



Stevenson Youth Program

Parent Handbook

2024



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Welcome to the 2024 Stevenson Youth Program (SYP).

My name is Karen Kenlan and I am the head coach for our awesome program. I look forward to working with both you and your family as we introduce your kids to the great sport of cross country skiing.

A little about my background. I have been involved in nordic skiing and ski racing since moving to Bend over 20 years ago. Involvement in the Nordic programs at MBSEF have allowed me to become a better skier and now I look forward to sharing that love with the young kids I introduce to the sport.

The Stevenson Youth Program is designed to foster a lifelong appreciation of the sport of cross country skiing, a love for the outdoors and basic understanding of our amazing winter environment. We will be working on a skills progression that will utilize group games, trail adventures and fun races, while also learning about ski equipment, how to use it and take care of it.



Our sessions will be led by experienced coaches and allow for small group sizes that are based on age, focus and ability.

Please take a moment to look through this handbook as it contains valuable information on how to prepare your child for the best experience possible while they are out on the snow.

I will be communicating with you on a weekly basis once the program begins via email about the upcoming lesson plan and weather situation.

Please make sure your child has a valid season pass for the Mt. Bachelor Nordic area.

We will have a parent meeting via Zoom in December. I will send out an email with the dates. We will go over program details and answer any questions you might have and you can meet our coaching staff.

Please feel free to call or email with questions or concerns throughout the ski season.

Thank you!

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We are excited to meet your family and look forward to a great ski season. The SYP program will focus on having fun on skis and encouraging each participant to improve their skiing skills. Our sessions will be organized around a steady continuum of technique building, games, adventures and exploring winter.

In the following pages you will find detailed information important in creating a positive experience for you and your child.

1. Please head out to your garage today and see what equipment your kids may have outgrown, or need to look for. If you are new to skiing, a Nordic equipment guide is included in this handbook. This is a great resource for starting to understand what equipment works well, and what doesn't.
2. Look for gear at our sponsor shops - Sunnyside Sports, Webskis, Latitude 44, Powderhouse and the Mt. Bachelor Nordic Center.
3. The MBSEF Nordic program has a **limited** supply of skis, boots, and poles in the event your child would like to borrow equipment for the season. Contact us and we can go through our equipment and see if we can find something that will work for your child.
4. Make sure that mail from syp@mbsef.org is on your 'safe-list' for emails as we use email for most of our in-season program correspondence. I also use Team Reach for communication and will set up an account for each session. Instructions for setting this up is below.
5. Flexible Classic and Skating Sessions. It is critical that these young skiers have successful skiing experiences and at times the weather in the Cascades can make that a challenge. To accomplish this, MBSEF will announce the schedule of classic and skating sessions by email (based on weather reports, grooming, etc.) each week. Usually we alternate skate and classic technique week to week. There does come a point where skiers need to learn to ski in all conditions, but at this age our number one goal is help the skiers find success and have fun. If your child is 7 or 8 and a beginner and does not want to learn to skate that is fine. They can learn classic technique at this age.
6. Adverse Weather conditions. There may be some days that the program will be canceled for safety reasons due to adverse weather and/or snow conditions. Please understand that we are looking out for the best interest of your child when a session is canceled.

COMMUNICATION

Please let me know if your child will be absent or if you will be late. I base the number of coaches for the session on the number of kids attending. Email me if it's the day before or sooner. If it's the day of please text, call me or use TeamReach.

Here are the TeamReach instructions:

Install : TeamReach (<http://www.teamreach.com/>)

Each session will have their own code. Enter the code for your session.

Tuesday Session - syptues2024

Wednesday Session - sypwed2024

Saturday Session - sypsat2024

Sunday Session - sypsun2024





Angie Stevenson

Stevenson Youth Program HISTORY

The Stevenson Youth Program is the very first level of the MBSEF Nordic development pipeline. Reitler Hodgert is our Nordic program director and oversees all aspects of the Youth, Middle School, Winter Term, Full Time and Masters Nordic programs and events. Lydia Youkey is our Head Middle School Coach.

In memory of their youngest daughter Angie, the Stevenson Family gave generously to the Mt. Bachelor Ski Education Foundation's Endowment Fund to support a sports psychology program and develop programs for young junior athletes. Angie Stevenson was a member of the MBSEF Cross Country Elite Team and had grown up skiing in the Skyliner's program. She was an accomplished athlete excelling in cross country skiing, running and biathlon. Angie won the US Bank Pole Pedal Paddle in 1993 and 1996. Angie passed away in February of 1997. Since her death, many donors from all over the country have made contributions to the program in Angie's memory.

See you on the trails!!

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Our program is so lucky to have an excellent group of coaches





MISSION STATEMENT

The Mt. Bachelor Sports Education Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the development and support of competitive Alpine, Cross Country and Snowboard training in Central Oregon.

- MBSEF provides the opportunity for introductory to advanced levels of race training and competition.
- MBSEF's main objective is to assist student athletes in achieving their individual athletic, academic and personal goals. The program's guiding philosophy is to encourage academic achievement and promote the positive values of competitive sport: Sportsmanship, Self-discipline, Goal Setting, Character Building and the Pursuit of Healthy Lifetime Activities.
- The Stevenson Youth Program is one of the many programs that the Mt. Bachelor Sports Education Foundation offers for young Cross Country and Alpine skiers and Snowboarders. The youth program provides competitive and non-competitive program options to introduce skiers to the sport.





2023-2024 Nordic Stevenson Youth Program

Ages 7-11, Grades 2,3,4,5

The Stevenson Youth Program (SYP) is designed to foster a lifelong appreciation for the sport of Nordic skiing, a love for the outdoors, and a basic understanding of our amazing winter environment. In the SYP skiers in 2nd through 5th grade, (ages 7-11) can participate in 10 sessions that include Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday or Wednesday options at the Mt. Bachelor Nordic Center. Multiple sessions are also available (2-days only). Our sessions are comprised of progressive, age appropriate activities that will develop their XC skiing skills, improve fitness, develop environmental awareness, and a love for the outdoors with the main objective being learning while having fun.

SYP participants will ski in small groups based on age, focus and ability. They will have opportunities for playing group games, embarking on trail adventures, learning how to take care of their equipment and dressing appropriately for winter weather. There will also be options to join some fun local races.

Daily Schedule: All sessions meet at the Mt. Bachelor Nordic Center. Saturday and Sunday 9:00am - 10:30am. Tues. 3:30-4:45 (will adjust time to 3:30-5:00 as longer daylight allows), and Wednesday, 2:30-4:00

Enrollment Options: 10 weeks for everyone plus a 2- day Spring Camp. Multiple weekly session signups are available.

Flexible Classic and Skating Sessions: It is critical that these young skiers have successful skiing experiences, and at times the weather in the Cascades can make that a challenge. To accomplish this, MBSEF will announce the schedule of classic and skating sessions by email (based on weather reports, grooming, etc.) a few days before each weekend. There does come a point where skiers need to learn to ski in all conditions, but at this age our number one goal is help the skiers find success and have fun.

Important Dates:

MBSEF In-House Nordic Ski Swap:October 7, 2023, 2-5pm (MBSEF Office)
Skyliners Ski Swap:October 14, 2023, 8am - 5pm (The Ice Pavilion)
Parents Meeting:via Zoom, date TBD
Tuesday Sessions:Jan. 2 through March 5 3:15 - 4:45pm until Jan. 30, then 3:30-5pm
Wednesday Sessions:Jan. 3 through March 6 2:30 - 4:00pm
Saturday Sessions:Jan 6 through March 9 9:00 - 10:30am
Sunday Sessions:Jan 7 through March 10 9:00 - 10:30am
Spring Camp: March 16-17 2 daily sessions: 9-10:30 or 11:30-1pm

Events: Throughout the year the skiers will participate in special event days that include; Family Day, Paintball Biathlon, Super Heroes, Obstacle Courses and some fun mini-races for those who are ready.

Trail Passes/Transportation: All participants will be responsible for their own passes. Go to www.mtbachelor.com for early season deals. No transportation is offered for this program.

Equipment: Skiers need their own classic and skate equipment (skis, poles, boots). Equipment can be obtained at the Skyliners Ski Swap in October, Sunnyside Sports, Mt. Bachelor, Latitude 44 and Webcyclery and The Powderhouse. Young skiers age 7 who are beginners can just use classic gear and 1 set of poles.

For 2023-2024 registration visit mbsef.org

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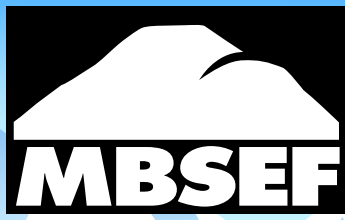
DAILY CHECKLIST!

- I will send out an email each week detailing which ski technique we are doing and any other details.
- Arrive to the sessions 15-20 min. early to get checked in by our Parent volunteer.
This allows for the program to start on time! Get your child dressed and ready to ski before they leave the car. The Nordic Center is also available for changing and using bathrooms.
- During the sessions you will need to be within a 5-10 minute phone call in case your child needs to leave for some reason.
- Please allow a 10-minute window after session for athletes to arrive after the session is over. Coaches may be finishing a game or trail ski.
- Parents - please notify coaches if your child has allergies or uses an inhaler

DAILY CHECKLIST

- Trail pass for Mt. Bachelor
- Please put your name on your skis and poles! Helps us find your gear when it goes missing!!
Use a sharpie and masking tape to mark everything with name and phone #.
- Skis (make sure you bring the right skis, or if you aren't sure bring both)
- Poles
- Boots
- 2 hats- one for the ski session, one for after. Hat with a brim if it's snowing!
- Gloves, 2 pairs
- Non-cotton base layer
- Dry shirt/jacket for after skiing
- Ski jacket (layers of synthetic material, vest and jacket are best)
- SUNGLASSES, clear or lighter lens glasses for snowy days
- Sunscreen/lip balm
- Water bottle with carrier
- Snacks
- Medication if necessary
- POSITIVE ATTITUDE!!





Elementary Age Winter Nordic Camp

When: December 19-21

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday

Where: Mt. Bachelor Nordic Center

Time: 9:00-11:00am

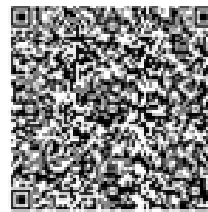
Open to all skiers ages 7-11

Come join us at Mt. Bachelor for a 3-day camp to get your ski legs back and have some fun! We'll be reviewing skills, playing games, going on fun adventures, meeting new friends and saying hello to old friends.



Cost is \$30 a day
Individual day signup available

To register use QR code:



Scroll down below the Puffy Coat list until Dec. 8.

Email
syp@mbsef.org
for more
information





SPRING CAMP

March 16, 17, 2024

Mt. Bachelor Nordic Center

Who: All Stevenson Youth Program participants

What: A 2-session ski camp for participating SYP skiers

Where: Mt. Bachelor Nordic Center

Why: The best skiing at Mt. Bachelor is in the Spring!! Join us for some fun in the sun to do ski adventures, play games and more.

THIS CAMP IS INCLUDED IN THE SYP PROGRAM FEE

Location: Mt. Bachelor

Please pick 2 sessions

Sat. & Sun. March 16 & 17th

Session Times: 9:00am - 10:30am or 11:30-1pm both days



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SKI EQUIPMENT



- Skate Skis-athlete height



- Classic Skis- athlete height plus 10 to 15cm. Shown here is a skin ski



- Combi Skis-athlete height



NNN Bindings



Combi boot



Classic boot



Skate boot

Equipment needed for the Stevenson Program

2 pairs of skis (or 1 pair of waxless classic skis for 7 year-olds/complete beginner)

- Classic Skis: Waxless is best (fish scale or skin skis)
- Skate skis. If your child is 7 it's ok if they just classic ski at this age.

See above for ski length. Our partner shops can also assist you in choosing equipment.

Boots

- Combi boot works for both sets of skis if you want to keep it simple or both skate and classic boots. Skate boots have more ankle support for pushing out to the side. Classic boots are lower cut and allow for the striding movement that requires your ankle to bend forward.

Poles

- 2 pair is best, 1 pair is ok. If you use just one pair of poles they should be chin height.
Skate pole height should be to just below your nose.
Classic poles should be shoulder height.

Wax - Keep an eye on the bases of your skis. If they aren't running well have a coach take a look at them. The bases should not be white. That means they need wax and are drying out. Your awesome head coach Karen Kenlan can either show you how to do this in the MBSEF waxroom or she can just do it for you. Please ask! We want your kids to have fun, not struggle.

Here are a few items that are good to have at home for waxing.



Scraper



Groove
scraper



Brush



Base
cleaner



Fiberlene



Glide
Wax



Iron

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CLOTHING

In the sport of Nordic skiing we are moving around a lot and tend to stay warmer than alpine skiing! The key to smart dressing for Nordic skiing is using layers starting with a good base layer that wicks away sweat and stays dry. An outer shell that is waterproof can always be removed if it gets to warm.

Brand names such as Swix, Toko, Sporthill, Patagonia, Craft and Mountain Hardware have ski specific clothing. ***Please do not ski in cotton clothing.*** It will get wet and stay wet causing you to get cold really fast. Most second hand stores in Bend are filled to the brim with appropriate ski attire. (Gear Fix) Thin gloves and hats are warmer and better than thick gloves and hats. Heavy gloves are difficult to get into pole straps and cause hands to sweat - which leaves hands cold and miserable in minutes. Mittens are just fine for this age group. Skiers must wear their hat at every practice!

Other important items: ski pass, sunglasses (avoid goggles), water bottle/carrier, long sleeve top (wool or polypro) jacket, pants, clothes to change into (extra dry shirt, hat and socks are a must!) Please make sure to have a backpack that can hold all of these items.



Hat



Nordic Ski Gloves



Bad Gloves



Water Bottle Pack



Camelback ok



Jacket

No Cotton please!



Pants



Synthetic or Wool Thermals



Backpack



Ski Bag



Ski Pass



Sunglasses



No goggles please!



Handwarmers

SEASON PASS/DAILY PASS- All Mt. Bachelor session skiers need a Nordic season pass or day pass. Check for season rates to save money online at www.mtbachelor.com

waxing like the pros



MBSEF has a wax room that will be open at certain times for SYP families to come in and wax skis. Please contact Karen Kenlan to find out when the waxroom will be available.

Recommended tools:

- Electric iron
- The best way to avoid damaging skis is to secure a brand name ski wax iron so that you can carefully monitor the temperature of the iron. Ski wax irons have a temperature guide that matches the type of wax with the perfect iron temperature. Please do not use an old clothing iron.
- Nylon brush (to clean ski base after scraping off wax)
- Thick, sharp, plastic scraper
- Base cleaner/wax remover
- Paper towels or fiberlene (easy clean up)
- Glide wax- 3-4 types of glide wax 1 for warm (yellow) 1 for medium (pink/red) 1 for cold (purple)
- For classic skis please use a ski with fishscales or skins in the kickzone. (termed waxless, although you still need to put glide wax occasionally on the tips and tails.

Optional tools:

- Form bench (to hold ski in place)

Liquid Wax is now a great option. See your local ski shop for this easy to use product.

Notes on Iron Use:

Conditions at Mt. Bachelor permit skiers to use warmer/softer wax for most of the year. If you are trying to decide which wax to use—err toward the warmer side. If you have come across a block of wax and can not dent the block of wax easily with your fingernail—it is probably too cold of wax and you run the risk of damaging your skis with the high iron temperatures necessary to melt the wax into the ski. Overall, softer, warmer wax is better for individuals who are learning how to wax.

Equipment Discounts

We get great shop discounts and assistance from our local sponsors

Please thank them for supporting MBSEF Youth Programs when you shop!

Thank you to the
Mt. Bachelor Nordic Center
for giving us groomed trails
and a place we like to call home



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