



Dear Ausblick Ski Race Team Families,

The 17th annual Ausblick Thanksgiving Race Camp will again be at Copper Mountain Colorado from Saturday evening, November 18th thru the end of the skiing day on Friday, November 24th. Copper Mountain is located about 1½ hours west of Denver on I-70. Copper Mountain is a great ski area for free skiing and race training. The facilities are excellent with everything we need located on the mountain or in the village.

For those who have attended Thanksgiving Camps in the past, the general schedule of events will be much the same. We will kick-off the camp with a reception/dinner and informational presentation on Saturday evening November 18th. Skiing will start on Sunday and continue thru the end of the day on Friday, November 24th. Skiing will often start early due to racing lane space availability and continue until about 2:00 or 3:00 with an hour break for lunch. The coaches may modify the actual duration of free skiing and training based upon lane space timing and the fitness and energy levels of the athletes. Following skiing there will be 1-2 hour meetings for the athletes. As you can see, the athletes and the families supporting them will have a very busy, fun and productive schedule. For families new to the camp, please be aware that the schedule and training can be rigorous for everyone involved.

This year's camp will have space for approximately 60 athletes, similar to last year's camp. Bill Wong will be the Coaching Director with Mike Guetzke and several other Ausblick coaches assisting in much of the organization needed. Bill and Mike will each oversee a group of coaches who will work with the athletes throughout the week. The athletes will be put into age and skill appropriate groups at the beginning of the week. They will have exposure to several coaches throughout the camp. Their skiing skill development will be based on their needs at this early point in the ski season. Please be aware that for many of the ski groups this will mean spending more time with directed free skiing for skill development rather than running gates.

Participation

The camp is open to all members of the Ausblick Ski Race Team who have completed at least one year of racing with the team. Skiers must be fully capable of getting on a lift by themselves and skiing a full day in a group of about six other similar skiers and a coach at high altitude on their own. The schedule and training are demanding. If you have questions regarding the suitability of the camp for your young athletes, please contact coach Luke Eskau at luke.eskau@gmail.com. For those family members who are not ready for this type of training experience, Copper Mountain Ski School is available (conditions permitting) for individual or group lessons.

All athletes are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the Ausblick Ski Race Team. Any problems in this regard will result in disciplinary measures.

Those who want to participate will have until **October 1st**, to return the Participation Form as well as the initial deposit of \$500 per family. **Final payment of all camp fees will be due by November 1st**. Any changes to reservations after you have sent in your participation form and deposit will be subject to a \$50 change fee so please try to keep any changes to your travel plans to a minimum to avoid possible reservation errors, confusion and hassles.



Lodging * Please read in full as there are new changes to rates, terms and conditions.*

Lodging for the 2017 Camp will be at the Copper Mountain Resort condominiums. These condos are at the base of the mountain in the village. They are very convenient with easy access to the lifts, meeting rooms and fitness center. This year our entire lodging block consists of Gold level rooms, which are nicely furnished with upscale appliances, granite countertops etc. Availability of Gold 3 bedroom units is slim. We cannot guarantee a 3 bedroom. This small number of 3 bedroom units will be on a first come first serve basis, based on when your registration form and initial deposit are received in the mail. We have plenty of 1 and 2 bedroom units available, but these rooms will also be assigned based on registration date. Standard occupancy for a 1-bedroom is 4 /max, a 2-bedroom is 6 /max and a 3-bedroom is 8 /max. Please not exceed maximum occupancy.

Included in the lodging price is a daily food voucher worth \$18.00 based on **standard occupancy** for each condo occupant. Example if you have 4 people in a 2-bedroom you will get 4 vouchers per day X the number of days you occupy the condo. The food voucher can be used at Jacks Café or at the Midmountain Café (when open). Jack's has a variety of good food and beverage options for breakfast or lunch. Unlimited use of the fitness center other than tennis, racquetball and massage therapy are included in the condo unit pricing. The fitness center has a nice pool and hot tub area.

The Ausblick ski race team has secured a block of condos at Copper Mountain resort. While Copper Mountain has increased their lodging rate from last year, they have worked closely with us to ensure that we get the best rates available. The following rate chart shows the condo rates for 2017.

****Rates include the 8.5% resort surcharge plus Colorado state tax 5.77% that Ausblick must pay****

Unit Type	Standard Occupancy (vouchers, based on)	Max Occupancy	Nightly rate starting 11-20 to 11-28
Gold 1-Bedroom	2	4	\$200.00
Gold 2-Bedroom	4	6	\$315.00
Gold 3-Bedroom	6	8	\$465.00

****Please be aware that our ability to obtain training lane space, discounted lift tickets and the best lodging cost is totally based on our using the **Copper Mountain Lodging Facility**. You must book your lodging thru the Ausblick Ski Race Team.****



Racer Fees

The cost per racer will be **\$785**. Racer fees will include all coaching, lane space, lift tickets, dry land training and meetings for all days of the camp. The racer lift tickets will give you access to all chairlifts throughout the mountain for the entire camp. The racer lift tickets will also allow the athlete to board the chair lift before 9am, when training lanes have been reserved. The fee also includes a Secret Pass. The Secret Pass is an express line so the athletes can increase the “on snow” time for that given day. Also included in the price is the Saturday evening reception/dinner (excluding the cash bar) for all family members

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU THAT COPPER ATHLETE SEASON PASSES AND OTHER SEASON PASSES MAY NOT INCLUDE SECRET PASS ACCESS OR EARLY CHAIRLIFT ACCESS AND MAY RESULT IN ADDITIONAL CHARGES TO YOU TO OBTAIN THAT ACCESS.

Non-Racer Lift Tickets

Non-racer lift tickets are available at group ticket prices. The prices will be better than what you would pay at the ticket window. This year, if you are staying at Copper Mountain your ticket will be upgraded to include the Secret Pass at no extra charge. You will have access to all lifts throughout the mountain. These tickets must be pre-ordered to get the group rates. Please see the attached price schedule. **If you order these tickets, you will be committed to them.**

We are all looking forward to having a great Camp this year at Copper Mountain. The week is demanding, but most athletes rise to the challenge and improve their skills while having fun.

As stated in the Participation section of this letter, all deposits are due by **October 1st** and in the case of new participants, the sooner the better. Final payment will be due on **November 1st**. If you have any questions, please contact me at 414.881.1280 or wfbruss@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

Bill Bruss