winter4 kids

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Mission

Our mission is to influence youth behavior through winter activities. Winter4Kids, builds resilience, instils inclusion, supports and empowers youth by providing equitable access to outdoor winter sports and structured learning experiences. Youth discover their potential, strengthen self-agency, and rise beyond the snow.



Vision

Our vision is for all youth, regardless of their background, to rise to their fullest potential through powerful outdoor experiences. To do so we created a vibrant multi-program mountain complex designed exclusively for youth.

History

2014

The former Hidden Valley ski area is reimagined and transformed into the National Winter Activity Center.

2015-2019

Building on a successful pilot season, the National Winter Activity Center expands its reach.

2017

Winter4Kids Race Team is established.

2019

The National Winter Activity Center publicly rebrands as Winter4Kids, reflecting expanded reach and impact.

Present

Winter4Kids serves thousands of youth annually through multi-year programs that combine winter sports, mentorship, nutrition, and life-skills development, welcoming over 20,000 youth since opening.

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The Details

What



- Skill-focused development path built on United States Ski & Snowboard best practices
- Offer age/ability-based training blocks
- Athlete-centered coaching
- Healthy meals with training sessions
- Best & newest facility
  - Dedicated and focused only training & learning
  - Varied terrain

When



- Programs run December–March
- Days of the week:
  - Team W4k trains weekday evening and weekends.
  - The extension team trains weekdays only.
  - Our high school crossovers train only on weekends.
- **2026 Holiday Camp: December 28-30

Who

- Team Winter4Kids is a competition program for youth ranging from U8 to U18+

Age Class	Age	Birth Year
U18	16–18	2009–2010
U16	14–15	2011–2012
U14	12–13	2013–2014
U12	10–11	2015–2016
U10	8–9	2017–2018
U8	7 & under	2019+

Note: U10/U8 Experience events do not require a U.S. Ski & Snowboard or NYSSRA license.

Scored vs. Non-Scored Racing

Race scoring depends on the athlete's age classification:
U16 and Older

- Races are scored.
- Results count toward the National Points System.

U14 and Younger

- Races are non-scored.
- Results do not count toward national points or rankings.

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What parents need to know

Required Memberships

Winter4Kids is a member club of U.S. Ski & Snowboard (USSS) and the New York State Ski Racing Association (NYSSRA). Athletes competing in Eastern Open Class races must have both a U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership and a NYSSRA membership.

Athlete	U.S. Ski & Snowboard	NYSSRA
U8/U10 Experience	Not required	Not required
U12 & older competing in Eastern Open Class races	Required	Required
U18 competing for a foreign country / without U.S. passport	Contact Ed Gumpy (Ed.Gumpy@winter4kids.org)	_

How to Register for U.S. Ski & Snowboard

1. Go to U.S. Ski & Snowboard. (https://www.usskiandsnowboard.org/)
2. Select “Become a Member.”
3. Create an account or log in to your existing My U.S. Ski & Snowboard account.
4. From the My Account section, select “Register a new U.S. Ski & Snowboard member.”
5. Select the appropriate Alpine Competitor License based on the athlete's age.
6. Select the Eastern Division.
7. Enter Winter4Kids as the athlete's club.
8. Complete the registration process and check out.

How to Register for NYSSRA Membership

Athletes competing in Eastern Open Class races must also have a New York State Ski Racing Association (NYSSRA) membership.

To register:

1. Go to NYSSRA. (https://nyssra.org/)
2. Follow the link to “Join NYSSRA.”

Race Registration

For most races and events, use Admin Ski Racing to register.

To get started:

1. Create an Admin Ski Racing account.
2. Use the Admin Ski Racing registration system to find and enter eligible races.
3. Follow Winter4Kids coaching staff guidance regarding which races your athlete should enter.
4. Complete registration by the applicable deadline.

Need help with registration? Contact Sadie Whiteley at sadie.whiteley@winter4kids.org

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Parent Checklist

Before the season
□ Confirm your athlete's age classification.
□ Confirm whether your athlete needs a U.S. Ski & Snowboard and/or NYSSRA membership.
□ Create an Admin Ski Racing account if required.
□ Review the supported race schedule once released.

Before each race
□ Confirm the race has been recommended/supported by Winter4Kids.
□ Confirm your athlete is ready and eligible to participate.
□ Register through Admin Ski Racing.
□ Review any race-specific information provided by the coaching staff.
□ Confirm equipment and race-day logistics.

During the season
□ Watch for schedule changes.
□ Follow coaching staff guidance as your athlete progresses.
□ Be aware that additional race opportunities may be offered based on athlete performance.

Equipment

Required
- Event-appropriate ski racing helmet
- Helmet must meet applicable standards
- Helmet must cover head and ears
- No protruding spoilers/edges
- No helmet-mounted cameras or mounts
- Event-specific skis as applicable

Recommended / Optional
- Speed suit
- Back protection
- Shin Guards
- Arm Guards
- Mouthguard

Note: *athletes U12 and younger may not have more than one pair of skis at any event.*





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Quick Links

Program Contacts

Role	Contact
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Important Links

- U.S. Ski & Snowboard
- NYSSRA
- Admin Ski Racing



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