

Giants Ridge Racing Club

The goal of the racing club is to give area skiers (grades 5-12) the opportunity to learn the sport of slalom and giant slalom racing. There are 2 levels the coaching staff will be working with. The first is the developmental level. This will be set up to help experienced racers (grades 7-12) fine tune racing skills to be the best racer you want to be. The 2nd level is for 5th and 6th graders and will focus mainly on those skiers without racing experience. The coaching staff is made up of experienced alpine high school and college level ski coaches. The main focus will be to have fun and learn/fine tune your skills all at the same time.

When: Practices will be on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Giants Ridge. We'll start the season with a 3-day (day camp) during holiday break from Wednesday, 12/30, through Friday, 1/1, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. each day. Be at the Burnt Onion every morning by 8:45 a.m. ready to ski. Sunday practices will begin on January 3rd and continue through March 7th. There are official races on various Sundays at Spirit Mountain, Mont Du Lac, Giants Ridge and other ski hills in Northern MN. Taking part in the actual races is up to each skier. Parents will need to provide transportation to and from the races, and at least one coach will be with the skiers at the races as well.

Who: The coaching staff will be limited to 1 coach for every 10 skiers. As of now, we have 3 certified coaches lined up with the option to get more on board if needed. The coaches have all coached area downhill ski teams, and the UMD coach will be helping out as well. The cost is \$100 for the developmental level for the season. Family discounts will be applied (\$75 cost for each additional skier at this level). The novice level for skiers without racing experience starts at \$75.00 with family discounts applied (\$50 cost for each additional skier at this novice level). Skiers must have their own lift pass and equipment. Helmet required at all times! Costs will help the racing club cover needed equipment for the race course, maintenance for the equipment, a small reimbursement for gas and time for the coaches, and miscellaneous expenses to help provide a fun learning experience for the skiers.

Giants Ridge is a sponsor of the race club. If you are interested in learning more about this new program, please contact Betty Meados at 969-8603 or Rhonda Boelk at 290-7421.

Thanks and let us know if you have any questions.

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