



RESPECT THE GRIND

Building champions for life through ski racing

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TEES 4 SKIS RAISES RECORD SUPPORT FOR GPST

Our third annual Tees 4 Skis Golf Outing was an incredible success, bringing together athletes, families, sponsors, golfers, volunteers, and community partners in support of the Granite Peak Ski Team. Thanks to your generosity, the event raised nearly \$42,000 to support GPST athletes and programs – an increase over last year's outing!

As impressive as the numbers are, equally impressive was the amazing support from our community! Despite competing with another charity golf outing, our GPST community came through! Golfers filled the course, sponsors stepped forward, volunteers worked behind the scenes, and countless people donated raffle items, purchased wristbands, and supported the event.

A special thank you goes to **Sandy Bautsch**, whose careful planning and attention to detail helped streamline this year's registration and check-in process. We'd also like to recognize **Maggie Gordon**, whose countless hours of work before, during, and after the outing helped ensure every detail came together.

And we can't forget the day's youngest fundraisers! Nora and Delilah spent the day collecting golf balls from the woods and selling them back to golfers, raising \$62 for GPST!





TEES 4 SKIS

by the numbers

🏆 CONGRATS TO OUR CHAMPIONS!

AJ Gordon Jim Baker
Megan Young Matt Young

🏅 RUNNER-UP TEAM

Pat Rocolle Kerry Rocolle
Alex West Jillian West

122

Golfers

31

Volunteers

53

Sponsors

18

Holes

\$42,000

Funds raised!

THANK YOU TO OUR GPST BOARD MEMBERS!





SAVE THE DATE: **June 28, 2027**



2026 Granite Peak Ski Team Golf Outing

Thank you to our sponsors, volunteers, and golfers!

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TEAM AWARDS ANNOUNCED



Congratulations to these athletes who were recognized at our awards banquet!



Granite Peak Cup - Male
Hadden Stiller



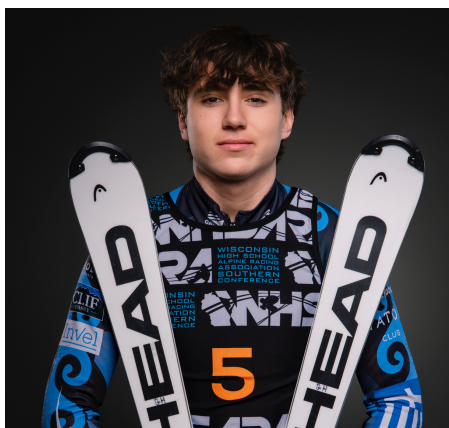
Granite Peak Cup - Female
Finley Sharon



MVP
Grace Kallio



Outstanding Female
Kathryn Floyd



Outstanding Male
Gavin Hristov



Racer of the Year
Alli Marti



Coaches' Choice - Male
Alex Meller



Coaches' Choice - Female
Abbey Brill



Volunteer of the Year
John Loth

SUMMER DRYLAND NOW ON WHATSAPP

Coach RJ has set up a WhatsApp for all home, travel, high school, and FIS athletes. This 3 day per week program is designed to help build a movement and strength base for the upcoming season.



Details:

- Athletes will need a jump rope.
- Workouts can be done at home or in a gym/weight room.
- Adaptable for multiple fitness levels.
- Whatsapp group is interactive.



notes

In-person dryland training will be held in September and October. Stay tuned for more details.

2026/27 Team Fees

REGISTER NOW!

Payment plans available.

	Early Bird until 6/30	Pricing 7/1-10/15	Pricing after 10/16		Pricing set price
Home Team	\$1200	\$1600	\$1800	Development (per session)	\$350
Travel Team/ Day Training	\$1900	\$2300	\$2500	High School Add-On	\$350
FIS Team	\$2800	\$3400	\$4000	Adult Training Add-On	\$300
Adult League	Before 12/14 \$150	12/15-12/31 \$175	After 12/31 \$300	Adult Referral	\$75



BUILDING CHAMPIONS FOR LIFE!

Alumni Spotlight: Megan Young

■ What years were you active with GPST?

I was a member of GPST from 2011–2016, with the exception of the 2014–2015 season. We spent a winter in Winter Park, where my sister and I continued to learn more about skiing at a competitive level.

■ Did you ski race/compete after GPST?

We moved to Minnesota in 2016, where I joined the Buck Hill Ski Racing Team. I quit club skiing in 2020, but still continued racing for the high school team.

■ Where are you now?

Currently, I am an incoming junior at Winona State University, where I am pursuing majors in Finance and Economics with a minor in Business Law. In addition to my academics, I am a member of the Winona State golf team, which has strengthened my discipline, teamwork, and competitive drive both on and off the course.

■ What lessons or habits from ski racing have stuck with you in your adult life?

Skiing taught me dedication to a sport. Although I didn't continue racing, I was able to transfer the perseverance and the ability to be receptive in all areas of life, which I was then able to transfer to golf when I decided to not continue my skiing career.

■ Our motto is "Building champions for life through ski racing." What does that mean to you?

To me, it shows that the true meaning of the sport extends far beyond medals, podiums, or results. Ski racing teaches lessons that last a lifetime – how to persevere through setbacks, manage pressure, and continue moving forward when things do not go as planned. Looking back, I realize that the greatest thing I ever learned from ski racing is the ability to adapt at any moment. This has truly helped me so much throughout my early adult years and navigating college.

■ What advice would you give to current athletes?

Learn from your teammates as much as possible, respect your coaches and volunteers, and have fun!



GPST SKI SWAP: OCTOBER 2ND-3RD

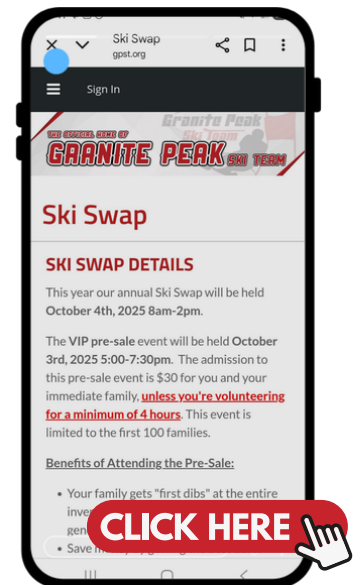
It's almost time for one of the biggest events of the year – the GPST Ski Swap! Mark your calendars and spread the word, because this annual event is not only the perfect way to gear up for the season, it's also one of our team's biggest fundraisers.

- **Have gear to sell?** Bring in your gently used skis, boots, poles, outerwear, and equipment.
- **Looking for a deal?** Shop the swap to find quality new and used equipment at affordable prices – perfect for growing kids, first-time skiers, or athletes looking to upgrade.
- **Want to support GPST?** We need lots of hands to help make the event a success. From set-up to check-out, our volunteers make a big difference!

 Save the Date: October 2nd-3rd, 2026

 Location: Granite Peak Ski Area

 Details & Volunteer Sign-Up: www.gpst.org/skiwap



ARE YOU AN ALUMNI?

We'd love to hear where you are now!

Reach out to info@gpst.org. We'll feature you in a future newsletter!

✓ GOAL SETTING: August 18th, 19th

Coach Ron will be at the Performance Center on August 18th and 19th from 7am–7pm to meet with athletes to complete goal setting for the upcoming season.

Call or e-mail Coach Ron to set up a time for your athlete:

rlawrence@gpst.org / 906-282-6001



UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 18/19 Goal Setting w/ Coach Ron

Sept. 2025 Dryland training begins

10/2-10/3 GPST Ski Swap

10/15 Deadline to register before price increase

11/27-11/29 Thanksgiving Camp

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Make sure you check out our **GPST Google Drive** to find photos & videos of your racer! 👍 Download whatever you'd like to save – the Google Drive will be cleaned out this summer to make room for next year's footage!

✓ 2025/2026 Season: **CLICK HERE** ✂️

We are still in need of a **bookkeeper** to help manage invoices/payments etc. If you can spare some time and help the team out, please send an email to info@gpst.org.



SPONSOR SHOUTOUT *thank you!*

Gordon Aluminum is one of our newest team sponsors. We appreciate their support! The Gordon family is also active with GPST – with athletes on our home team and adult league, and on our board of directors as well.

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GPST APPAREL STORE!

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- Hats
- T-Shirts/Polos
- Jackets/Vests
- Joggers/Sweatpants
- and more!



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