



August 24, 2024

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 14th, 2024**. 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,

Sandy Crenshaw, Massanutten Ski and Snowboard Team Coordinator (screnshaw@massresort.com)

Elizabeth Lam, Alpine Team Supervisor (alpinemsst@gmail.com)

Samantha Dull, Freeride Team Supervisor (freeridemsst@gmail.com)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, November 1, 2024 @ 4pm

Enrollment Deadline Links

- 2024.2025 MSST Registration Form:
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/c94cce4d1bf3446c83c2891a33ca6a2d>
- Massanutten Season Pass:
<https://www.massresort.com/play/snow-sports/season-passes/>

Saturday November 2, 2024

Alpine Officials Clinic – @ 9:00 AM, 2nd Floor of Learning Cnt.

**Certification Testing will begin after the Update Clinic*

**Alpine Certification Testing Resources Friday, November*

Saturday, November 9, 2024

MSST New Family Parent's Meeting @ 9:00 AM in Lodge

Building, second floor

**Breakout session for Alpine & Freeride specific content will begin at 10:30 (available in person or through Zoom link on the website)*

**Meet & Greet at Cave Hill Brewery at 2:00 PM*

Saturday, November 16, 2024

MSST Yard Sale & Swap – Conference Center Ballroom (8:30-12:00)

**Intake on Friday Nov. 15 5:00-7:00 PM*

Saturday, December 14, 2024

First Practice (Tentative Date)

TEAM PAPERWORK

Enrollment for 2024-2025 MSST membership is now open. The 2024-2025 forms are available on-line at the link below. This year the deadline for enrollment is **Friday November 1 at 4:00pm**. All submitted forms must be accompanied by payment no later than 4:00 pm on November 20th for an athlete to be considered a member of the 2024-2025 Massanutten Ski and Snowboard Team.

We have recently revised our Teams page on the Massanutten website.

Please check out the updates:

- MSST Website: <https://www.massresort.com/play/snow-sports/snow-team-sports-go-and-racing/>
- Pass Payment Link: <https://www.massresort.com/play/snow-sports/season-passes/>
- Equipment Rental Information: <https://www.massresort.com/play/snow-sports/season-passes/>
 - Right now season leases are:
 - **Skis, Boots & Poles Seasonal Rental** | \$200 + \$50 refundable deposit
 - **Snowboard, Boots & Bindings Seasonal Rental** | \$200 + \$50 refundable deposit
 - **Premium Skis, Boots & Poles Seasonal Rental** | \$300 + \$50 refundable deposit
 - **Premium Snowboard, Boots & Bindings Seasonal Rental** | \$300 + \$50 refundable deposit
 - Regular skis are going to be standard Rossignol rental skis/Head/Rossi/ snowboards and premium rentals will be the demo gear from last season, an assortment of Volkl Deacons and assorted Rossi skis.
 - Premium boards will be Neversummer or higher end Rossi boards in limited quantities.
 - There's a **15% discount on season leases** for folks when they **buy their season pass**
 - We anticipate being able to set folks up for **season leases early November**.

SKI SWAP INFORMATION

We are planning to hold the Massanutten Ski Swap on **Saturday November 16, 2024** in the Conference Center Ballroom from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. You can bring gear to the Swap Friday November 15th from 5:00-7:00 PM. We will 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 2024-2025! 🏔️🎿

- 📄 2024 Ski Outdoor Gear Swap.pdf
- or <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Qouqngw5JH9FFES1tpnj2dmdCa2YKfK2/view?usp=sharing>
- Alpine Equipment Regulations 📄 2023-Alpine-Equipment-Regulations.pdf or https://drive.google.com/file/d/16KD_x58MRm6aa3dmIMfqJlvqKVqEMRBs/view

TEAM COAT RETURN & INVENTORY

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***

PARENT'S MEETING

Our MSST Parents Meeting will be in person and on Zoom this year. Our General MSST meeting will be on **Saturday November 9th at 9:00 AM in the second floor of the Main Lodge Building**. The **Breakouts for Alpine and Freeride will be at 10:30 AM**. The link to join the Zoom meeting will be available on the website.

- [MSST Parents' Guide](#) or
(<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xNZmBculKG7O9Bx3HfUxNqPeJP4ZEI0MyillwalhKCs/edit?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 Meet & Greet** following the Parent's Meeting on November 9th.*

*We will plan on meeting at **Cave Hill Brewery at 2:00 PM** (1001 Jacob Burner Dr, McGaheysville, VA 22840).*

Light snacks will be provided by MSST and there are yard games and an antique farm museum to keep everyone entertained.

Come out and enjoy being a part of MSST!

VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

Parents, we do appreciate your support of the Massanutten Ski and Snowboard Team! 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 2024-2025 snowsports season, we are requiring you to schedule a **minimum of 4 Volunteer Events** in different MSST Competition Events or commit to a Committee for the season.*

Fund-Raising and MSST Support

- Two (2) days must be in either a Alpine or Freeride Competition venue
- Choice of Committees: Fundraising, Social, On-Snow
- Committee Information:
 - Fundraising Committee: Plan and supervise fundraising opportunities throughout the season
 - Meet independently with supervisors to discuss and implement fundraising strategies
 - Social Committee: Plan and supervise at minimum of one (1) social event for athletes/families to attend outside of regular MSST team practices.
 - Goal of one event per month depending on schedules
 - On-Snow Committee: Provide help for on-snow events like competitions. *Specific help needed in forming a B-Net Crew.*
 - Note: Participation in B-Net Crew will be the **ONLY** volunteering asked of you for the entire season.
 - Opportunities vary by date and time and are organized for skier/riders and non-skier/riders.

Practice Requirements

- **MSST requires all athletes to attend one (1) Team Practice session per week.** Each athlete's level of participation will reflect their desire and commitment to progress. We encourage athletes to attend as many practice sessions as possible.
 - **To be eligible for MSST team representation at competitions, athletes need to attend the minimum of one (1) practice a week and participate in the MSST Coach and Team led Course Inspection at EVERY competition for EVERY race.**
 - This ensures that athletes are getting instruction and feedback to promote improvement and are aware and current with any USSS/SARA/USASA updates and safety protocols.
- As a courtesy, please email Elizabeth (Alpine) or Samantha (Freeride) through the TeamSnap app if you will be missing a Team Practice session.

Practice Schedule for 2024-2025:

● CONTINUING AGAIN IN 2025! Thursday Nights Race League/Gate Training

- Gate Training & Weekly Family Race League
 - Open to any Employee, Season Pass Holder, or MSST Athlete
 - More information to come
- Regular Practice Schedule
 - Friday Nights: 5:30-7:30 PM
 - Saturday & Sunday Mornings: 9:00-12:00 PM

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:
 - February 9th, All Class Qualifier, GS Race
- **MSST Freeride** will be hosting events this season on the following dates: (*Tentative Schedule, Not Confirmed)
 - January 25-26, Freestyle GS 1,2,3 SL 1,2,3 Massanutten DJ
 - February 22-23, Freestyle Cross 1,2,3 Massanutten Pacesetter
- These events take a lot of volunteer help. Communication will be coming through TeamSnap about volunteer opportunities and specific jobs for our events.
- Additional Race Opportunities:
 - February 1-2, Public Open Race
 - More information will be coming about this event open to ANYONE

*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?"*

TEAMWEAR

MASSANUTTEN SKI AND SNOWBOARD TEAMWEAR (<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 14th** (*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 tshirts, lightweight shells and outerwear, and accessories. Plus a portion of all sales come back to MSST!

PROGRAM COST

PROGRAM COST: **Coaching Fees \$400.00 (Season Pass is a separate purchase)**

- Once the MSST Registration Form is complete and payment is received (Season Pass & Coaching Fees), you may pick up your season pass at the Season Pass Window Monday-Friday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.
- For questions regarding fees and passes please call the Ski Office: **540-437-5391**

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