH | 28-Jan       | 01/06/16 |  |
| 111E  | Creative Teaching      | Camelback, PA         | 10-Feb       | 01/20/16 |  |
| 277E  | Level II Teaching      | Wintergreen, VA       | 22-Feb       | 02/03/16 |  |
| 167E  | Creative Teaching      | Holiday Valley, NY    | 2-Mar        | 02/10/16 |  |
| 210E  | Creative Teaching      | Jiminy Peak, MA       | 14-Mar       | 02/24/16 |  |
| 263E  | Creative Teaching      | Killington, VT        | 4-Apr        | 03/16/16 |  |
| Alpine Children and Youth Reassessment                          |                        |                       |              |          | Reassessment runs from 12:00pm - 4:00pm - \$67                   |
| Key No.   | Level II Assessment    | Location              | Dates        | Deadline |  |
| 040F  | Children and Youth     | Jay Peak, VT          | 11-Jan       | 12/28/15 |  |
| 074F  | Children and Youth     | Waterville Valley, NH | 28-Jan       | 01/06/16 |  |
| 111F  | Children and Youth     | Camelback, PA         | 10-Feb       | 01/20/16 |  |
| 277F  | Level II Teaching      | Wintergreen, VA       | 22-Feb       | 02/03/16 |  |
| 167F  | Children and Youth     | Holiday Valley, NY    | 2-Mar        | 02/10/16 |  |
| 210F  | Children and Youth     | Jiminy Peak, MA       | 14-Mar       | 02/24/16 |  |
| 263F  | Children and Youth     | Killington, VT        | 4-Apr        | 03/16/16 |  |
| Alpine Movement Assessment & Teaching Reassessment              |                        |                       |              |          | Reassessment runs from 8:00am 12:00pm - \$67                     |
| Key No.   | Level II Assessment    | Location              | Dates        | Deadline |  |
| 040G  | Movement Assessment    | Jay Peak, VT          | 12-Jan       | 12/28/15 |  |
| 074G  | Movement Assessment    | Waterville Valley, NH | 29-Jan       | 01/06/16 |  |
| 111G  | Movement Assessment    | Camelback, PA         | 11-Feb       | 01/20/16 |  |
| 277G  | Level II Teaching      | Wintergreen, VA       | 23-Feb       | 02/03/16 |  |
| 167G  | Movement Assessment    | Holiday Valley, NY    | 3-Mar        | 02/10/16 |  |
| 210G  | Movement Assessment    | Jiminy Peak, MA       | 15-Mar       | 02/24/16 |  |
| 263G  | Movement Assessment    | Killington, VT        | 5-Apr        | 03/16/16 |  |
| Alpine Level III Certification Exams                            |                        |                       |              |          | Reassessment runs from 8:00am - 4:00pm - \$67                    |
| Key No.   | Level III Assessment   | Location              | Dates        | Deadline |  |
| 087A  | Agility / Versatility  | Hunter Mtn, NY        | 3-Feb        | 01/13/16 |  |
| 170A  | Agility / Versatility  | Snowshoe, WV          | 3-Mar        | 02/10/16 |  |
| 182A  | Agility / Versatility  | Cannon Mtn, NH        | 7-Mar        | 02/17/16 |  |
| 260A  | Agility / Versatility  | Killington, VT        | 4-Apr        | 03/16/16 |  |
| NOTE: Snowshoe, WV exam is tentative based on available terrain |                        |                       |              |          |  |
| Alpine Level III Certification Exams                            |                        |                       |              |          | Reassessment runs from 8:00am - 4:00pm - \$67                    |
| Key No.   | Level III Assessment   | Location              | Dates        | Deadline |  |
| 087B  | Mountain Skiing        | Hunter Mtn, NY        | 3-Feb        | 01/13/16 |  |
| 170B  | Mountain Skiing        | Snowshoe, WV          | 3-Mar        | 02/10/16 |  |
| 182B  | Mountain Skiing        | Cannon Mtn, NH        | 7-Mar        | 02/17/16 |  |
| 260B  | Mountain Skiing        | Killington, VT        | 4-Apr        | 03/16/16 |  |
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| 087C  | Skiing at Skill Level  | Hunter Mtn, NY        | 3-Feb        | 01/13/16 |  |
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| 088E  | Creative Teaching      | Hunter Mtn, NY        | 3-Feb        | 01/13/16 |  |
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| 261E  | Creative Teaching      | Killington, VT        | 4-Apr        | 03/16/16 |  |
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| 183F  | Children and Youth     | Cannon Mtn, NH        | 7-Mar        | 02/17/16 |  |
| 261F  | Children and Youth     | Killington, VT        | 4-Apr        | 03/16/16 |  |
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| Key No.   | Level III Assessment   | Location              | Dates        | Deadline |  |
| 088G  | Movement Assessment    | Hunter Mtn, NY        | 4-Feb        | 01/13/16 |  |
| 183G  | Movement Assessment    | Cannon Mtn, NH        | 8-Mar        | 02/17/16 |  |
| 261G  | Movement Assessment    | Killington, VT        | 5-Apr        | 03/16/16 |  |

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| Key No  | Event              | Description                   | Location       | Price | Dates     | Deadline |
|---------|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------|-----------|----------|
| R # 700 | Children's Academy | 2 days; Keynote with Jeb Boyd | Mount Snow, VT | \$175 | Dec 07-08 | 11/18/15 |
| R # 701 | Children's Academy | 3 days; Hunger for Games!     | Mount Snow, VT | \$230 | Dec 07-09 | 11/18/15 |
| R 702   | Alpine Level Exam  | 3 days; Dir Sig Required      | Mount Snow, VT | \$230 | Dec 07-09 | 11/18/15 |
| R 703   | AASI Level I Exam  | 3 days; Dir Sig Required      | Mount Snow, VT | \$230 | Dec 07-09 | 11/18/15 |

## Children's Specialist (CS1 is Open to all Certified members; CS2 is open to Level II or III) 2 days - \$175

NOTE: Children's Specialist courses require completed workbook prior to attending -see [www.psia-e.org](http://www.psia-e.org) for more info

| Key No. | Event                   | Location             | Dates        | Deadline | Key No. | Event                   | Location           | Dates        | Deadline |
|---------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------|---------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------|
| P 705   | Children's Specialist 1 | Sugarloaf, ME        | Dec 09-10    | 11/18/15 | P 732   | Children's Specialist 2 | Whiteface, NY      | Feb 29-Mar 1 | 02/10/16 |
| P 706   | Children's Specialist 1 | Mount Snow, VT       | Dec 12-13    | 11/25/15 | P 733   | Children's Specialist 2 | Snowshoe, WV       | Feb 29-Mar 1 | 02/10/16 |
| P 760   | Children's Specialist 1 | Winterplace, WV      | Jan 04-05    | 12/16/15 | P 734   | Children's Specialist 1 | Beech Mountain, NC | Mar 01-02    | 02/10/16 |
| P 708   | Children's Specialist 1 | Shawnee Peak, ME     | Jan 07-08    | 12/16/15 | P ^ 736 | PM CS1 - Reg @ 2PM      | Blue Hills, MA     | Mar 03-04    | 02/10/16 |
| P 709   | Children's Specialist 1 | Bromley, VT          | Jan 09-10    | 12/28/15 | P 738   | Children's Specialist 1 | Greek Peak, NY     | Mar 05-06    | 02/17/16 |
| P 710   | Children's Specialist 1 | Cranmore, NH         | Jan 13-14    | 12/28/15 | P 741   | Children's Specialist 1 | Blue Mountain, PA  | Mar 07-08    | 02/17/16 |
| P 711   | Children's Specialist 1 | Ski Roundtop, PA     | Jan 19-20    | 01/04/16 | P 742   | Children's Specialist 1 | Ski Sundown, CT    | Mar 07-08    | 02/17/16 |
| P 712   | Children's Specialist 1 | Gunstock, NH         | Jan 21-22    | 01/04/16 | P 759   | Children's Specialist 2 | Cannon Mtn, NH     | Mar 07-08    | 02/17/16 |
| P 713   | Children's Specialist 2 | Liberty Mountain, PA | Jan 21-22    | 01/04/16 | P ^ 743 | PM CS1 - Reg @ 2PM      | McIntyre, NH       | Mar 10-11    | 02/17/16 |
| P 714   | Children's Specialist 2 | Bretton Woods, NH    | Jan 23-24    | 01/06/16 | P 737   | Children's Specialist 1 | Middlebury, VT     | Mar 12-13    | 02/24/16 |
| P 717   | Children's Specialist 1 | Powder Ridge, CT     | Jan 30-31    | 01/13/16 | P 745   | Children's Specialist 1 | Hunt Hollow, NY    | Mar 12-13    | 02/24/16 |
| P 718   | Children's Specialist 1 | Labrador, NY         | Jan 30-31    | 01/13/16 | P 746   | Children's Specialist 1 | Plattekill, NY     | Mar 12-13    | 02/24/16 |
| P 719   | Children's Specialist 1 | Mount Sunapee, NH    | Jan 31-Feb 1 | 01/13/16 | P 747   | Children's Specialist 1 | Butternut, MA      | Mar 12-13    | 02/24/16 |
| P 720   | Children's Specialist 2 | Windham, NY          | Feb 01-02    | 01/13/16 | P 748   | Children's Specialist 2 | Hidden Valley, PA  | Mar 14-15    | 02/24/16 |
| P 721   | Children's Specialist 2 | Whitetail Resort, PA | Feb 01-02    | 01/13/16 | P 749   | Children's Specialist 2 | Wachusett, MA      | Mar 16-17    | 02/24/16 |
| P ^ 722 | PM CS1 - Reg @ 2PM      | Mt. Southington, CT  | Feb 03-04    | 01/13/16 | P 750   | Children's Specialist 2 | Belleayre, NY      | Mar 19-20    | 03/02/16 |
| P 723   | Children's Specialist 1 | Okemo, VT            | Feb 08-09    | 01/20/16 | P 751   | Children's Specialist 1 | Mount Peter, NY    | Mar 19-20    | 03/02/16 |
| P 724   | Children's Specialist 1 | Timberline, WV       | Feb 08-09    | 01/20/16 | P 753   | Children's Specialist 1 | Oak Mountain, NY   | Mar 26-27    | 03/09/16 |
| P ^ 725 | PM CS2 - Reg @ 2PM      | Kissing Bridge, NY   | Feb 10-11    | 01/20/16 | P 754   | Children's Specialist 1 | Mount Snow, VT     | Mar 28-29    | 03/09/16 |
| P 726   | Children's Specialist 1 | Thunder Ridge, NY    | Feb 20-21    | 02/03/16 | P 755   | Children's Specialist 2 | Mount Snow, VT     | Mar 28-29    | 03/09/16 |
| P 727   | Children's Specialist 1 | Gatlinburg, TN       | Feb 20-21    | 02/03/16 | P 756   | Children's Specialist 1 | Sunday River, ME   | Mar 30-31    | 03/09/16 |
| P 728   | Children's Specialist 1 | Wintergreen, VA      | Feb 22-23    | 02/03/16 | P 757   | Children's Specialist 1 | Killington, VT     | Apr 02-03    | 03/16/16 |
| P 730   | Children's Specialist 1 | Peek n' Peak, NY     | Feb 27-28    | 02/10/16 | P 758   | Children's Specialist 2 | Killington, VT     | Apr 02-03    | 03/16/16 |
| P 731   | Children's Specialist 1 | Montage, PA          | Feb 27-28    | 02/10/16 |         |                         |                    |              |          |

## \*\*NEW\*\* Level I and Children's Specialist 1 Combined (Open to Reg Members Only, Dir Sig Required - 3 days - \$230)

NOTE: Children's Specialist courses require completed workbook prior to attending -see [www.psia-e.org](http://www.psia-e.org) for more info

| Key No. | Event                | Location         | Dates     | Deadline | Key No. | Event                | Location       | Dates     | Deadline |
|---------|----------------------|------------------|-----------|----------|---------|----------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|
| R P 065 | Alpine Level I & CS1 | Elk Mountain, PA | Jan 25-27 | 01/06/16 | R 406   | AASI Level I & CS1   | Mount Snow, VT | Feb 24-26 | 02/15/16 |
| R 366   | AASI Level I & CS1   | Elk Mountain, PA | Jan 25-27 | 01/06/16 | R P 188 | Alpine Level I & CS1 | Jack Frost, PA | Mar 09-11 | 02/17/16 |
| R P 142 | Alpine Level I & CS1 | Massanutten, VA  | Feb 24-26 | 02/15/16 | R 439   | AASI Level I & CS1   | Jack Frost, PA | Mar 09-11 | 02/17/16 |
| R 405   | AASI Level I & CS1   | Massanutten, VA  | Feb 24-26 | 02/15/16 | R P 266 | Alpine Level I & CS1 | Killington, VT | Apr 04-06 | 03/16/16 |
| R P 139 | Alpine Level I & CS1 | Mount Snow, VT   | Feb 24-26 | 02/15/16 | R 464   | AASI Level I & CS1   | Killington, VT | Apr 04-06 | 03/16/16 |

## Children's Events (Open to all members and non-members for additional \$25) 2 days - \$175

| Key No. | Event                         | Location           | Dates     | Deadline | Key No. | Event                         | Location          | Dates     | Deadline |
|---------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------|---------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|
| R # 707 | Advanced Kids Zone - CS2 Prep | Bolton Valley, VT  | Jan 05-06 | 12/16/15 | R # 739 | Coaching Kids in Racing       | Dartmouth, NH     | Mar 05-06 | 02/17/16 |
| R # 715 | Intro to Kids Zone - CS1 Prep | Bousquet, MA       | Jan 25-26 | 01/06/16 | R # 740 | Advanced Kids Zone - CS2 Prep | Blue Mountain, PA | Mar 07-08 | 02/17/16 |
| R # 735 | Advanced Kids Zone - CS2 Prep | Holiday Valley, NY | Mar 02-03 | 02/10/16 | R # 744 | Coaching Kids in Racing       | Ski Butternut, MA | Mar 10-11 | 03/02/16 |

## Teams (Open to Level III members - Any discipline) - Prep - \$175; Exam - \$220

| Key No. | Event         | Location         | Dates     | Deadline | Key No. | Event         | Location  | Dates     | Deadline |
|---------|---------------|------------------|-----------|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 716     | ACE Team Prep | Elk Mountain, PA | Jan 25-26 | 01/06/16 | 752     | ACE Team Exam | Stowe, VT | Mar 23-24 | 03/02/16 |
| 729     | ACE Team Prep | Mount Snow, VT   | Feb 22-23 | 02/03/16 |         |               |           |           |          |

## Freestyle Specialist Schedule for 2015 - 2016

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If openings are available after the deadline date, members may be admitted based on availability- Absolutely no walk-ons will be admitted

A \$25 non-refundable late fee will be charged, please contact the office 518-452-6095 to inquire on availability.

All educational events earn 6 CEU's per day - membership requires 12 CEU's every two seasons (NOTE: only passed exams earn CEU Credit)

### Freestyle Specialist (FS1 open to Level I, FS2 or FS3 open Level II or Level III members) 2 days - \$200

NOTE: Freestyle Specialist courses require completed online workbook prior to attending -see [www.psia-e.org](http://www.psia-e.org) for more info

| Key No. | Event                  | Location          | Dates     | Deadline | Key No. | Event                  | Location          | Dates     | Deadline |
|---------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|---------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|
| 093     | Alpine FS1             | Seven Springs, PA | Feb 03-04 | 01/13/16 | 103     | Alpine FS1             | Loon Mountain, NH | Feb 08-09 | 01/20/16 |
| 383     | Snowboard FS1          | Seven Springs, PA | Feb 03-04 | 01/13/16 | 407     | Snowboard FS1          | Mount Snow, VT    | Feb 24-25 | 02/03/16 |
| 384     | Freestyle Specialist 2 | Seven Springs, PA | Feb 03-04 | 01/13/16 | 140     | Alpine FS1             | Mount Snow, VT    | Feb 24-25 | 02/03/16 |
| 385     | Freestyle Specialist 3 | Seven Springs, PA | Feb 03-04 | 01/13/16 | 408     | Freestyle Specialist 2 | Mount Snow, VT    | Feb 24-25 | 02/03/16 |
| 388     | Snowboard FS1          | Loon Mountain, NH | Feb 08-09 | 01/20/16 | 409     | Freestyle Specialist 3 | Mount Snow, VT    | Feb 24-25 | 02/03/16 |

### Alpine Freestyle (Open to all members and non-members for an additional \$25) 2 days - \$175

| Key No. | Event                                    | Location          | Dates     | Deadline | Key No. | Event                                 | Location         | Dates     | Deadline |
|---------|--|-------------------|-----------|----------|---------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|----------|
| # R 028 | Intro to Park Zone - FS1 Prep            | Bolton Valley, VT | Jan 05-06 | 12/16/15 | # R 252 | Intro to Park Zone - FS1 Prep         | Sunday River, ME | Mar 30-31 | 03/09/16 |
| # R 086 | Intro to Park Zone - FS1 Prep            | Whitetail, PA     | Feb 01-02 | 01/13/16 | # R 253 | Advanced Park Zone - FS2 Prep         | Sunday River, ME | Mar 30-31 | 03/09/16 |
| # R 123 | Intro to Park Zone - FS1 Prep            | Mount Snow, VT    | Feb 22-23 | 02/03/16 | # R 257 | Intro to Park Zone - F Killington, VT |                  | Apr 02-03 | 03/16/16 |
| # R 203 | Intro to Park Zone - F Seven Springs, PA |                   | Mar 12-13 | 02/24/16 | # R 258 | Advanced Park Zone - F Killington, VT |                  | Apr 02-03 | 03/16/16 |

### Snowboard Freestyle Specialist Prep (Open to all members) 2 days - \$180

| Key No. | Event                   | Location          | Dates     | Deadline | Key No. | Event                   | Location         | Dates     | Deadline |
|---------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|---------|-------------------------|------------------|-----------|----------|
| 377     | FS2 - FS3 Prep          | Seven Springs, PA | Feb 01-02 | 01/13/16 | 399     | FS2 - FS3 Prep          | Mount Snow, VT   | Feb 22-23 | 02/03/16 |
| R 390   | Low Key Freestyle Skill | Loon Mountain, NH | Feb 08-09 | 01/20/16 | R 413   | Low Key Freestyle Skill | Peek 'n Peak, NY | Feb 27-28 | 02/10/16 |



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## PSIA-AASI Eastern Division Event Participant Safety Policy

Skiing and riding are athletic and physically demanding activities. It is the expectation of PSIA-AASI Eastern Division that each participant attending an event or exam shall possess the requisite level of fitness and stamina to participate safely, on all appropriate terrain and at a pace consistent with other members of the group. As such, PSIA-AASI Eastern Division reserves the right to have education staff reassign participants in any event that may pose a risk to themselves or others or consistently impede the progress of the group to another, more skill and fitness-appropriate event. In such a situation, an appropriate event will be recommended and the member may be transferred to that event at no charge (other than any difference in event costs) or a full refund of the originally registered event will be provided.

## Feature Events (Open all members and some open to non-members for an additional \$25)

| Key No  | Event                                | Description                   | Location       | Price | Dates           | Deadline |
|---------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------|-----------------|----------|
| R # 009 | Snowsports School Management Seminar | 2 days; Keynote Tues; banquet | Mount Snow, VT | \$265 | Nov 30 - Dec 02 | 11/11/15 |
| R # 009 | AASI Resort Trainers                 | For Supervisors and Trainers  | Mount Snow, VT | \$265 | Nov 30 - Dec 02 | 11/11/15 |
| R # 700 | Children's Academy                   | 2 days; Keynote with Jeb Boyd | Mount Snow, VT | \$175 | Dec 07-08       | 11/18/15 |
| R # 701 | Children's Academy                   | 3 days; Hunger for Games      | Mount Snow, VT | \$230 | Dec 07-09       | 11/18/15 |
| R 703   | AASI Level I                         | 3 days at Children's Academy  | Mount Snow, VT | \$230 | Dec 07-09       | 11/18/15 |
| R 351   | Rider Rally                          | 2 days, Early Season Prep     | Mount Snow, VT | \$180 | Dec 12-13       | 11/25/15 |
| R 462   | AASI Spring Rally                    | 2 days; Après Ski party       | Killington, VT | \$200 | Apr 02-03       | 03/16/16 |

## Rider Update (Open to all members) 2 days -\$180

| Key No. | Event              | Location          | Dates     | Deadline | Key No. | Event              | Location          | Dates        | Deadline |
|---------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------|
| R 354   | All Mountain Focus | Killington, VT    | Jan 06-07 | 12/16/15 | R 416   | All Mountain Focus | Holimont, NY      | Feb 29-Mar 1 | 02/10/16 |
| R 362   | All Mountain Focus | Sunday River, ME  | Jan 21-22 | 01/04/16 | R 417   | Intro to Trees     | Holimont, NY      | Mar 02-03    | 02/10/16 |
| R 369   | All Mountain Focus | Elk Mountain, PA  | Jan 28-29 | 01/06/16 | R 429   | All Mountain Focus | Blue Mountain, PA | Mar 07-08    | 02/17/16 |
| R 380   | Intro to Moguls    | Belleayre, NY     | Feb 01-02 | 01/13/16 | R 430   | Corduroy & Carving | Blue Mountain, PA | Mar 07-08    | 02/17/16 |
| R 389   | All Mountain Focus | Loon Mountain, NH | Feb 08-09 | 01/20/16 | R 456   | All Mountain Focus | Sugarbush, VT     | Mar 21-22    | 03/02/16 |

## Snowskating (Open to all members and non-members for an additional \$25) 2 days -\$180

| Key No. | Event       | Location         | Dates     | Deadline | Key No. | Event       | Location         | Dates     | Deadline |
|---------|-------------|------------------|-----------|----------|---------|-------------|------------------|-----------|----------|
| R # 350 | Snowskating | Sunday River, ME | Jan 21-22 | 01/04/16 | R # 412 | Snowskating | Peek 'n Peak, NY | Feb 27-28 | 02/10/16 |
| R # 379 | Snowskating | Belleayre, NY    | Feb 01-02 | 01/13/16 | R # 432 | Snowskating | Jay Peak, VT     | Mar 09-10 | 02/17/16 |

## \*\* NEW \*\* Resort Area Trainer - Director Signature Required (Open to Level II or Level III Staff Trainers) 2 days -\$180

| Key No. | Event               | Location            | Dates     | Deadline | Key No. | Event               | Location      | Dates     | Deadline |
|---------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|----------|---------|---------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|
| 357     | Resort Area Trainer | Smugg's Notch, VT   | Jan 11-12 | 12/28/15 | 401     | Resort Area Trainer | Snowshoe, WV  | Feb 22-23 | 02/03/16 |
| 381     | Resort Area Trainer | Hunter Mountain, NY | Feb 03-04 | 01/13/16 | 454     | Resort Area Trainer | Sugarbush, VT | Mar 21-22 | 03/02/16 |

## \*\* NEW \*\* Dynamic Riding - 6 CEU's (Open to all members) 1 day -\$125

| Key No. | Event          | Location          | Dates  | Deadline | Key No. | Event          | Location             | Dates  | Deadline |
|---------|----------------|-------------------|--------|----------|---------|----------------|----------------------|--------|----------|
| R 360   | Dynamic Riding | Smugg's Notch, VT | 15-Jan | 12/28/15 | R 446   | Dynamic Riding | Liberty Mountain, PA | 11-Mar | 02/24/16 |
| R 411   | Dynamic Riding | Mount Snow, VT    | 26-Feb | 02/03/16 | R 458   | Dynamic Riding | Wachusett, MA        | 25-Mar | 03/02/16 |
| R 418   | Dynamic Riding | Holimont, NY      | 4-Mar  | 02/10/16 | R 461   | Dynamic Riding | Killington, VT       | 1-Apr  | 03/16/16 |

## Camps (Open to all Certified members, Women's camps open to non-members) 3 day \$250; 2 days -\$180

| Key No. | Event                | Location          | Dates     | Deadline | Key No. | Event                | Location             | Dates        | Deadline |
|---------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|---------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------|
| R # 359 | Women's Camp         | Smugg's Notch, VT | Jan 13-14 | 12/28/15 | 397     | Freestyle Camp 2 Day | Mount Snow, VT       | Feb 22-23    | 02/03/16 |
| 370     | Steeps Camp 2 Day    | Stowe, VT         | Jan 25-26 | 01/06/16 | 398     | Freestyle Camp 3 Day | Mount Snow, VT       | Feb 22-24    | 02/03/16 |
| 371     | Steeps Camp 3 Day    | Stowe, VT         | Jan 25-27 | 01/06/16 | 471     | Powder Camp 2 Day    | Jay Peak, VT         | Feb 24-25    | 02/03/16 |
| R # 378 | Women's Park Camp    | Seven Springs, PA | Feb 01-02 | 01/13/16 | R # 415 | Women's Camp         | Holimont, NY         | Feb 29-Mar 1 | 02/10/16 |
| 375     | Freestyle Camp 2 Day | Seven Springs, PA | Feb 01-02 | 01/13/16 | 426     | Trees Camp 2 Day     | Jay Peak, VT         | Mar 07-08    | 02/17/16 |
| 376     | Freestyle Camp 3 Day | Seven Springs, PA | Feb 01-03 | 01/13/16 | 427     | Trees Camp 3 Day     | Jay Peak, VT         | Mar 07-09    | 02/17/16 |
| 386     | Halfpipe Camp 2 Day  | Seven Springs, PA | Feb 03-04 | 01/13/16 | R # 447 | Women's Camp         | Liberty Mountain, PA | Mar 12-13    | 02/24/16 |
| R # 400 | Women's Park Camp    | Mount Snow, VT    | Feb 22-23 | 02/03/16 | 449     | Halfpipe Camp 2 Day  | Okemo, VT            | Mar 14-15    | 02/24/16 |

## Off Piste (Open to Certified Members) 1 day - \$125; 2 days -\$180

NOTE: Level I or II Members must pass Off Piste Assessment to attend Off Piste event at Smuggler's Notch - Open to All Level III Members

| Key No. | Event                | Location     | Dates  | Deadline | Key No. | Event             | Location          | Dates     | Deadline |
|---------|----------------------|--------------|--------|----------|---------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|
| 372     | Off Piste Assessment | Stowe, VT    | Jan 27 | 01/06/16 | 443     | Off Piste - 2 Day | Smugg's Notch, VT | Mar 10-11 | 02/17/16 |
| 434     | Off Piste Assessment | Jay Peak, VT | Mar 09 | 02/17/16 |         |                   |                   |           |          |

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## Freestyle Specialist Prep (Open to all members) 2 days - \$180

| Key No. | Event                   | Location          | Dates     | Deadline | Key No. | Event                   | Location         | Dates     | Deadline |
|---------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|---------|-------------------------|------------------|-----------|----------|
| R 377   | FS2 - FS3 Prep          | Seven Springs, PA | Feb 01-02 | 01/13/16 | R 399   | FS2 - FS3 Prep          | Mount Snow, VT   | Feb 22-23 | 02/03/16 |
| R 390   | Low Key Freestyle Skill | Loon Mountain, NH | Feb 08-09 | 01/20/16 | R 413   | Low Key Freestyle Skill | Peek 'n Peak, NY | Feb 27-28 | 02/10/16 |

## Freestyle Specialist (FS1 open to Level I, FS2 or FS3 open Level II or Level III members) 2 days - \$200

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|---------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|---------|------------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|
| 383     | Freestyle Specialist 1 | Seven Springs, PA | Feb 03-04 | 01/13/16 | 407     | Freestyle Specialist 1 | Mount Snow, VT | Feb 24-25 | 02/03/16 |
| 384     | Freestyle Specialist 2 | Seven Springs, PA | Feb 03-04 | 01/13/16 | 408     | Freestyle Specialist 2 | Mount Snow, VT | Feb 24-25 | 02/03/16 |
| 385     | Freestyle Specialist 3 | Seven Springs, PA | Feb 03-04 | 01/13/16 | 409     | Freestyle Specialist 3 | Mount Snow, VT | Feb 24-25 | 02/03/16 |
| 388     | Freestyle Specialist 1 | Loon Mountain, NH | Feb 08-09 | 01/20/16 |         |                        |                |           |          |

## Adaptive Snowboard (Open to all members & non-members for an additional \$25) 1 day-\$125; 2 Days \$175

| R # | Event              | Location          | Dates  | Deadline | R #     | Event                 | Location          | Dates     | Deadline |
|-----|--------------------|-------------------|--------|----------|---------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|
| 504 | Level I Exam Prep  | Smugg's Notch, VT | Jan 19 | 01/04/16 | 509     | Sit Down Exam Prep    | Smugg's Notch, VT | Jan 22    | 01/04/16 |
| 505 | Stand Up Exam Prep | Smugg's Notch, VT | Jan 20 | 01/04/16 | R # 515 | Level I Exam Prep     | Swain, NY         | Jan 31    | 01/13/16 |
| 507 | VI-Cog Exam Prep   | Smugg's Notch, VT | Jan 21 | 01/04/16 | R # 544 | Tethering Mythbusters | Loon Mountain, NH | Mar 05-06 | 02/10/16 |

## Adaptive Snowboard Exams - Director's Signature Required (Open to members) 1 day-\$119; 2 days - \$200

| R   | Event            | Location          | Dates     | Deadline | R   | Event                            | Location        | Dates     | Deadline |
|-----|------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|-----|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|
| 534 | Level I VI-Cog   | Mount Sunapee, NH | Feb 27-28 | 02/15/16 | 558 | Level I Stand Up                 | Jiminy Peak, MA | Mar 14-15 | 02/24/16 |
| 535 | Level I Sit Down | Mount Sunapee, NH | Feb 27-28 | 02/15/16 | 559 | Level II VI-Cog                  | Jiminy Peak, MA | Mar 14    | 02/24/16 |
| 536 | Level I Stand Up | Mount Sunapee, NH | Feb 27-28 | 02/15/16 | 560 | Level II Sit Down                | Jiminy Peak, MA | Mar 14    | 02/24/16 |
| 553 | Level I VI-Cog   | Wintergreen, VA   | Mar 12-13 | 02/24/16 | 561 | Level II Stand Up                | Jiminy Peak, MA | Mar 15    | 02/24/16 |
| 554 | Level I Sit Down | Wintergreen, VA   | Mar 12-13 | 02/24/16 | 562 | Level II Riding                  | Jiminy Peak, MA | Mar 15    | 02/24/16 |
| 555 | Level I Stand Up | Wintergreen, VA   | Mar 12-13 | 02/24/16 | 588 | Adaptive Snowboard Educator Exam | Killington, VT  | Apr 06-07 | 03/16/16 |

## Backcountry Accreditation (Open to all Certified members) 2 days - \$200

| Key No. | Event             | Location           | Dates                | Deadline | Key No. | Event                   | Location           | Dates     | Deadline |
|---------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------|---------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------|
| 600     | Snow Sense & Plan | Mount Snow, VT     | Oct 31 - No 10/14/15 |          | 619     | Putting It All Together | Maple Wind Farm, V | Mar 05-06 | 02/17/16 |
| 609     | Collecting Data   | Maple Wind Farm, V | Feb 06-07            | 01/20/16 |         |                         |                    |           |          |

## Teams (Open to Level III members - Any discipline) - Prep - \$175; Exam - \$220

| Key No. | Event         | Location         | Dates     | Deadline | Key No. | Event         | Location  | Dates     | Deadline |
|---------|---------------|------------------|-----------|----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 716     | ACE Team Prep | Elk Mountain, PA | Jan 25-26 | 01/06/16 | 752     | ACE Team Exam | Stowe, VT | Mar 23-24 | 03/02/16 |
| 729     | ACE Team Prep | Mount Snow, VT   | Feb 22-23 | 02/03/16 |         |               |           |           |          |

## AASI Level I Exams - Director's Signature Required (Open to Registered members) 2 days - \$150

A new member application must be submitted prior to, or at the same time as Level I Exam Application. Director Signature is required.

New members who join after February 15, 2015 will receive membership benefits through June 2016.

| Key No. | Event             | Description                                 | Location       | Price | Dates     | Deadline |
|---------|-------------------|---|----------------|-------|-----------|----------|
| R 703   | AASI Level I Exam | Level I Exam at Children's Academy - 3 days | Mount Snow, VT | \$230 | Dec 07-09 | 11/18/15 |

| Key No. | Event                | Location             | Dates        | Deadline | Key No. | Event                | Location          | Dates     | Deadline |
|---------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------|---------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|
| R 355   | AASI Level I Exam    | Killington, VT       | Jan 06-07    | 12/16/15 | R 424   | AASI Level I Exam    | Ski Sundown, CT   | Mar 05-06 | 02/15/16 |
| R 356   | AASI Level I Exam    | Bromley, VT          | Jan 09-10    | 12/28/15 | R 425   | AASI Level I Exam    | Dartmouth, NH     | Mar 05-06 | 02/15/16 |
| R 361   | AASI Level I Exam    | Sunday River, ME     | Jan 21-22    | 01/04/16 | R 428   | AASI Level I Exam    | Blue Mountain, PA | Mar 07-08 | 02/17/16 |
| R 365   | AASI Level I Exam    | Ski Butternut, MA    | Jan 21-22    | 01/04/16 | R 433   | AASI Level I Exam    | Jay Peak, VT      | Mar 09-10 | 02/17/16 |
| R 373   | AASI Level I Exam    | Stowe, VT            | Jan 25-26    | 01/06/16 | R ^ 441 | PM-AASI Level I Exam | McIntyre, NH      | Mar 10-11 | 02/17/16 |
| R 374   | AASI Level I Exam    | Seven Springs, PA    | Jan 30-31    | 01/13/16 | R 442   | AASI Level I Exam    | Smuggs Notch, VT  | Mar 10-11 | 02/17/16 |
| R 382   | AASI Level I Exam    | Hunter Mountain, NY  | Feb 03-04    | 01/13/16 | R 444   | AASI Level I Exam    | Hunt Hollow, NY   | Mar 12-13 | 02/24/16 |
| R 387   | AASI Level I Exam    | Loon Mountain, NH    | Feb 08-09    | 01/20/16 | R 445   | AASI Level I Exam    | Plattekill, NY    | Mar 12-13 | 02/24/16 |
| R 391   | AASI Level I Exam    | Bristol Mountain, NY | Feb 08-09    | 01/20/16 | R 448   | AASI Level I Exam    | Liberty Mtn, PA   | Mar 12-13 | 02/24/16 |
| R 394   | AASI Level I Exam    | Timberline, WV       | Feb 08-09    | 01/20/16 | R 450   | AASI Level I Exam    | Jiminy Peak, MA   | Mar 14-15 | 02/24/16 |
| R 395   | AASI Level I Exam    | Camelback, PA        | Feb 10-11    | 01/20/16 | R 451   | AASI Level I Exam    | Hidden Valley, PA | Mar 14-15 | 02/24/16 |
| R 403   | AASI Level I Exam    | Sugar Mountain, NC   | Feb 22-23    | 02/15/16 | R 452   | AASI Level I Exam    | Crotched Mtn, NH  | Mar 19-20 | 03/02/16 |
| R 423   | AASI Level I Exam    | Wintergreen, VA      | Feb 22-23    | 02/15/16 | R 453   | AASI Level I Exam    | Mount Peter, NY   | Mar 19-20 | 03/02/16 |
| R 414   | AASI Level I Exam    | Holiday Valley, NY   | Feb 29-Mar 1 | 02/15/16 | R 455   | AASI Level I Exam    | Sugarbush, VT     | Mar 21-22 | 03/02/16 |
| R 420   | AASI Level I Exam    | Sugarloaf, ME        | Feb 29-Mar 1 | 02/15/16 | R 457   | AASI Level I Exam    | Wachusett, MA     | Mar 23-24 | 03/02/16 |
| R 469   | AASI Level I Exam    | Beech Mountain, NC   | Mar 01-02    | 02/15/06 | R 459   | AASI Level I Exam    | Stowe, VT         | Mar 28-29 | 03/09/16 |
| R ^ 422 | PM-AASI Level I Exam | Blue Hills, MA       | Mar 03-04    | 02/15/16 | R 460   | AASI Level I Exam    | Mount Snow, VT    | Mar 28-29 | 03/09/16 |

## \*\*NEW\*\* Level I and Children's Specialist 1 Combined Open to Reg Members Only, Dir Sig Required - 3 days - \$230

Candidates must complete Level I Workbook and Children's Specialist 1 Workbook prior to event - both available free of charge at [www.psia-e.org](http://www.psia-e.org)

| Key No. | Event              | Location         | Dates     | Deadline | Key No. | Event              | Location       | Dates     | Deadline |
|---------|--------------------|------------------|-----------|----------|---------|--------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|
| R 366   | AASI Level I & CS1 | Elk Mountain, PA | Jan 25-27 | 01/06/16 | R 439   | AASI Level I & CS1 | Jack Frost, PA | Mar 09-11 | 02/17/16 |
| R 405   | AASI Level I & CS1 | Massanutten, VA  | Feb 24-26 | 02/15/16 | R 464   | AASI Level I & CS1 | Killington, VT | Apr 04-06 | 03/16/16 |
| R 406   | AASI Level I & CS1 | Mount Snow, VT   | Feb 24-26 | 02/15/16 |         |                    |                |           |          |

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## Exam Prep / Pre Requisites (Open to Certified members) 2 days - \$180

| Key No. | Event                | Location           | Dates     | Deadline | Key No. | Event             | Location           | Dates        | Deadline |
|---------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------|---------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------|
| P 352   | Level II Prep        | Killington, VT     | Jan 06-07 | 12/16/15 | P 404   | Riding Concepts   | Sugar Mountain, NC | Feb 22-23    | 02/03/16 |
| P 353   | Level III Prep       | Killington, VT     | Jan 06-07 | 12/16/15 | P 410   | Level II Prep     | Mount Snow, VT     | Feb 24-25    | 02/03/16 |
| P 358   | Level II Prep        | Smugg's Notch, VT  | Jan 11-12 | 12/28/15 | P 421   | Level II Prep     | Sugarloaf, ME      | Feb 29-Mar 1 | 02/10/16 |
| P 470   | Movement Analysis    | Wintergreen, VA    | Jan 11-12 | 12/28/15 | P 419   | Level II Prep     | Holiday Valley, NY | Mar 02-03    | 02/10/16 |
| P 363   | Level II Prep        | Sunday River, ME   | Jan 21-22 | 01/04/16 | P 431   | Level II Prep     | Blue Mountain, PA  | Mar 07-08    | 02/17/16 |
| P 364   | Level III Prep       | Sunday River, ME   | Jan 21-22 | 01/04/16 | P 435   | Level II Prep     | Jay Peak, VT       | Mar 09-10    | 02/17/16 |
| P 392   | Riding Concepts      | Bristol, NY        | Feb 08-09 | 01/20/16 | P 436   | Level III Prep    | Jay Peak, VT       | Mar 09-10    | 02/17/16 |
| P 393   | Level II Prep        | Timberline, WV     | Feb 08-09 | 01/20/16 | P 440   | Movement Analysis | Jack Frost, PA     | Mar 09-10    | 02/17/16 |
| P ^ 396 | PM-Teaching Concepts | Kissing Bridge, NY | Feb 10-11 | 01/20/16 | P 463   | Teaching Concepts | Killington, VT     | Apr 02-03    | 03/16/16 |
| P 402   | Teaching Concepts    | Snowshoe, WV       | Feb 22-23 | 02/03/16 |         |                   |                    |              |          |

## Online Exams/Events - Director's Signature is NOT required August 15 to April 15 - Exams: \$20; eLearning: \$125

| Key No. | Professional Knowledge Exams - 2 attempts only | Deadline | Key No. | e-Learning Courses - 6 CEU Credits       | Deadline |
|---------|--|----------|---------|--|----------|
| 983     | Level II Online Exam 2016 Online Season        | 04/15/16 | R M 990 | History of Snowsports 2016 Online Season | 04/15/16 |
| 984     | Level III Online Exam 2016 Online Season       | 04/15/16 | R M 991 | Adult Develop & Aging 2016 Online Season | 04/15/16 |
|         |  |          | R M 992 | Working w/ VI&DD Ski 2016 Online Season  | 04/15/16 |

## AASI Reassessments - No Director's Signature Required 1 day - \$125

| Key No. | Event                 | Location         | Dates  | Deadline | Key No. | Event                 | Location       | Dates  | Deadline |
|---------|-----------------------|------------------|--------|----------|---------|-----------------------|----------------|--------|----------|
| 368     | Lvl II Assess/Retake  | Elk Mountain, PA | Jan 28 | 01/06/16 | 467     | Lvl II Assess/Retake  | Killington, VT | Apr 07 | 03/16/16 |
| 437     | Lvl II Assess/Retake  | Jay Peak, VT     | Mar 11 | 02/17/16 | 468     | Lvl III Assess/Retake | Killington, VT | Apr 07 | 03/16/16 |
| 438     | Lvl III Assess/Retake | Jay Peak, VT     | Mar 11 | 02/17/16 |         |                       |                |        |          |

## AASI Exams - Director's Signature Required 3 days - \$292

| Key No. | Event              | Location         | Dates     | Deadline | Key No. | Event               | Location       | Dates     | Deadline |
|---------|--------------------|------------------|-----------|----------|---------|---------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|
| 367     | AASI Level II Exam | Elk Mountain, PA | Jan 25-27 | 01/06/16 | 466     | AASI Level III Exam | Killington, VT | Apr 04-06 | 03/16/16 |
| 465     | AASI Level II Exam | Killington, VT   | Apr 04-06 | 03/16/16 |         |                     |                |           |          |

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## Adaptive Feature Events (Open all members and some open to non-members for an additional \$25)

| Key No  | Event                                | Description  | Location         | Price  | Dates          | Deadline          |
|---------|--------------------------------------|--|------------------|--------|----------------|-------------------|
|         | Disab<br>led<br>Sport                | Register at DSUSA:<br><a href="http://www.disabledsportsusa.org">www.disabledsportsusa.org</a> | Breckenridge, CO | Varies | Nov 28-Dec 04  | see DSUSA website |
| # R 009 | Snowsports School Management Seminar | For Directors & Supervisors -Keynote<br>Tues; banquet  | Mount Snow, VT   | \$265  | Nov 30 - Dec 2 | 11/11/15          |
| # R 700 | Children's Academy                   | 2 days; Keynote with Jeb Boyd  | Mount Snow, VT   | \$175  | Dec 07-08      | 11/18/15          |
| # R 500 | Adaptive Snow Pro Jam                | 5 days; Après Ski activities daily   | Killington, VT   | \$450  | Dec 14-18      | 11/25/15          |
| # R 568 | Adaptive Spring Rally                | 2 days; Après Ski party  | Killington, VT   | \$200  | Apr 02-03      | 03/16/16          |

## Adaptive Specialty Events (Open to members & non-members for an additional \$25) 1 day-\$125; 2 days-\$175

NOTE: Alpine Development Series Skiing and Master Series Skiing Events are excellent Skiing Improvement courses

| Key No  | Event   | School                                  | Resort                   | Dates     | Deadline |
|---------|---|---|--------------------------|-----------|----------|
| # R 502 | Training for your Trainers                                | Bart J. Ruggiere Adaptive Sports Center | Bromley, VT              | Jan 09-10 | 12/28/15 |
| # R 512 | Behavior Management Techniques                            | Elk Ski and Snowboard School            | Elk Mountain, PA         | Jan 25    | 01/06/16 |
| # R 513 | Working with VI and DD Skiers                             | Elk Ski and Snowboard School            | Elk Mountain, PA         | Jan 26    | 01/06/16 |
| # R 511 | Skiing with Seniors                                       | New England Disabled Sports             | Bretton Woods, NH        | Jan 23-24 | 01/06/16 |
| # R 527 | Working with Sit Down Skiers                              | Gore Mountain Snowsports School         | Gore Mountain, NY        | Feb 08-09 | 01/20/16 |
| # R 528 | Behavior Management Techniques                            | Okemo Ski and Snowboard School          | Okemo Mountain, VT       | Feb 07    | 01/20/16 |
| # R 529 | Working with VI and DD Skiers                             | Okemo Ski and Snowboard School          | Okemo Mountain, VT       | Feb 08    | 01/20/16 |
| # R 108 | History of Snowsports                                     | Timberline Ski & Snowboard School       | Timberline, WV           | Feb 10    | 01/20/16 |
| # R 530 | Teaching Kids on the Autistic Spectrum                    | Blue Mountain Learning Centers          | Blue Mountain, PA        | Feb 21-22 | 02/03/16 |
| # R 117 | History of Snowsports                                     | Mount Snow Ski & Snowboard School       | Mount Snow, VT           | Feb 22    | 02/03/16 |
| # R 130 | Adult Development and Aging                               | Mount Snow Ski & Snowboard School       | Mount Snow, VT           | Feb 23    | 02/03/16 |
| # R 544 | Tethering Mythbusters - Alpine & AASI                     | New England Disabled Sports at Loon     | Loon Mountain, NH        | Mar 05-06 | 02/17/16 |
| # R 545 | Incorporating students with special needs in your lessons | Greek Peak Snowsports School            | Greek Peak, NY           | Mar 05-06 | 02/17/16 |
| # R 549 | Teaching Kids on the Autistic Spectrum                    | Hunt Hollow Snowsports School           | Hunt Hollow Ski Club, NY | Mar 12-13 | 02/24/16 |
| # R 563 | Teaching Kids on the Autistic Spectrum                    | Wachusett Mountain Snowsports School    | Wachusett Mountain, MA   | Mar 16-17 | 02/24/16 |
| # R 567 | Skiing with Seniors                                       | Liberty Mountain Snowsports School      | Liberty Mountain, PA     | Mar 20-21 | 03/02/16 |

## Cross Country Adaptive Events (Open to members & non-members for an additional \$25) 2 days - \$130

|         |   |                                      |                       |           |          |
|---------|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------|
| # R 605 | Adaptive X-C: Blind/DD - Non-Ambulatory | Waterville Valley XC Learning Center | Waterville Valley, NH | Jan 23-24 | 01/06/16 |
|---------|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------|

## Adaptive Exam Prep (Open to Registered, Level I or Level II members) 1 day - \$125

| Key No | Event  | School                           | Resort              | Dates  | Deadline |
|--------|--|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------|----------|
| R 503  | Adaptive Skiing Level I Exam Prep                  | Smugglers Notch Adaptive Program | Smugglers Notch, VT | Jan 19 | 01/04/16 |
| R 504  | Adaptive Snowboard Level I Exam Prep               | Smugglers Notch Adaptive Program | Smugglers Notch, VT | Jan 19 | 01/04/16 |
| R 505  | Adaptive Snowboard - Stand Up                      | Smugglers Notch Adaptive Program | Smugglers Notch, VT | Jan 20 | 01/04/16 |
| R 506  | Adaptive Skiing Level II & III - 3 Track / 4 Track | Smugglers Notch Adaptive Program | Smugglers Notch, VT | Jan 20 | 01/04/16 |
| R 507  | Adaptive Snowboard - VI / Cognitive                | Smugglers Notch Adaptive Program | Smugglers Notch, VT | Jan 21 | 01/04/16 |
| R 508  | Adaptive Skiing Level II & III Blind / DD          | Smugglers Notch Adaptive Program | Smugglers Notch, VT | Jan 21 | 01/04/16 |
| R 509  | Adaptive Snowboard - Sit Down                      | Smugglers Notch Adaptive Program | Smugglers Notch, VT | Jan 22 | 01/04/16 |
| R 510  | Adaptive Skiing Level II & III - Mono-Bi           | Smugglers Notch Adaptive Program | Smugglers Notch, VT | Jan 22 | 01/04/16 |
| R 514  | Adaptive Skiing Level I Exam Prep                  | Swain Snowsports Academy         | Swain Mountain, NY  | Jan 30 | 01/13/16 |
| R 515  | Adaptive Snowboard Level I Exam Prep               | Swain Snowsports Academy         | Swain Mountain, NY  | Jan 31 | 01/13/16 |

## Online Exams/Events - Director's Signature is NOT required August 15, 2015 to April 15, 2016

NOTE: Candidate has two attempts per season to score 70% or higher - otherwise may attempt the following season

| Key No | Event                                     | Description  | Price | Deadline |
|--------|---|--|-------|----------|
| 985    | Adaptive Level II Online Exam             | Registration allows two attempts for each exam - opt to take one or more | \$20  | 04/15/16 |
| 986    | Adaptive Level III Online Exam            | Registration allows two attempts for each exam - opt to take one or more | \$20  | 04/15/16 |
| 987    | Adaptive Snowboard Level II Online Exam   | Registration allows two attempts for each exam - opt to take one or more | \$20  | 04/15/16 |
| 990    | History of Snowsports                     | E-Learning Continuing Education Course - Compliments 1 Day On Snow       | \$125 | 04/15/16 |
| 991    | Adult Development and Aging               | E-Learning Continuing Education Course - Compliments 1 Day On Snow       | \$125 | 04/15/16 |
| 992    | Working with Blind Develop Delayed Skiers | E-Learning Continuing Education Course - Compliments 1 Day On Snow       | \$125 | 04/15/16 |

## Adaptive Level I Exams - Director's Signature Required (For Registered members) 2 days - \$200

A new member application and current dues payment must be submitted prior to, or at the same time as Level I Exam Application.

New members who join after February 15, 2016 will receive membership benefits through June 2017.

|       |                        |                                  |                      |              |          |
|-------|------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------|
| R 589 | Mono/Bi                | Smugglers Notch Adaptive Program | Smugglers Notch, VT  | Jan 19-20    | 01/04/16 |
| R 516 | 3/4 Track              | Adaptive Sports Foundation       | Windham Mountain, NY | Jan 31-Feb 1 | 01/13/16 |
| R 517 | Blind/DD               | Adaptive Sports Foundation       | Windham Mountain, NY | Jan 31-Feb 1 | 01/13/16 |
| R 518 | Mono/Bi                | Adaptive Sports Foundation       | Windham Mountain, NY | Jan 31-Feb 1 | 01/13/16 |
| R 531 | 3/4 Track              | Mount Sunapee Learning Center    | Mount Sunapee, NH    | Feb 27-28    | 02/15/16 |
| R 532 | Blind/DD               | Mount Sunapee Learning Center    | Mount Sunapee, NH    | Feb 27-28    | 02/15/16 |
| R 533 | Mono/Bi                | Mount Sunapee Learning Center    | Mount Sunapee, NH    | Feb 27-28    | 02/15/16 |
| R 534 | Snowboard VI/Cognitive | Mount Sunapee Learning Center    | Mount Sunapee, NH    | Feb 27-28    | 02/15/16 |
| R 535 | Snowboard Sit Down     | Mount Sunapee Learning Center    | Mount Sunapee, NH    | Feb 27-28    | 02/15/16 |
| R 536 | Snowboard Stand Up     | Mount Sunapee Learning Center    | Mount Sunapee, NH    | Feb 27-28    | 02/15/16 |

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## Adaptive Level I Exams (Continued) - Director's Signature Required (For Registered members) 2 days - \$200

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| Key No | Event                  | School                            | Resort                 | Dates     | Deadline |
|--------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|----------|
| R 537  | 3/4 Track              | HoliMont Phoenix Adaptive Program | HoliMont Ski Area, NY  | Feb 28-29 | 02/15/16 |
| R 538  | Blind/DD               | HoliMont Phoenix Adaptive Program | HoliMont Ski Area, NY  | Feb 28-29 | 02/15/16 |
| R 539  | Mono/Bi                | HoliMont Phoenix Adaptive Program | HoliMont Ski Area, NY  | Feb 28-29 | 02/15/16 |
| R 546  | 3/4 Track              | McIntyre Ski & Snowboard School   | McIntyre Ski Area, NH  | Mar 10-11 | 02/17/16 |
| R 547  | Blind/DD               | McIntyre Ski & Snowboard School   | McIntyre Ski Area, NH  | Mar 10-11 | 02/17/16 |
| R 548  | Mono/Bi                | McIntyre Ski & Snowboard School   | McIntyre Ski Area, NH  | Mar 10-11 | 02/17/16 |
| R 550  | 3/4 Track              | Wintergreen Adaptive Sports       | Wintergreen Resort, VA | Mar 12-13 | 02/24/16 |
| R 551  | Blind/DD               | Wintergreen Adaptive Sports       | Wintergreen Resort, VA | Mar 12-13 | 02/24/16 |
| R 552  | Mono/Bi                | Wintergreen Adaptive Sports       | Wintergreen Resort, VA | Mar 12-13 | 02/24/16 |
| R 553  | Snowboard VI/Cognitive | Wintergreen Adaptive Sports       | Wintergreen Resort, VA | Mar 12-13 | 02/24/16 |
| R 554  | Snowboard Sit Down     | Wintergreen Adaptive Sports       | Wintergreen Resort, VA | Mar 12-13 | 02/24/16 |
| R 555  | Snowboard Stand Up     | Wintergreen Adaptive Sports       | Wintergreen Resort, VA | Mar 12-13 | 02/24/16 |
| R 556  | Snowboard VI/Cognitive | STRIDE Adaptive Sports Program    | Jiminy Peak, MA        | Mar 14-15 | 02/24/16 |
| R 557  | Snowboard Sit Down     | STRIDE Adaptive Sports Program    | Jiminy Peak, MA        | Mar 14-15 | 02/24/16 |
| R 558  | Snowboard Stand Up     | STRIDE Adaptive Sports Program    | Jiminy Peak, MA        | Mar 14-15 | 02/24/16 |
| R 564  | 3/4 Track              | Belleayre Mountain Snowsports     | Belleayre, NY          | Mar 19-20 | 03/02/16 |
| R 565  | Blind/DD               | Belleayre Mountain Snowsports     | Belleayre, NY          | Mar 19-20 | 03/02/16 |
| R 566  | Mono/Bi                | Belleayre Mountain Snowsports     | Belleayre, NY          | Mar 19-20 | 03/02/16 |
| R 569  | 3/4 Track              | Killington Snowsports School      | Killington, VT         | Apr 02-03 | 03/16/16 |
| R 570  | Blind/DD               | Killington Snowsports School      | Killington, VT         | Apr 02-03 | 03/16/16 |
| R 571  | Mono/Bi                | Killington Snowsports School      | Killington, VT         | Apr 02-03 | 03/16/16 |

## Level II Exam - Director's Signature Required (Open to Level I members) - 1 day - \$119

| Key No | Event                  | School                            | Resort                | Dates  | Deadline |
|--------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------|----------|
| 519    | Blind/DD               | Adaptive Sports Foundation        | Windham Mountain, NY  | Jan 31 | 01/13/16 |
| 521    | Skiing                 | Adaptive Sports Foundation        | Windham Mountain, NY  | Jan 31 | 01/13/16 |
| 523    | 3/4 Track              | Adaptive Sports Foundation        | Windham Mountain, NY  | Feb 1  | 01/13/16 |
| 525    | Mono/Bi                | Adaptive Sports Foundation        | Windham Mountain, NY  | Feb 1  | 01/13/16 |
| 540    | Blind/DD               | HoliMont Phoenix Adaptive Program | HoliMont Ski Area, NY | Feb 28 | 02/10/16 |
| 541    | Skiing                 | HoliMont Phoenix Adaptive Program | HoliMont Ski Area, NY | Feb 28 | 02/10/16 |
| 542    | 3/4 Track              | HoliMont Phoenix Adaptive Program | HoliMont Ski Area, NY | Feb 29 | 02/10/16 |
| 543    | Mono/Bi                | HoliMont Phoenix Adaptive Program | HoliMont Ski Area, NY | Feb 29 | 02/10/16 |
| 559    | Snowboard VI/Cognitive | STRIDE Adaptive Sports Program    | Jiminy Peak, MA       | Mar 14 | 02/24/16 |
| 560    | Snowboard Sit Down     | STRIDE Adaptive Sports Program    | Jiminy Peak, MA       | Mar 14 | 02/24/16 |
| 561    | Snowboard Stand Up     | STRIDE Adaptive Sports Program    | Jiminy Peak, MA       | Mar 15 | 02/24/16 |
| 562    | Snowboard Riding       | STRIDE Adaptive Sports Program    | Jiminy Peak, MA       | Mar 15 | 02/24/16 |
| 572    | Blind/DD               | Killington Snowsports School      | Killington, VT        | Apr 2  | 03/16/16 |
| 574    | Skiing                 | Killington Snowsports School      | Killington, VT        | Apr 2  | 03/16/16 |
| 576    | 3/4 Track              | Killington Snowsports School      | Killington, VT        | Apr 3  | 03/16/16 |
| 578    | Mono/Bi                | Killington Snowsports School      | Killington, VT        | Apr 3  | 03/16/16 |
| 580    | Blind/DD               | Killington Snowsports School      | Killington, VT        | Apr 4  | 03/16/16 |
| 582    | Skiing                 | Killington Snowsports School      | Killington, VT        | Apr 4  | 03/16/16 |
| 584    | 3/4 Track              | Killington Snowsports School      | Killington, VT        | Apr 5  | 03/16/16 |
| 586    | Mono/Bi                | Killington Snowsports School      | Killington, VT        | Apr 5  | 03/16/16 |

## Level III Exam - Director's Signature Required (Open to Level II members) - 1 day - \$119

| Key No | Event     | School                       | Resort               | Dates  | Deadline |
|--------|-----------|------------------------------|----------------------|--------|----------|
| 520    | Blind/DD  | Adaptive Sports Foundation   | Windham Mountain, NY | Jan 31 | 01/13/16 |
| 522    | Skiing    | Adaptive Sports Foundation   | Windham Mountain, NY | Jan 31 | 01/13/16 |
| 524    | 3/4 Track | Adaptive Sports Foundation   | Windham Mountain, NY | Feb 1  | 01/13/16 |
| 526    | Mono/Bi   | Adaptive Sports Foundation   | Windham Mountain, NY | Feb 1  | 01/13/16 |
| 573    | Blind/DD  | Killington Snowsports School | Killington, VT       | Apr 2  | 03/16/16 |
| 575    | Skiing    | Killington Snowsports School | Killington, VT       | Apr 2  | 03/16/16 |
| 577    | 3/4 Track | Killington Snowsports School | Killington, VT       | Apr 3  | 03/16/16 |
| 579    | Mono/Bi   | Killington Snowsports School | Killington, VT       | Apr 3  | 03/16/16 |
| 581    | Blind/DD  | Killington Snowsports School | Killington, VT       | Apr 4  | 03/16/16 |
| 583    | Skiing    | Killington Snowsports School | Killington, VT       | Apr 4  | 03/16/16 |
| 585    | 3/4 Track | Killington Snowsports School | Killington, VT       | Apr 5  | 03/16/16 |
| 587    | Mono/Bi   | Killington Snowsports School | Killington, VT       | Apr 5  | 03/16/16 |

## Adaptive Snowboard Educator Exam (Open to Level II members) 2 days - \$200

| Key No | Event                            | School                       | Resort         | Dates     | Deadline |
|--------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|
| 588    | Adaptive Snowboard Educator Exam | Killington Snowsports School | Killington, VT | Apr 06-07 | 03/16/16 |

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## Nordic Telemark Schedule for 2015- 2016

### Telemark Feature Events (Open to all members and non-members for an additional \$25)

| Key No  | Event                                | Description                                    | Location       | Price | Dates          | Deadline |
|---------|--------------------------------------|--|----------------|-------|----------------|----------|
| R # 009 | Snowsports School Management Seminar | For Directors & Supervisors - Keynote; banquet | Mount Snow, VT | \$265 | Nov 30 - Dec 2 | 11/11/15 |
| R # 700 | Children's Academy                   | 2 days; Keynote with Jeb Boyd                  | Mount Snow, VT | \$175 | Dec 07-08      | 11/18/15 |
| R#P 651 | Tele Mini-Academy                    | 2 days; open to all members                    | Killington, VT | \$165 | Dec 12-13      | 11/25/15 |
| R#P 652 | Tele Pro Jam                         | 5 days; includes banquet                       | Killington, VT | \$355 | Dec 14-18      | 11/25/15 |
| R # 680 | Norwegian Tele Fling                 | 2 days; Spring corn & bumps                    | Stowe, VT      | \$140 | Mar 26-27      | 03/09/16 |
| R # 681 | Tele Spring Rally                    | 2 days; Après Ski party                        | Killington, VT | \$200 | Apr 02-03      | 03/16/16 |

### Telemark Upgrades (Open to all members and non-members for an additional \$25) 2 days - \$140

| Key No.  | Event                  | Location          | Dates     | Deadline | Key No.   | Event                    | Location           | Dates        | Deadline |
|--|------------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|---|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------|
| R#P 650  | Early Season Primer    | Sunday River, ME  | Dec 05-06 | 11/18/15 | R#P 664   | Bumps - All levels       | Belleayre, NY      | Feb 22-23    | 02/03/16 |
| R#P 653  | Early Season Primer    | Seven Springs, PA | Dec 19-20 | 12/02/15 | R#P 665   | Intro/Interm Trees       | Mount Snow, VT     | Feb 25-26    | 02/03/16 |
| R#P 654  | Ski Improve/Upgrade    | Wachusett, MA     | Dec 19-20 | 12/02/15 | R#P 666   | Level I Learn to Tele    | Mt. Sunapee, NH    | Feb 27-28    | 02/15/16 |
| R#P 655  | Ski Improve/Upgrade    | Kiminy Peak, MA   | Jan 12-13 | 12/28/15 | Rentals Available for Mt. Sunapee Learn to Tele Event |                          |                    |              |          |
| R#P 656  | Exam Prep/Upgrade      | Jillinging, VT    | Jan 20-21 | 01/04/16 | R#P 667   | Ski Improve/Upgrade      | Timberline, WV     | Feb 29-Mar 1 | 02/15/16 |
| R#P 657  | Level I Learn To Tele  | Gunstock, NH      | Jan 23-24 | 01/06/16 | R#P 668   | Video Ski Improvement    | HoliMont, NY       | Feb 29-Mar 1 | 02/15/16 |
| Rentals Available for Gunstock Learn to Tele Event               |                        |                   |           |          | R#P 669   | Level I Learn to Tele    | Whiteface, NY      | Mar 02-03    | 02/15/16 |
| R#P 658  | Ski Improvement        | Elk Mountain, PA  | Jan 25-26 | 01/06/16 | Rentals Available for Whiteface Learn to Tele Event   |                          |                    |              |          |
| R#P 659  | Exam Prep/Upgrade      | Timberline, WV    | Jan 28-29 | 01/06/16 | R# 670  | Trees & Steeps           | Mad River Glen, VT | Mar 03-04    | 02/15/16 |
| R#P 660  | Carving-Shaping-Racing | Okemo, VT         | Feb 01-02 | 01/13/16 | R# 671  | Trees- All Levels        | Gore Mountain, NY  | Mar 10-11    | 02/17/16 |
| R#P 661  | Intermed Trees         | Bretton Woods, NH | Feb 06-07 | 01/20/16 | R# 672  | Off Piste Intermed/Adv   | Plattekill, NY     | Mar 12-13    | 02/24/16 |
| R#P 662  | NOTE: Free Heel Women  | Stratton, VT      | Feb 08-09 | 01/20/16 | R# 677  | Teaching Skiing          | Windham Mtn, NY    | Mar 19-20    | 03/02/16 |
| Cost of this Clinic is \$160                                     |                        |                   |           |          | R# 678  | Trees & Steeps All Lvl's | Jay Peak, VT       | Mar 21-22    | 03/02/16 |
| R#P 663  | Side Country Racing    | Bromley, VT       | Feb 20-21 | 02/03/16 | R# 679  | Off Piste Intermed/Adv   | Sugarloaf, ME      | Mar 24-25    | 03/02/16 |
| NOTE: Sat: Off Piste Tour, Sun: Kares Race for additional charge |                        |                   |           |          | R# 682  | Bumps - ungroomed        | Killington, VT     | Apr 07-08    | 03/16/16 |

### Telemark Certification Exams (Open to all members with appropriate prerequisite) 2 days - \$155

| Key No. | Event          | Location       | Dates     | Deadline | Key No. | Event    | Location       | Dates     | Deadline |
|---------|----------------|----------------|-----------|----------|---------|----------|----------------|-----------|----------|
| 675     | Level II Exam  | Killington, VT | Mar 19-20 | 03/02/16 | 673     | DCL Exam | Killington, VT | Mar 19-20 | 03/02/16 |
| 676     | Level III Exam | Killington, VT | Mar 19-20 | 03/02/16 | 674     | DEV Exam | Killington, VT | Mar 19-20 | 03/02/16 |

### Online Exams/Events - Director's Signature is NOT required August 15 to April 15 - Exams: \$20; Events: \$125

| Key No. | Professional Knowledge Exams - 2 attempts only | Deadline           | Key No. | e-Learning Courses - 6 CEU Credits | Deadline           |
|---------|--|--------------------|---------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 988     | Level II Online Exam                           | 2016 Online Season | R M 990 | History of Snowsports              | 2016 Online Season |
| 989     | Level III Online Exam                          | 2016 Online Season | R M 991 | Adult Develop & Aging              | 2016 Online Season |
|         |  |                    | R M 992 | Working w/ VI&DD Ski               | 2016 Online Season |

## Nordic Cross Country Schedule for 2015 - 2016

### Cross Country Feature Events (Open to all members and non-members for an additional \$25)

| Key No  | Event                   | Description          | Location                           | Price | Dates     | Deadline |
|---------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|-------|-----------|----------|
| R#P 601 | Instructor Train Course | 3 days; Level I Exam | Bretton Woods XC Nordic Center, NH | \$175 | Dec 15-17 | 11/25/15 |

### Cross Country Upgrades (Open to members and non-members for an additional \$25) 2 days - \$130

| Key No. | Event                               | Location                          | Dates     | Deadline | Key No. | Event                             | Location                            | Dates     | Deadline |
|---------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------|---------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| R#P 602 | Teaching / Skiing                   | Rikert Nordic Center, VT          | Dec 16-17 | 11/25/15 | R#P 608 | Level I Skiing / Teaching Upgrade | Highpoint XC Center, NJ             | Feb 06-07 | 01/20/16 |
| R#P 603 | Teaching / Skiing                   | Lapland Lake XC Center, NY        | Dec 19-20 | 12/02/15 | R# 611  | Teaching / Skiing                 | Mt. Van-Hoevenberg, NY              | Feb 24-25 | 02/03/16 |
| R#P 604 | Master's Clinic "Go Faster"         | Trapps Family Lodge, VT           | Jan 21-22 | 01/04/16 | R# 612  | Lite Backcountry Touring          | Cannan Valley, WV                   | Feb 25-26 | 02/03/16 |
| R#P 605 | Adaptive: Blind/DD - Non-Ambulatory | Waterville Valley, NH             | Jan 23-24 | 01/06/16 | R# 613  | Lite Backcountry Touring          | Garnet Hill Lodge & XC Ski Area, NY | Feb 25-26 | 02/03/16 |
| R#P 606 | Skiing Improvement                  | Gunstock X-C & Snowshoe Ctr, NH   | Jan 27-28 | 01/06/16 | R# 614  | Level I Upgrade                   | Bethel Inn XC Ski School, ME        | Feb 27-28 | 02/10/16 |
| R#P 607 | Video Ski Improvement               | Bretton Woods, NH                 | Feb 01-02 | 01/13/16 | R# 615  | Cross Country Level I Exam        | Bolton Valley XC Center, VT         | Mar 05-06 | 02/17/16 |
| R#P 608 | Level I Skiing / Teaching Upgrade   | Jackson XC Ski Touring Center, NH | Feb 06-07 | 01/20/16 | R# 620  | Lite Backcountry Touring          | Trapps Family Lodge, VT             | Mar 12-13 | 02/24/16 |

### Backcountry Accreditation (Open to all Certified members) 2 days - \$200

| Key No. | Event             | Location            | Dates       | Deadline | Key No. | Event                   | Location            | Dates     | Deadline |
|---------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|----------|---------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------|----------|
| 600     | Snow Sense & Plan | Mount Snow, VT      | Oct 31 - No | 10/14/15 | 619     | Putting It All Together | Maple Wind Farm, VT | Mar 05-06 | 02/17/16 |
| 609     | Collecting Data   | Maple Wind Farm, VT | Feb 06-07   | 01/20/16 |         |                         |                     |           |          |

### Cross Country Exams All Levels- 2 days - \$130

| Key No  | Event         | Description                      | Location  | Price    | Dates   | Deadline       |                                  |           |          |
|---------|---------------|----------------------------------|-----------|----------|---------|----------------|----------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Key No. | Event         | Location                         | Dates     | Deadline | Key No. | Event          | Location                         | Dates     | Deadline |
| R 615   | Level I Exam  | Bolton Valley XC Center, Vermont | Mar 05-06 | 02/17/16 | 617     | Level III Exam | Bolton Valley XC Center, Vermont | Mar 05-06 | 02/17/16 |
| 616     | Level II Exam |                                  | Mar 05-06 | 02/17/16 | 618     | DEV Team Exam  | Bolton Valley XC Center, Vermont | Mar 05-06 | 02/17/16 |

# 2016 Board Elections for PSIA-E Regions 3, 4 & 7

## Overview for Members and Candidates

It is time for interested members in Region 3 (CT, MA, RI), Region 4 (PA, NJ) and Region 7 (states south of PA & NJ) to declare their candidacy for the Board of Directors for the next term of office. Per the Bylaws and our staggered regional election process, Regions 3, 4 and 7 are up for election in early 2016. Following is an overview of this process. We encourage you to review this and get involved!

1. Members interested in running for a Board seat must fill out and submit the candidacy form on the next page. It must be postmarked and sent via U.S. Mail to the Albany office no later than **December 28, 2015**. It may also be sent as a .pdf file via e-mail to [mmendrick@psia-e.org](mailto:mmendrick@psia-e.org). No one is permitted to run for more than one position; to do so will invalidate the form. Late candidacy forms will not be accepted.

2. The winter issue of the *SnowPro* (out late-January) will include comprehensive candidate profiles and will serve as the official communication of candidate messages to voters in each electing region. In addition, there will be a dedicated web page for the election including candidate profiles and the ability for members to cast a secure vote online.

3. The positions open include two Board seats for each of the three regions of PSIA-E up for election in 2016 (Regions 3, 4 and 7).

4. Elections for regional Board representatives are for three (3) year terms (beginning April 1, 2016 and concluding March 31, 2019).

5. A position for which there is no candidate will be filled by Board appointment after the election.

6. All submitted candidacy forms will be acknowledged by e-mail. Any concerns about confirmation must be resolved before the deadline.

7. Qualifications for the Board seats: Must be a certified Level 1, 2 or 3 member in your fourth year of continuous membership. Complete qualifications in section 12.3 of association bylaws (available at [www.psia-e.org](http://www.psia-e.org)). Must also meet the requirements of item #9 below.

8. All members in good standing as of December 31 of each year may vote in the subsequent regional election. The Eastern Division of PSIA & AASI is divided into seven geographic regions (see "Around the Regions" section of the *SnowPro*). As a member, you may choose to be affiliated with one region – the one in which you work as a snowsports instructor or the one in which you live. This affiliation is for regional mailing and voting purposes. **You should affiliate your membership with the region in which you are most active as a snowsports instructor.** If you have not previously chosen

a regional affiliation (when you joined), the region in which you live would have been assigned as your designated regional affiliation by PSIA-E Bylaws, Section 10.8. In order to change your regional affiliation (to where you work as an instructor) you must notify the division office in writing (e-mail accepted) by December 31 for the subsequent election.

9. To hold office in any region, a member must run for election in the region of his/her snowsports work affiliation (Association Bylaws, Article X, Section 10.3.c). You may be declared a member of only one region.

10. Upon receipt of all valid candidacy forms and support materials, the division office will compile candidate profiles from all candidates in each electing region. These profiles will appear in the winter issue of the *SnowPro* (to be sent to members in late January, 2016) along with the official web page dedicated to the 2015 election.

11. **Voting for the 2016 election will take place online via electronic voting on a secure, dedicated web page.** Paper ballots will only be provided to members without online access upon request. Online voting will begin in late January and end on March 11, 2016.

12. Official results will be announced by March 30, 2016 via broadcast e-mail, social media and the PSIA-E web site. Results will also be posted in the spring issue of the *SnowPro*. The terms of the new Board members will begin on April 1, 2016, providing the opportunity for newly elected representatives to communicate with constituents prior to the June 2015 Board meeting.

## Position Specifications:

**Regional Director (Board)** – This will be the person receiving the most votes among all persons running for Board seats within a region. A Regional Director will be responsible for, and will have final authority for, the administration of all regional affairs.

**Regional Representative (Board)** – This will be the person receiving the second most votes, subject to item (a) below, among all persons in a region running for Board seats. A Regional Representative will be responsible for assisting the Regional Director in regional matters as outlined by the Regional Director. Both the Regional Director and Regional Representative will sit on the Board of Directors and will exercise independent and equal voting rights.

(a) At least one Board member from each region must be a person who is not an examiner or employee of the organization; provided that at least one such individual is on the ballot.

Being an elected or appointed official requires some commitment. We urge members who have the interest, time and capability to submit candidacy forms. Board members should plan on two Board meetings a year (mid-October and mid-June), one or more regional meetings, and involvement in at least one ongoing project. Board Officers serving on the Executive Committee must commit to more time and participation than others.

This is your organization; your participation and your vote CAN make a difference. Get involved!

## ELECTION PROCEDURE CALENDAR

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Fall <i>SnowPro</i> : | Candidacy form published.   |
| December 28, 2015     | All candidacy forms must be postmarked by this date and sent to the Albany office.  |
| Late January 2016     | The winter (Election) issue of the <i>SnowPro</i> , including all candidate profiles, will be mailed to members. The dedicated web page for the 2015 election will go "live" and be available for secure online voting. |
| March 11, 2016        | Online voting deadline.   |
| By March 30, 2016     | Election results announced via multiple outlets.  |

# Official PSIA-E/AASI Candidacy Form

## 2016 Board Elections for Regions 3, 4 and 7

Use this form to state your candidacy for the PSIA-E/AASI Board of Directors for the 2016 elections. Refer to "Election Overview for Members and Candidates" on the previous page of this issue for more details. Complete the entire form; do not omit any information. Remember to submit the information requested in items #1 and 2 below. Apply for only one position.

### Personal Data for Board Seat Election

Please print or type

|  |                   |     |
|--|-------------------|-----|
| Name   |                   |     |
| Address  |                   |     |
| City   | State             | Zip |
| Daytime Phone  | E-Mail            |     |
| Membership Discipline/Level                                  | Membership Number |     |
| School Affiliation/Position                                  |                   |     |
| The region for which you are running for a Board seat: _____ |                   |     |
| 3: CT, MA, RI    4: NJ, PA    7: States south of NJ, PA      |                   |     |

Candidates must submit a separate document, preferably via e-mail, with the following information.

- 1) **Statement of your background and qualifications** for the position you are seeking.
- 2) **Statement of the general philosophies and directions** you would support if elected.

Each candidate will be provided with a profile in the Winter 2016 SnowPro (not to exceed 500 words per statement) as well as the dedicated election web page. Candidates may also choose to submit a photo or digital photo file (.jpg format preferred). The office will add a line of text above each space stating the position you are seeking, your name, membership level, and snowsports school affiliation.

Statements will be reproduced as submitted or written, subject to verification of factual information.

You must **submit this form by mail, fax** (518) 452-6099 or e-mail (PDF). We encourage you to submit your **support materials** (outlined in 1 & 2 above) **via e-mail** to [mmendrick@psia-e.org](mailto:mmendrick@psia-e.org).

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Candidate Signature

**Candidacy Forms must be postmarked no later than December 28, 2015**

Send to PSIA-E Elections, 1-A Lincoln Ave., Albany, NY 12205





Professional Ski Instructors of America  
Eastern/Education Foundation

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Albany, NY 12205-4900  
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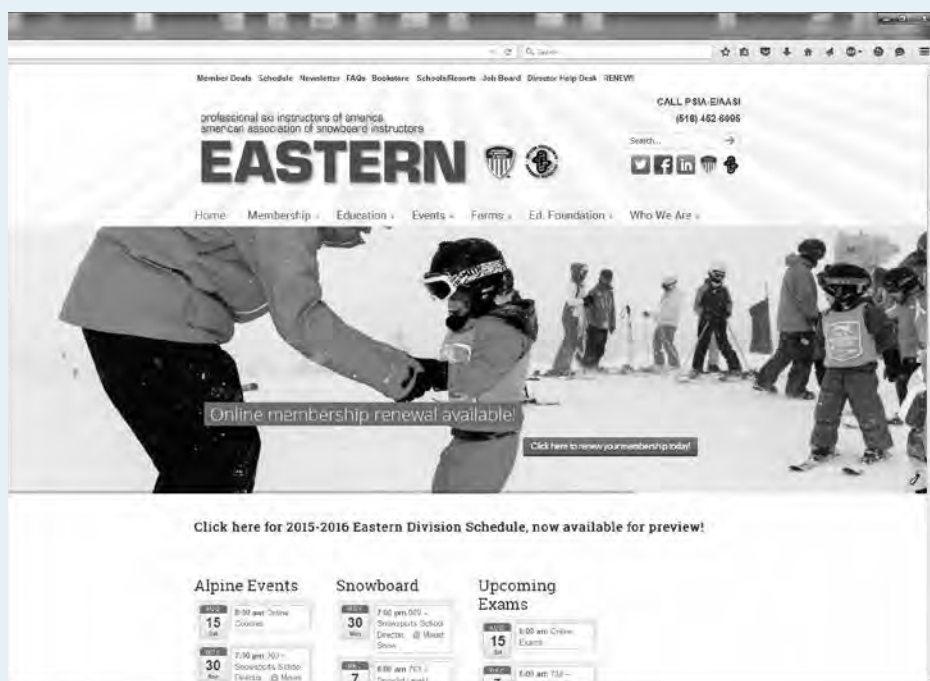
### Upcoming *SnowPro* Copy Deadlines

If you are submitting articles, information or ads for the *SnowPro* please note the following deadlines for upcoming issues:

**Winter issue: December 28, 2015**

### Writing Guidelines

General member submissions to the *SnowPro* should not exceed 1,000 words and should be sent to [mmendrick@psia-e.org](mailto:mmendrick@psia-e.org) as a MS Word document attachment. Please see additional guidelines on page 2 of this issue under General Information. Thank you! <<



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