

# DISCOVERY SKI TEAM



## Volunteer Form

The Discovery Ski Team relies heavily on parent volunteers to make all our programs and events possible. The amount of work involved in putting on a race or other event is huge, and we can't do it without your help. For this reason, we require parents of athletes to help ensure the success of this program by volunteering.

Each race needs people to help with registration, bib collection, as well as on-slope needs such as gatekeeping. A typical race needs 6 people at registration, 7-12 gatekeepers, 1-2 bib collectors, scoring helpers, and office help before, after, and during the race. None of these require any officials license or special training. For example, gatekeepers can be shown all they need to know in a short meeting with the Head Gatekeeper.

Becoming a Race Official, Head Gatekeeper, or Timer can be very rewarding to any parent at the same time benefiting the youngsters. Volunteering at any race is a good way to see the race and participate at the same time.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select a preference -- however, please note we may have to redistribute volunteers to ensure all areas are well covered.

Gate Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ Course Crew: \_\_\_\_\_ Course Steward: \_\_\_\_\_

Timing (2 hand timers): \_\_\_\_\_ Equipment Crew: \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration and event services: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of an emergency please call:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Job Descriptions

There are many jobs to be done in preparation for an alpine ski race, both on and off the snow, and for both skiers and non-skiers. The following gives an overview of the types of work done by different groups of volunteer race workers.

**Race Officials** are volunteers who run the races. These include the Race Organizing Committee (ROC) who manage the event, and many officials who work "on the snow". The latter include starters, referees, gate judges, timers, course setters and many other officials who are charged with the fair and orderly conduct of race events.

**Gate Judges** are Race Officials who judge whether or not racers pass through the gates of the race course. Each Gate Judge may be assigned from one to several gates to monitor, depending on the type of race and the terrain. Whenever a racer fails to pass through a gate, the gate judge records the details of the incident. Gate judges position themselves on the course, where they are safe but also have a clear view of the gates for which they are responsible.

**Course Crews** are made up of volunteers who maintain the course during races. Course workers install safety nets, move snow on or off the track, side-slip the course to smooth the surface, fix gates, and a multitude of other tasks. Most course workers are proficient skiers, although workers in the finish area need not be skiers at all.

**Course Stewards** are volunteers who control access to the racecourse and other secure areas to ensure the public remains safely off the course.

**Registration and event services crews** are made up of volunteers who perform a wide variety of tasks "outside the nets". These range from race office work to food preparation, bib collection, helping with results and awards, coordinating volunteers, and many other tasks.

**Timing Crew** sets up and operates timing equipment used to time each racer. The Timing Crew lays wire that connects start and finish lines, sets up and operates timing computers and communications between start and finish lines and records racer times.

**Equipment Crew** is made up of volunteers who help keep track of a multitude of equipment needed to prepare and maintain the course.

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