

RED BANK AREA PRIVATE SCHOOLS: USSA SKI RACING AT MOUNTAIN CREEK 2014-2015 SEASON

For student athletes with advanced intermediate skiing skills, we would like to gather enough participants from Monmouth County private schools to fill a motorcoach for shared transportation expenses on weekends and one or two weeknights during the 2014-2015 ski season.

Mountain Creek Racing (<http://skylandsski.com/>) is a member team in USSA (<https://ussa.org/>), the United States Ski Association, which provides the training and racing qualifications for the US Olympics Ski Team. Please click on the websites for more information. The athletes ski every Saturday and Sunday, 8am-2:30pm, and on Tues. and/or Thursday evenings, 6pm-8pm, from January 2 – March 20.

The ride is just under 2 hours each way. Athletes are ages 8-18, and the estimated fees per participant entail a season pass to Mountain Creek Ski Resort in Vernon, NJ (\$275/season), and training tuition (\$825-\$950), membership fees to USSA and Skylands Ski Club (\$200) and transportation (possibly \$30/roundtrip ride on a chartered luxury motorcoach, or \$900 for 30 trips). Total expense per athlete, including transportation - about \$2200/season.

The students must come with their own equipment, including a racing suit, racing skis, and protective gear, any entrance fees for races, as well as their food for the day (they can buy food at the lodge as well).

The athletes race against other teams from ski mountains in the region and can go to sectionals and even nationals if they qualify. The training is excellent and quite intense with USSA certified coaches. The age groups are U10 (age 8-9), U12 (age 10-11), U14 (age 12-13), U16 (ages 14-15), U18 (age 16-17, and U21 (age 18-20). The girls' and boys' teams compete separately, but the skiers have co-ed training.

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