



Deep Creek Winter Sports Team (DCWST) Membership/Program Structure for 2021-2022

For the 2021-2022 season DCWST will continue to offer membership in both an Alpine Team and a Snowboard Team. We will also bring back a Masters membership for athletes 19 and older who wish to work on racing skills for participation in local, non-USSS races.

This season, basic membership fees remain the same, including the reduced fee for new members, and we are pleased to offer for the first time a **family discount** of \$50 for each additional returning Alpine Team or Snowboard Team member after a family has purchased one full-price Alpine or Snowboard Team membership . (New and Masters memberships are excepted from this discount program.)

- Alpine Team - \$600; \$450 for new members*

Open to athletes age 7 to 18 who meet the basic ability requirements during tryouts. Training in a structured group setting that blends all mountain skiing fundamentals, drill work USSS SkillsQuest activities, and slalom and giant slalom training to prepare for all races hosted by DCWST and all other regional USSS events**.

Members of the Alpine Team enjoy coaching at Wisp Resort starting with a Holiday Mini-Camp*** in December, and on Thursday****, Friday****, Saturday, and Sunday (except for race days at Wisp) through early-March (weather permitting). In addition, Alpine Team members also receive coaching during USSS races held at Wisp Resort, at regional USSS events throughout the season, and at state level post-season events.

* Alpine Team membership also requires USSS Competitor Membership and PARA Competitor Membership (visit <https://usskiandsnowboard.org/>).

** Participating in every race is encouraged but not mandatory – race fees are paid directly to race organizers and are not included in the team registration fee.

*** With permission of Wisp and weather permitting, loosely organized gate training will be offered to all returning members of the Alpine Team on weekends in December prior to Holiday Minicamp.

**** Thursday and Friday practices are loosely organized and may not be appropriate for all members.

- Snowboard Team - \$575; \$450 for new members*

Open to athletes age 7 to 18 who meet the basic ability requirements at tryouts. Training in a structured group setting focused on developing alpine and freestyle riding skills to prepare for the USASA Appalachian Series and events hosted by Wisp. Members of the Snowboard Team enjoy coaching at Wisp Resort starting with the Holiday Minicamp in December, and every Saturday and Sunday through mid-March (weather permitting). Members are encouraged to participate in Wisp Rail Jams and will receive coaching during three USASA** Appalachian Series events and the Governor's Cup snowboard event at the end of the season***.

 - * Snowboard Team membership also requires USSS General Membership (visit <https://usskiandsnowboard.org/>)
 - ** USASA Membership required for competition in USASA events (visit www.usasa.org)
 - *** Participating in all coached competition events is encouraged but not mandatory – event fees are paid directly to USASA and are not included in the team registration fee.

- Masters Team* - \$75

Open to experienced skiers age 19 and up. Provides a mix slalom and giant slalom gate training on challenging terrain in order to prepare for local non-USSS races. Members of the Masters Team enjoy training at Wisp Resort on Thursdays and Fridays from early January through early-March (weather permitting).

 - * Masters Team membership also requires USSS Master Membership (visit <https://usskiandsnowboard.org>)

DCWST acknowledges that, while our intent is to provide our members with the same high-quality experience that we always do, COVID-19 could create disruptions to our normal operating schedule. We want our members to know that while a full refund is not possible (due to upfront costs that the team incurs), in the case of severe disruption or cancellation of part of the season we will offer an appropriate refund to all members of the team.