



September 25, 2023

Dear Parents and MSSTeamers,

I hope you have had an enjoyable spring and summer and are getting ready for our winter season. We are back to our normal operating procedures and I saw so much accomplished within our MSST program. I saw many personal goals met, skills improved, and new lifelong enthusiasts created amongst our teams. This gives me great joy and hope for our upcoming season! Below is the information for MSST as we have been given approval to proceed. If Mother Nature is cooperative, we are planning to have our **first day of practice: Saturday, December 9, 2023**. Keep an eye out for emails and Facebook updates on this.

We are all looking forward to seeing you and hearing how you and your families are doing these days and know we will have a **ROCKSTAR** season! Please contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, October 28, 2023

Alpine Officials Clinic – @ 9am, 2nd Floor of the Learning Center

**Certification Testing will begin after the Update Clinic*

**Alpine Certification Testing Resources*

Sunday November 12, 2023

MSST General Parent's Meeting @ 9am on the 2nd Level of Ski Lodge

**Alpine Breakout at 10AM*

**Freeride Breakout at 11AM*

MSST Cookout following Parent's Meeting

**Join us on the Mid-Mountain Grill Deck following the meeting to enjoy hotdogs and take a ride to the top of the mountain on our new Peak Express lift!*

**Many thanks to the Management Team for their organization of this event for MSST!*

Saturday, November 18, 2023

MSST Ski & Outdoor Gear Swap – Ski Lodge

*(8:30am-12pm) *Team Coats can be returned or paid for*

Wednesday, November 22, 2023 @ 4pm

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

Saturday December 2, 2023 @ 6:30pm

Hall of Fame Dinner & Silent Auction

Saturday, December 9, 2023

First Practice (Tentative Date)

TEAM PAPERWORK

Enrollment for 2023/2024 MSST membership is now open. Please use this link [MSST Registration](#) to enroll. The deadline for enrollment is **Wednesday, November 22nd at 4pm** for an athlete to be considered a member of the 2023/2024 Massanutten Ski and Snowboard Team.

IMPORTANT! This winter season, we will begin our switchover from paper Season Pass Participation Agreements to electronic files and signatures. With that said, **we cannot finalize your season pass order or print your pass(es) until the Massanutten Participation Agreement is completed and electronically signed.** All pass holders will be required to complete the waiver prior to receiving their pass, and each pass holder aged 18 and older must complete their own waiver. Minors under age 18 will need to have their waiver signed by a parent or guardian. **Complete your waiver(s) by clicking [here](#).**

Once the enrollment form is complete, waivers signed, and payment received, your pass can be picked up **Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:00pm at the Season Pass Window.**

FEES

RACE TEAM MEMBER COACHING FEE | \$400

(Additional fees may be required for USS&S, SARA, and/or USASA memberships) All Race Team Members must pay the Coaching Fee.

A STUDENT FULL SEASON (unlimited) Pass is required for all Team Members.

FAMILY MEMBERS have the option of purchasing a FULL SEASON (unlimited) or SPECIAL VALUE PASS (restricted). Massanutten offers a discounted Family Season Pass for a family of 4. Discounted Race Team Passes are not offered this season.

All season passes must be purchased online along with Coaching Fees. Season pass fees increase on November 1 and December 11. The earlier you purchase, the more you will save.

For questions regarding fees and season passes, please call the Ski Office at 540-437-5391 or email snowinfo@massresort.com.

MSST Website: <https://www.massresort.com/play/snow-sports/snow-team-sports-and-racing/>

MASSANUTTEN SKI & OUTDOOR GEAR SWAP INFORMATION

We are planning to hold the Massanutten Ski & Outdoor Gear Swap on **Saturday, November 18, 2023** in the Ski Lodge from 8:30am to 12pm. You can drop off gear to be sold on Friday, November 17th from 5-7pm.

We need assistance running this event on Saturday. If you are interested in helping out this day please RSVP to alpinemsst@gmail.com. Reminder that this is a fundraiser for our team and since we are limited in our fundraisers we hope to make this one a huge hit! So, start pulling out your gear and making your shopping lists so you can be ready for Snowsports Season 2023/2024! 🧡 🧊

- [2023 swap meet form.part.pdf](#) or https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GoOZyWhZ9w83jYTxRJJ7zteUGK_kY5aL/view?usp=sharing
- Alpine Equipment Regulations [2023-Alpine-Equipment-Regulations.pdf](#) or https://drive.google.com/file/d/16KD_x58MRm6aa3dmlMfqJlvqKVqEMRBs/view

TEAM COAT RETURN & INVENTORY

We are ending the MSST Team Coat Closet this season. If you still have a MSST Team coat you can return it to us at either the *Parent's Meeting on November 12th* or the *Swap on November 18th*, mail it back to MSST (Ski Office, Post Office Box 1227, Harrisonburg, VA 22803), or pay \$50.00 to keep your coat.

Athletes may purchase their own **SOLID BLACK** coat and have it embroidered with the included and approved **MSST Embroidery Team Logo** (files below). This gives you the freedom to choose the jacket option that best fits your athletes needs and preferences. We ask that you adhere to the team dress code while representing MSST at **practices** and **events**. There are also some coat options for purchase through the **MSST Team Store**: <https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/msst-team-store> that will come with the approved MSST Embroidery.

- [MSST Embroidery Files](#) or
(<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ni2nWxr8tzliHp5y4GFFPLTgwGEFDPYX?usp=sharing>)
for use if you purchase your own style of **ALL BLACK COAT**

Before turning in a coat, you MUST do the following:

- Empty all pockets,
- Repair minor damage.
- WASH, but ***DO NOT* DRY CLEAN** your coat. **Washing instructions are found on a tag on the lower interior of your coat.**
- We will not accept **unwashed** or **damaged** coats.
 - **PLEASE!** All MSSTeamers **not returning** this season **MUST** return their MSST team coat by **Friday, November 17, 2023.**
- **Coats will NOT be given out the mornings before practice.**
 - If you miss coat pick up, we ask that you please arrange with Sandy, Samantha, or Elizabeth to find a time to pick up.

PARENT'S MEETING

Our MSST Parents Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 17, 2023 at 9am on the Second Level of Ski Lodge. We are keeping with the in-person model because it allows us to talk to both Alpine and Freestyle Breakout sessions so families with athletes in both teams may attend. The **Alpine Breakout will be at 10am** and the **Freeride Breakout will start at 11am**. A link to the powerpoint will be shared via email after the meeting.

- [MSST Parents' Guide](#) or
(<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xNZmBculKG7O9Bx3HfUxNaPeJP4ZEI0MyillwalhKCs/e/dit?usp=sharing>)
- Freeride Resources:
 - USASA Website: <https://www.usasa.org>
 - USSS Website: <https://usskiandsnowboard.org/sport-programs/rules-equipment>
- Alpine Resources:
 - SARA Website: <https://saraski.org/>
 - USSS Website: <https://my.usskiandsnowboard.org>

Please plan on joining us for the **MSST Family Cookout** hosted by the Mountain Management Team after the last breakout session. We will meet at Mid Mountain Grill for hotdogs and you are invited to try out the new Peak Express lift with a ride up and back. You can access the Grill by the access road off of Rainier Drive or walk up from Parking Lot #5 on the gravel road. Thank you to Kenny Hess for this generous event.

VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

Parents, we do appreciate your support of the Massanutten Ski and Snowboard Teams! We are very proud of our MSST Family Community. Your efforts fundraising on behalf of the team enables us to purchase equipment and supplies that enable us to provide more opportunities to better train our athletes. It also provides you an opportunity to get to know other MSST families.

*For the 2023-2024 snowsports season, we are requiring you to schedule a **minimum of 4 Volunteer Events total.***

- **2** of the days need to be at one of either the Alpine or Freeride scheduled season competition events
- **2** can be a regular weekly practice.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

- **NEW FOR 2024! Thursday Nights starting January 11 through February 15, 2024, 5:00-7:00 PM.**
 - Gate Training & Weekly Family Race League
 - Open to any Employee, Season Pass Holder, or MSST Athlete
- Friday Nights: 5:30-7:30 pm
- Saturday & Sunday Mornings: 9am-12pm

Our MSST teams utilize TeamSnap to communicate about upcoming events and practices. Invites to this program will be coming out once our Roster is finalized. This is for new and returning members.

- **MSST Alpine** will be hosting events this season on the following dates:
 - January 20 All Class Giant Slalom
 - January 21 All Class Slalom
- **MSST Freeride** will be hosting events this season on the following dates:
 - February 3-4 Massanutten Ski and Snowboard Cross
 - March 2 Massanutten Slope Style/Rail Jam

These events take a lot of volunteer help. Below is the **MSST VOLUNTEER** Signup.

Please take some time and look over the help we need and let us know if you have any questions about them:

- [MSST VOLUNTEER Signup 2324](#) or (<https://signup.com/go/hMMXqGS>)

*Additionally, we greatly appreciate help **anytime** that you want to give with the set-up, take down, or course maintenance of MSST practice drills and courses. Just show up and ask.... "What can I do to help?"*

MASSANUTTEN SKI AND SNOWBOARD TEAM WEAR

(<https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/msst-team-store>)

We are **requiring** that all athletes proudly display their Massanutten Ski and Snowboard Team identity and spirit by wearing their official **approved MSST** coat or hoodie/pullover/shell to **ALL** practices and events. Please see that you obtain their **MSST** coat in a timely manner **if you intend to participate on December 9th** (tentative start date subject to weather).

We will also provide the opportunity for you to order and purchase Official MSST teamwear. You can purchase teamwear at: <https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/msst-team-store>. They have a selection of hoodies and t-shirts, lightweight shells and outerwear, and accessories. Plus a portion of all sales come back to MSST!