



To our Friends, Family and Community,

APU Nordic Ski Center is greeted with a new year full with developments, exciting races and lots of opportunities! As we approach the Holidays, it is the time when APU Nordic Ski Center relies on year-end support from our community. Donations allow for us to continue and plan for future projects, support our skiers and coaches throughout the race season, and continue our efforts in growing skiing in Alaska!

*If you are in a position to support APU Nordic Ski Center with a year-end donation, we appreciate your contribution!*



*APU Club Fall Time Trial*

Our success is due to your support. It is what allows APU Nordic Ski Center to build a healthier, safer and stronger ski community. The positive, forward movement we have experienced as a club is testament to our amazing community, from volunteers and parents, to team sponsors, donors and fans cheering our skiers on.

Community contributions have allowed for APU Nordic Ski Center to continue:

- » Athlete Development
- » World Cup & Olympic Success
- » Positive Community Impacts
- » Ski Program Growth - Over 400 Members!
- » Supporting Coaches
- » Glacier Camp Projects
- » Improving Lives with Health & Fitness
- » A Culture of Support & Safety

Creating a lifelong love of the sport is something we believe in and help our members achieve. Many of our former elite team has evolved their ski career past racing to coaching. And as such, the life cycle of growing skiing and the APU Nordic culture spreads throughout Alaska and the lower 48. Masters, Juniors and coaches in our program volunteer their time to coach Junior Nordic and other ski programs! Former elite team members are now coaches for other ski clubs, schools and community organizations: *Julien Bordes (Tahoe Cross Country) Hannah Halvorsen (Harvard University) David Norris (Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club) Rosie Frankowski (Mountain View Boys & Girls Club Outdoor Recreation Program) Forrest Mahlen, Anna Darnell, Becca Rorabaugh, and Annie Gonzales (APU Nordic Ski Center), Peter Kling (Aspen), and Kikkan Randall, Executive Director, Nordic Ski Association of Anchorage.*

Your support, combined with our love of skiing and commitment to the sport allows energy from our program to flow out into the ski community at large.



*Rosie Frankowski - Boys & Girls Mountain View Outdoor Rec Program*



*Summer Masters Group*

*“The Olympics felt like the most stressful and overwhelming event I’ve been part of during my career. More than anything else, I feel relieved to not have to think about the Olympics this year, because it felt like a lot of pressure to me. My coaches and community at APU have been the reason I’ve made it to the start of this season—they gave me the space and support I needed to process my Olympics this spring and summer and have been there through many ups and downs beyond the race course. That’s what makes APU so special, and I’m eternally grateful for it! Looking forward, World Championships is a goal for the season that I’m excited to chase. Otherwise, I’m really looking forward to starting this season on the Super Tour instead of the World Cup. I’m stoked to share this experience with my APU teammates and remember what it feels like to race for the joy of racing.”*

- Hailey Swirbul

As we bring 2022 to a close, there is so much to be thankful for this past year, and we look forward to moving forward into 2023! We are very excited that the new Lowell Thomas Training Center on Eagle Glacier will break ground this summer. Our youth programs from the Groms, Devos and Juniors continue to grow and learn, having fun with peers in the APU programs. As the race season starts, they too are improving as skiers and enjoying the opportunity to race!

Your year-end contribution will allow for APU Nordic Ski Center to continue forward movement with projects like this and more in 2023! We are moving into another Olympic cycle, with new up and coming skiers joining our programs, and we are excited to see what the next 4 years will bring. As always we have hopes of Olympic success, but our roots derive from providing a safe and welcoming place for skiers of all ages and abilities to learn, grow and find joy in getting out on skis.

As we grow together, we are stronger as a team and community. Thank you all for the continued support and participation in our program, allowing for success for our skiers and coaches. We wish you all a very safe and happy holiday season and look forward to seeing everyone out on the trails!

*Sincerely,*

**APU Nordic Ski Center Coaches & Staff**

*Erik Flora, Eric Strabel, Galen Johnston, Jack Novak, Forrest Mahlen, Eliza Rorabaugh, Naomi Kiekintveld, Sean Clapp, Anna Darnell, Anna Trujillo, Sara Miller, Annie Gonzales, Becca Rorabaugh, Penny Smythe*

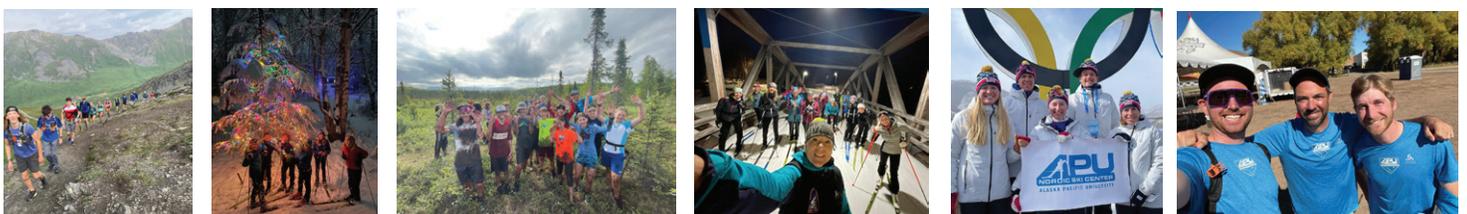
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*SuperTour - Hailey Swirbul placed 1st in the Sun Valley 15km classic distance race & 1st in the Sovereign Lake sprint  
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