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BSF



ANNUAL REPORT 2025-26

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Dear Friends,

One year ago, we were under contract to purchase an old commercial shop space with a plan to turn it into our first BSF-owned headquarters.

We're now moving in! In that time, we've secured over 90% of the funds to renovate this building while simultaneously charging ahead with construction work. It was a big year with a lot of moving parts, during which we experienced one of the worst snow years on record.



But the community believed in this because, over 90 years of BSF, the fundamental core principle of this organization has centered around community. Our alumni, many of whom supported this project, understand that the years a skier spends with BSF will be some of their most formative, and many of the people they meet here will be friends for life. The value of this kind of community has never been clearer, and we now have a space that can be a central hub for all our teams and better support our programming.

This winter, our teams reminded us that even without big storms and epic powder days, you can still have fun and excel in the thinnest of conditions. Our Nordic Intro kids were all smiles on the snowmaking loop at Sunset Hills. Our Skimo team had to get incredibly creative on the training front without Bear Canyon, but they absolutely crushed their races. Alpine skiers actually saw more gate training time, and our "Free" teams made the marginal conditions work. BSF's Trails program shifted gears, using snowmaking and shovels to keep trails skiable throughout the winter.

We're excited for this next chapter at the Bridger Ski Foundation, one built on a strong foundation of community support and passionate coaches.

Evan Weiss, Executive Director

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Awards BRIDGER SKI FOUNDATION

2026 Development Club of the Year
2026 Cross Country Club of the Year



Mike Papke and Andrew Morehouse accepted the 2026 awards from U.S. Ski & Snowboard.

THE MISSION

Fostering personal growth, athletic development, and community wellness through accessible skiing and winter trail stewardship.



1936 - 2026



ABOUT US

Bridger Ski Foundation's roots go back to 1936 and the founding of the Bozeman Ski Club. From rope tows to chair lifts and homemade grooming equipment, local residents have tirelessly worked together to make skiing possible for our youth. Today, BSF offers unparalleled opportunities to our community, with more than 30 programs across all disciplines.



TRAILS
ALPINE
NORDIC
SKIMO
FREERIDE
FREESTYLE
FREESKIING
SNOWBOARDING

Ski Programs

We do it all. We teach kinders how to Nordic ski. We coach thriving teams of youth athletes in Nordic, Alpine, Freestyle (Moguls), Freeskiing (Park), Snowboarding, Freeride (Big Mountain), and Skimo. We have a robust group of Nordic adult skiers who ski (and learn to ski) with us, as well as the Olympic Development BSF Nordic Pro Team that is making waves on the domestic and international race scene.



Trails for All

BSF grooms over 90 km of community trails both in-town and in the mountains: Sunset Hills (with snowmaking), Highland Glen, Bridger Creek Golf Course, Sourdough, Sacajawea Middle School, and Chief Joseph Middle School, as well as helping the U.S. Forest Service in Hyalite. Community skiers help fund this effort through donations and voluntary trail passes.

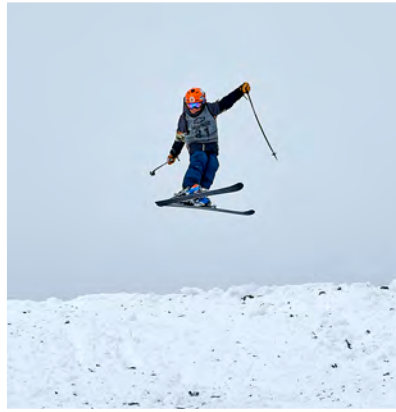
Access

Skiing in the Gallatin Valley has always been a grassroots community activity and we intend to keep it that way so anyone who wants to ski with us can. That means open-access trails, scholarships, equipment assistance, a welcoming environment, and fundraising much of BSF's operating budget so we can keep program fees more accessible to local families.

2025-26 SNAPSHOTS



Nordic Intro kids get a snowstorm on their last day.



Big air during a competition on the moguls course.



Wednesdays at Bridger with the BSF Club Team.



A ridge hike for BSF Alpine skiers.



BSF Pro Team at the Lake Placid World Cup Finals.



Friendships forged.



Skimo athletes racing in Whitefish.



Coach Cody, a legend.



Moguls at Bridger Bowl.

BSF MOMENTS



Freeride athletes.



Costumes on point at the community FUNSKI series.



BSF Ski Swap connected families with winter gear.



New skills at Tramp Camp.



Skimo athletes tackling a challenging Shedhorn race.



Team love.



Making snow at Sunset Hills.



Alumni gathering.



Champ visits the Nordic Intro skiers.

THE NEW HQ

BUILDING THE BASE



August 2025

Officially closed on purchasing 1606 Gold Ave. and began renovation.

Fall 2025

Kicking off the public fundraising campaign with \$1.5M secured for the building campaign.



January 2026

Construction speeding along, both inside and outside, with \$1.8M raised so far.



May 2026

Main construction complete with certificate of occupancy issued. A few projects still remain. \$257,000 left to complete the campaign (financing in place to bridge the gap).



NEXT CHAPTER



A REAL HOME

In the summer of 2026, 900+ BSF participants and their families will have a real home base and a place where the BSF experience can achieve a new level. We've done incredible things in the last 90 years on the slopes, trails, and in local parks, but now our kids and staff will have a permanent place to gather, learn, and connect.

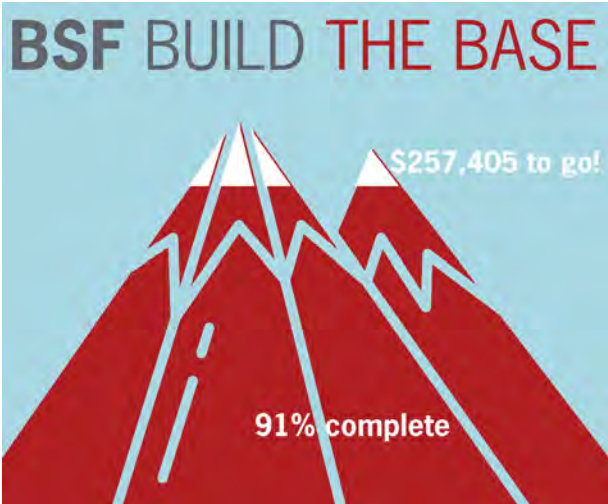
We can't wait to host community events, bring more kids and programs into the fold, and let the magic unfold.

- ✓ Meeting spaces
- ✓ Office spaces
- ✓ Outdoor trampoline & training area
- ✓ Indoor & outdoor storage
- ✓ Community wax room
- ✓ Easy access to local trails & gyms
- ✓ Room to grow BSF programs
- ✓ Convenient in-town location
- ✓ No more rent payments



BUILD THE BASE FUNDING

BSF BUILD THE BASE



We are almost there!

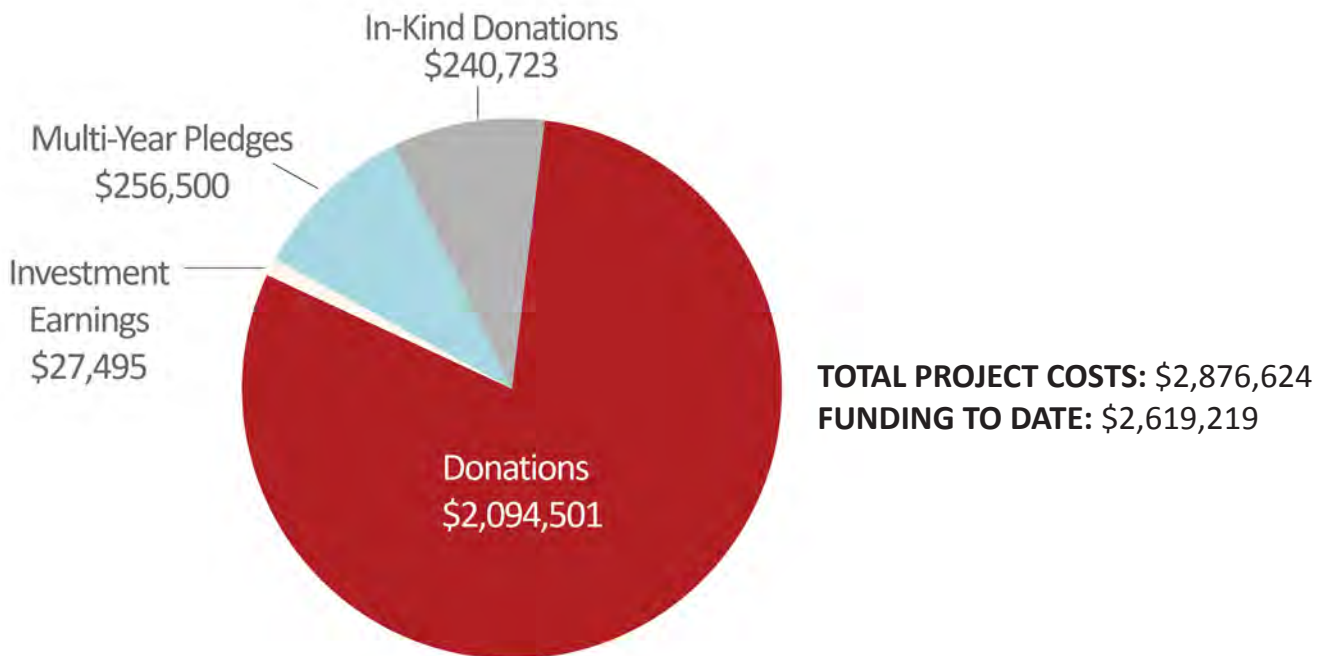
As of late May 2026, BSF had raised 91% of the \$2.88 million needed for Build the Base.

We have secured bridge financing to cover the gap as we have several multi-year pledges that will come in over the next few years. But the good news is that we're within striking distance of finishing this campaign debt-free.

If you or someone you know wants to help, please reach out. We're so close.

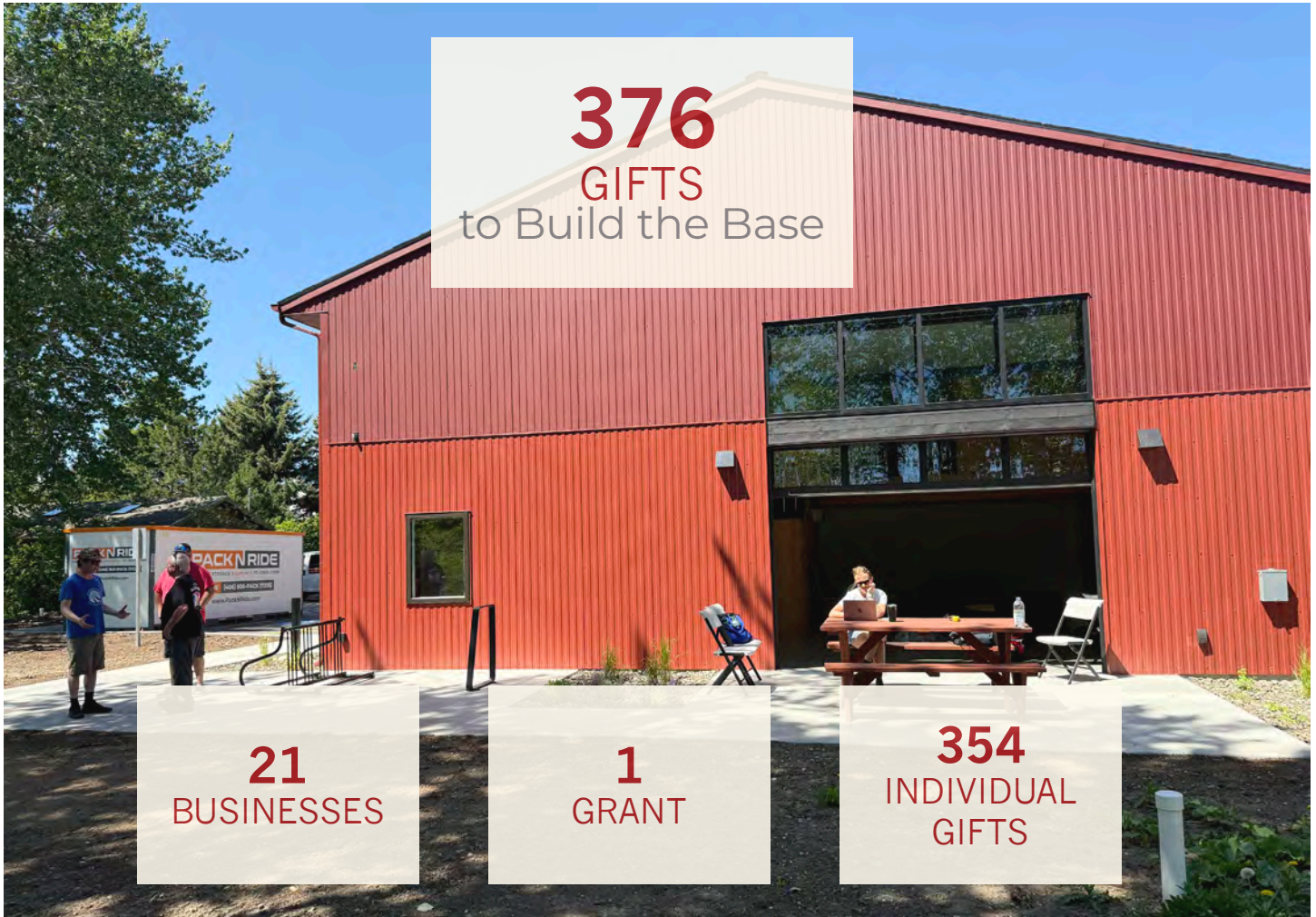
THE BREAKDOWN

BASE FUNDING TO DATE



A COMMUNITY EFFORT:

The outpouring of in-kind donations for this project has been remarkable. From alumni to current and former coaches, families, community friends, and local businesses--your generosity is in every corner of this building.



ENDOWMENT

In 2024, a family gift gave \$1 million to the Bridger Ski Foundation to establish an endowment, on top of a generous seed gift to the building campaign. This gift set up BSF with a stable financial foundation, creating a reliable source of income that keeps producing year after year.

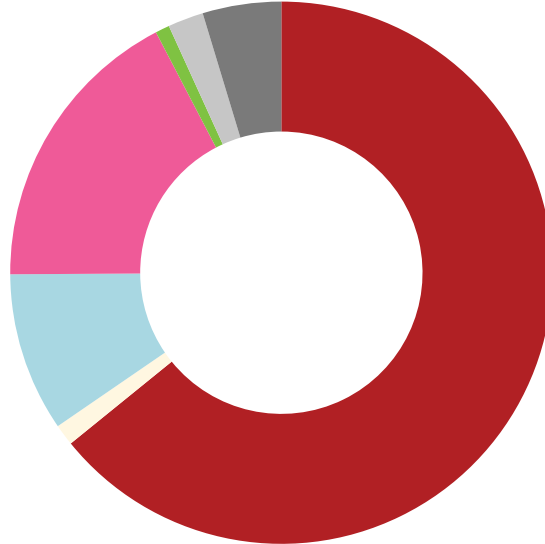
Now that we have an endowment working for us, the goal is to grow the fund so that, for instance, it's producing enough to fund significant scholarships every single year.

A gift to the endowment is a gift that never stops giving — and we invite you to join the McBee Family in securing BSF's future for years to come.



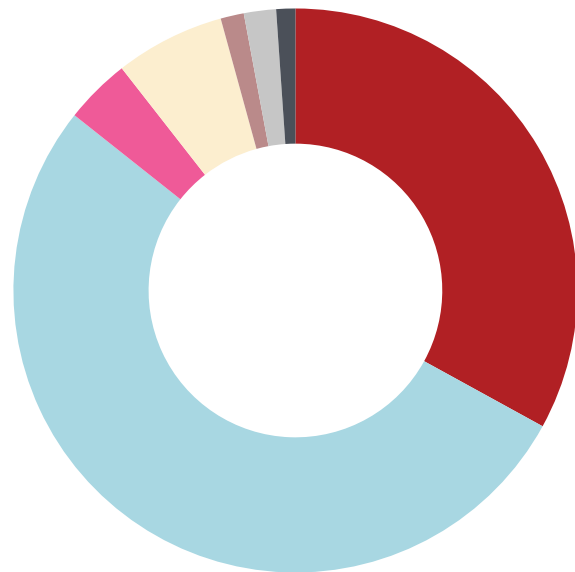
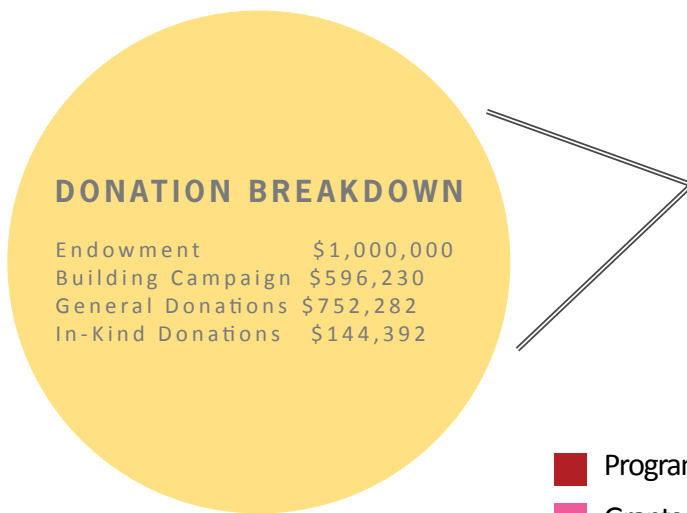
2024-25 FISCAL YEAR June 1, 2024 - May 31, 2025

SPENDING



■ Program Expenses \$1,903,811	■ Scholarships: \$37,743
■ Fundraising Events \$ 281,346	■ General & Administrative: \$517,557
■ Business Insurance: \$24,995	■ Transportation: \$63,018
■ Professional Fees: \$139,029	TOTAL: \$2,967,499

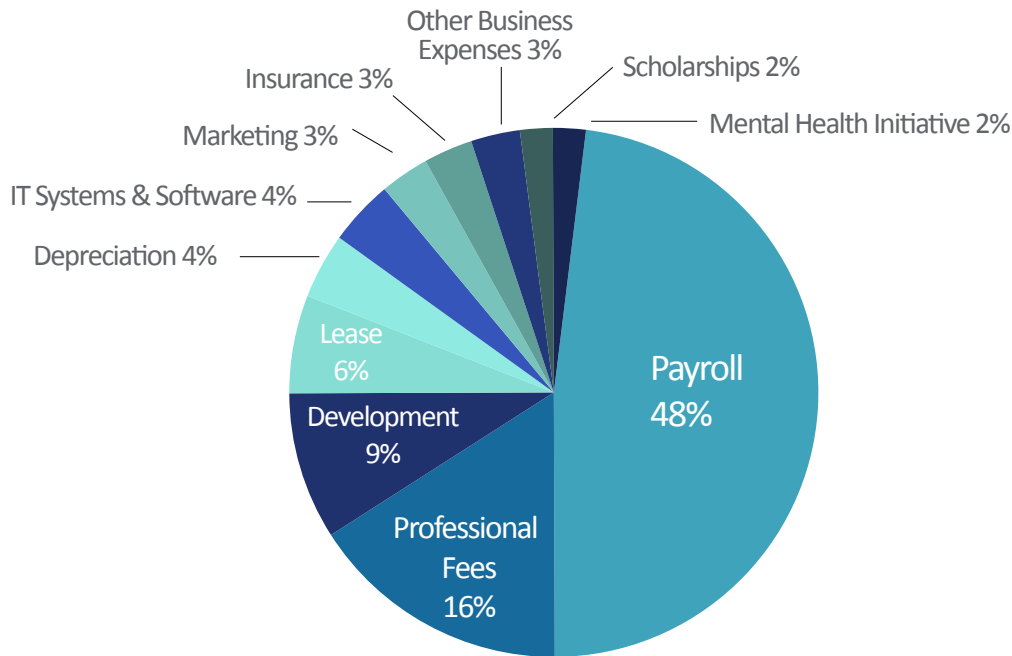
REVENUE



■ Program Fees: \$1,544,408	■ Donations: \$ 2,465,904
■ Grants \$ 176,416	■ Fundraising Events: \$ 294,385
■ Memberships \$ 62,374	■ Trail Passes: \$ 86,360
■ Other: \$ 51,089	TOTAL: \$4,608,935

UNDERSTANDING “GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE”

2024-25 General & Administrative Costs



Program Funding
Covers **9%**
of general & administrative costs.
The rest is funded through donations and event fundraising.

91-100%
OF PROGRAM FEES
are directly related to program costs

2025-26 FISCAL YEAR FORECAST

June 1, 2025 - May 31, 2026

This is an estimate only.

Forecasted Expenditures: \$3,081,715

Forecasted Operating Revenue: \$3,015,481

***Does not include the Build the Base Campaign donations or expenses. Expenditures include depreciation of \$61,000.*

BY THE NUMBERS



937

Program Participants
From ages 5 to 80+



1,377

BSF Members
Families and
individuals supporting
the mission



6,268

Volunteer Hours
Community members
helping with events and
committees



430

Trail Passes
Keeping 90+ km of trails
groomed with an annual
trail membership



\$76,116

in Scholarships
Helping with
program fees,
equipment, and
travel expenses



with

\$16,330

in aid from the
Soren Joseph
Hartnett Legacy
Scholarship Fund

338

Kids in BSF's
8-week entry-
level programs for
Alpine, Freestyle,
and Nordic skiing

112

SETS OF FREE &
RENTAL SKIS

SKIMO, NORDIC,
ALPINE



51

ATHLETES
QUALIFIED
FOR JUNIOR
NATIONALS



2

Junior National Champions

7

Junior National Silver Medals

10

Junior National Bronze Medals

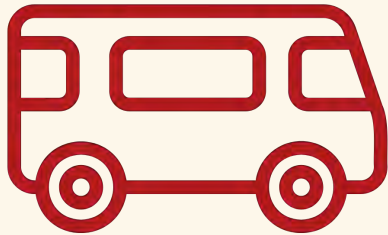
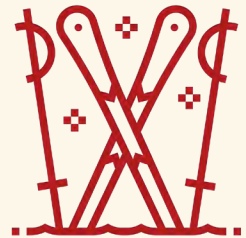
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ATHLETES
COMPETED
ON THE
WORLD CUP

8,888

ITEMS AT THE
BSF SKI SWAP



82,713

MILES FOR THE BSF
TRANSPORTATION FLEET

ON THE ROAD

15



CAMPS FOR
ATHLETES

43



TRIPS TO RACES

4

CANCELLED TRIPS DUE
TO SNOW CONDITIONS

5

TRIPS RELOCATED TO
NEW VENUES

BSF TRAILS



BSF Community Trails: it takes a lot of equipment, a little ranch ingenuity, and a touch of community love to make magic on the trails.

COMMUNITY WINTER TRAILS REPORT

The snowmaking loop at Sunset Hills endured into March, giving BSF kids and locals an in-town ski option in a nearly snowless winter.

It was a winter for the record books ... just not the one we wanted. Watching the coaches, kids and greater skiing community make every effort to be together outside – snow or no snow – was all the inspiration our crew needed to pull out all the stops and try to keep the trails going, however possible.

Despite persistent warm temperatures, high winds and a lack of abundant natural snowfall, the Hyalite-Blackmore loops provided a framework to maintain 4 kilometers of consistent, reliable skiing this season.

In cooperation with the USFS, we put in over 100 hours of shoveling to bridge areas of snow shadow and reinforce sun-affected areas, enabling continuous grooming and community skiing from late December to late March. The Moonlight Ski on March 3 was a highlight for everyone, with hot cider, s'mores, and community spirit on full display.

In town, we were fortunate to have just enough brief windows to run the snow guns and maintain our abbreviated 0.5-km snowmaking loop. This little loop held on through some extreme warm weather and winds, offering easy access to hundreds of program athletes and thousands of community members.

Behind the scenes, our trails program celebrated some big improvements, with an agreement for use of a heated shop space in Highland Glen to store and work on equipment topping the list. Thank you to Bozeman Health for their amazing support and to Gallatin County Open Lands Grant for funding to renovate this space.

With help from SMI Snowmakers, we resurrected the original "Kid Wizzard" fan-gun that BSF purchased in 2005, bringing another tool back into the quiver to make snow during marginal temperatures.

Previous year grant funding enabled us to upgrade our vehicle fleet with the addition of a 2017 flatbed plow truck, retiring the old '94 Chevy to a new life and new owners at the Happy Compost.

Funding for our trails program depends on federal, state, and private grants, trail sponsors, donations, and voluntary pass sales. Our goal each season is to cover roughly half of our operating costs through voluntary pass sales.

Thank you to everyone who bought a pass, made a donation, sponsored a venue, coached, volunteered, and/or made the trails a better place with a smile and a wave this season.

New Highland Glen Shop

Thanks to the generosity of Bozeman Health, BSF and GVLT are now sharing this much-needed shop space in Highland Glen. We now have a heated space to store and work on equipment, a real gamechanger for winter maintenance. A generous Gallatin County Open Lands Grant provided funds for BSF and GVLT to renovate this space and put it in working order.



Old Snowgun Made New

BSF had purchased this snowgun in 2005, and it sat idle for many years. But with a little help from SMI Snowmakers and a new part, the Kid Wizzard fan-gun got a new life and became a valued part of our snowmaking setup.



BSF TRAILS PROGRAM

MAJOR ASSETS

- 2015 Chevy 3500
- 2017 Chevy 3500 w/plow
- 2011 PistenBully 100 Nordic (snowcat groomer)
- 4 Skidoo Skandic snowmobiles
- 3 trailers
- 6 Ginzugroomers
- 4 rollers
- 5 HKD air/water snow gun towers
- 1 SMI Kid Wizzard Fan snow gun
- 30 snowmaking hoses
- 1 snowmaking system with pumphouse, well, cisterns, pumps, compressor, in-ground piping
- Lifts, hoists, and tools for basic equipment service and maintenance

2025-26 SEASON

SUNSET HILLS

- Season length: 46 days
- Grooming shifts: 52
- Frequency: 6x per week
- 0.5 km snowmaking loop
- Plus 10 days on natural snow



HYALITE

- Season length: 81 days
- Partnered with USFS
- Grooming shifts: 30
- Shoveling hours: 113
- Trees removed from trail: 234

HIGHLAND GLEN

- Season length: n/a
- Grooming shifts: 3
- Ski & multi-use trail



MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- Grooming shifts: n/a
- 1-km loops

BRIDGER CREEK GOLF COURSE

- Season length: 15 days
- Grooming shifts: 7
- 8.23 km



SOURDOUGH

- Season length: 30 days with additional 3-4 weeks up high
- Grooming shifts: 17
- 24.72 km
- Ski & multi-use trail

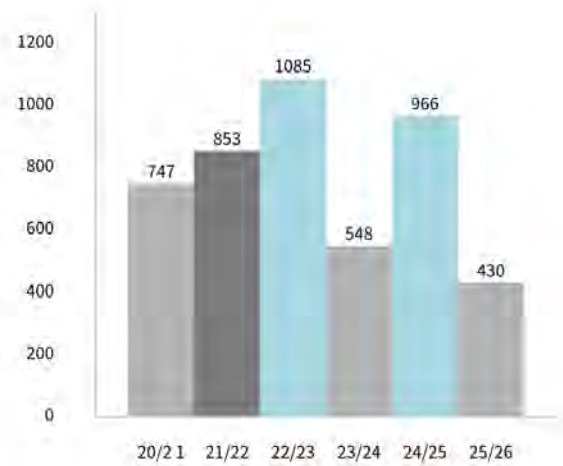


OUR PARTNERS

- City of Bozeman
- Bridger Creek Golf Course
- Bozeman Health
- U.S. Forest Service
- Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center
- Sacajawea Middle School
- Chief Joseph Middle School
- Gallatin Valley Land Trust
- Outside Kind

Keep the people skiing

Trail Pass Sales 2020-2026



THE GOAL: 50%

of the trails annual operating costs are funded by trail passes

2025-26 Season: 26%

of the trails budget was covered by trail passes



Clean Boots = More Snow

A boot cleaning station at Sunset Hills' snowmaking loop helped keep mud out of the snowpack. Dirt particles in the snow not only make for bad skiing, but they also cause the snow to melt faster.

Chainsaws

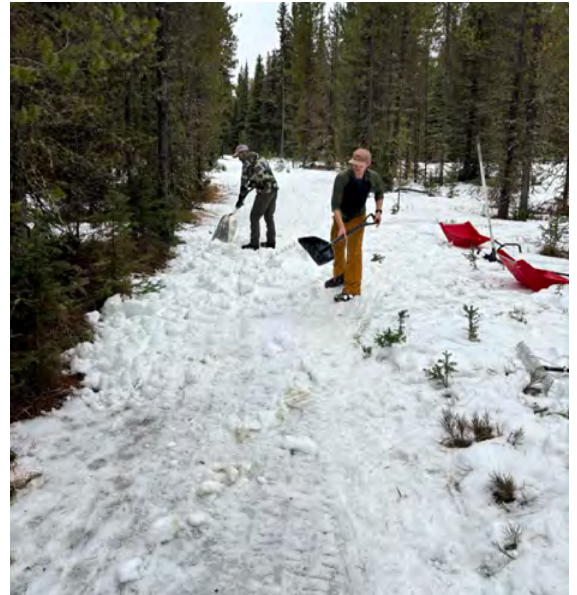
Grooming in Hyalite and Sourdough involves a lot of trail cleanup when trees fall. Each year, BSF joins the U.S. Forest Service for chainsaw safety training.



BSF TRAILS



A community moonlight ski with s'mores on the Blackmore Loops in Hyalite was a hit with skiers of all ages.



BSF and USFS crews shoveled a lot of snow this season in order to preserve the skiing.

2025-26 SEASON



A PARTNERSHIP WITH POTENTIAL



During the 25-26 Season, BSF expanded our multilingual Nordic skiing programming to serve 25 Gallatin Valley youth with the help of a strengthened community partnership with Potential MT—a Montana-based nonprofit on a mission to improve access to sports by providing scholarships to families

Potential MT had been supporting BSF's multilingual programming over the previous two seasons, and in 2025-26, they stepped up to be the Title Sponsor. In doing so, Potential invested in BSF's pilot program of providing a tiered system of support to qualifying families. This system was developed in conjunction with another long-term BSF partner, Hale Creative Consulting, and allows families to apply for scholarships for tuition reduction, transportation support, and equipment

rentals, all with Spanish language support provided by Bienvenidos a Gallatin Valley.

In implementing this pilot program with Potential MT's support, BSF was able to increase our multilingual programming capacity by 28% from the previous season. Perhaps more importantly, this year also demonstrated an important proof of concept for community-partnership-supported skiing and sets the stage for further growing accessible skiing via community investment and partnerships right here in the Gallatin Valley.

If you or someone you know is interested in getting involved with growing accessible skiing in the greater Bozeman area, please contact BSF Director of Youth Development Jack Christianson jack.christianson@bridgerskifoundation.org

NORDIC INTRO



188

Kids in BSF's
8-week Intro
Program

K-8

A LIFELONG LOVE OF SKIING

1,020

Hours on Snow



BSF CLUB TEAM

ALPINE & FREESTYLE

New Name

BSF's Intro to Alpine & Freestyle took on a new name in 2025-26. Dubbed the BSF Club Team, this 8-week winter program for ages 7-11 gives intermediate skiers their first taste of BSF. Coaches focus on developing skills that prepare young skiers for Alpine racing as well as all the "Freestyle" disciplines (park, moguls, and big mountain skiing). Kids experience time in the racing gates, learn to jump safely, and explore the whole mountain.



125

Club Team Athletes



Western Region Junior Championships

Ellie Hirn had a strong series, finishing 2nd in slalom and 11th in giant slalom, showing impressive consistency against a deep field. Teammate Nadine Hansen also had a solid championship. She finished 15th in giant slalom, moving up 16 positions from bib 31. In slalom, Nadine made one of the biggest moves of the race, charging from bib 57 to 17th place, climbing 40 spots in the results.



Northern Region YSL Championships

BSF's Alpine Devo Team finished the season strong with over 40 athletes competing at the division championships at Great Divide. They finished second overall in the team standings. U12 skiers Anders Gaasch and Liesl Crumb both took second in the series overall. Francis Sanchez won the esteemed Andrew Fitzhugh Award, a scholarship given to an athlete who has shown incredible promise throughout the season and embodies the spirit of ski racing.

BSF NORDIC

BSF Nordic No. 1 at Junior Nationals for 2nd Year in a Row

They did it again: #1 club in the country at Junior Nationals! Huge congrats to the BSF Nordic team for representing at the 2026 Cross Country Junior Nationals in Cable, Wisconsin, where they won the club championship for the second year in a row, edging out 2nd place Loppet Nordic Racing of Minneapolis.

BSF had 18 athletes qualify for the event as part of the Intermountain Division team. "The team skied really well," said BSF Nordic Director Andrew Morehouse. "We had 17 All-American finishes from 8 skiers. Most importantly, everyone seemed happy."



Jr. National Medals

Claire Rucker: National Champion U16 Classic Distance, 3rd Freestyle Distance

Necia Nicholas: 3rd U20 Freestyle Distance

Tula Higman: 2nd U18 Classic Sprint, 2nd Classic Distance

Kristian Hudacek: 3rd U20 Classic Distance



The Devo team has experienced robust growth, with more kids choosing to keep skiing with BSF.

“The BSF Nordic Program is grounded in a philosophy of life long learning, personal growth, and holistic athlete development. We believe that athletic success is a result of thousands of small contributions from every member of the team. We strive to create a sense of belonging and team camaraderie by stressing shared values of open communication, empathy, hard work, and enjoyment of the process. Most importantly, we believe that the joy of sliding around on snow and being outside does not strictly belong to those who stand on top of a podium; rather it is the essence of the sport of skiing and is open to anyone willing to participate.”

ANDREW MOREHOUSE, Nordic Program Director

BSF's Adult Nordic program continues to thrive with a focus on building community and giving skiers the chance to build skills and ski together.



BSF Pro Team Highlights

- 5 athletes qualified for the World Cup Finals in Lake Placid
- Emma Albrecht U.S. National Champion in Classic Sprint & Overall Supertour Women's Champion
- Max Kluck 3rd in Classic Sprint at U.S. Nationals
- 4 athletes named to U23 World Championship team, with Luke Allan 10th in skate sprint.
- Reid Goble guided vision-impaired skier Jake Adicoff to a Gold Medal at the Paralympics
- Multiple Supertour podiums for BSF Pro Athletes



BSF FREESTYLE



- 9 Athletes qualified for Jr. Nationals
- 5 Athletes qualified for U.S. Nationals

Northern Division Championships

BSF's Logan Baack won the Northern Division singles events and was second in women Dual moguls, while Oliver Lacy put together two second place finishes. A total of nine BSF athletes were invited to Junior Nationals, but the Freestyle Team elected to focus instead on U.S. Nationals, at Palisades Tahoe.

Meanwhile, the Devo Team had an excellent season building both mogul and all-mountain skills. Thanks to hundreds of volunteer hours and the help of Bridger Bowl, the moguls course remained a great training venue all season long.



Summer tramp camps give skiers the chance to practice aerial skills. Starting in summer 2026, we'll have our own trampolines at the new HQ!

BSF FREESKI

Freeski Athletes Land on Podium 5 Times at USASA Nationals

BSF Freeskiers made a statement at USASA's 2026 Freeski National Championship, with eight skiers in attendance and three of them making five trips to the podium with some truly stellar skiing.

"I was extremely proud of the way our athletes carried themselves, interacted with each other and other athletes, and acknowledged all the event staff for their hard work. BSF was represented well, and this shows how important culture and comraderie is to our program," said Coach Cody Ling.



Jr. National Medals

Lucia Savoia : 3rd in Slopestyle Girls 15-16, 2nd in Rail Jam

Liam Bird: 2nd in Slopestyle Boys 15-16, 3rd in Rail Jam

Henry Barbieri: 3rd in Rail Jam Boys 17-18



BSF provided a new option this year for athletes to crossover and train with both Freeride (Big Mountain) and Freeski (park) teams, allowing for specialized training.



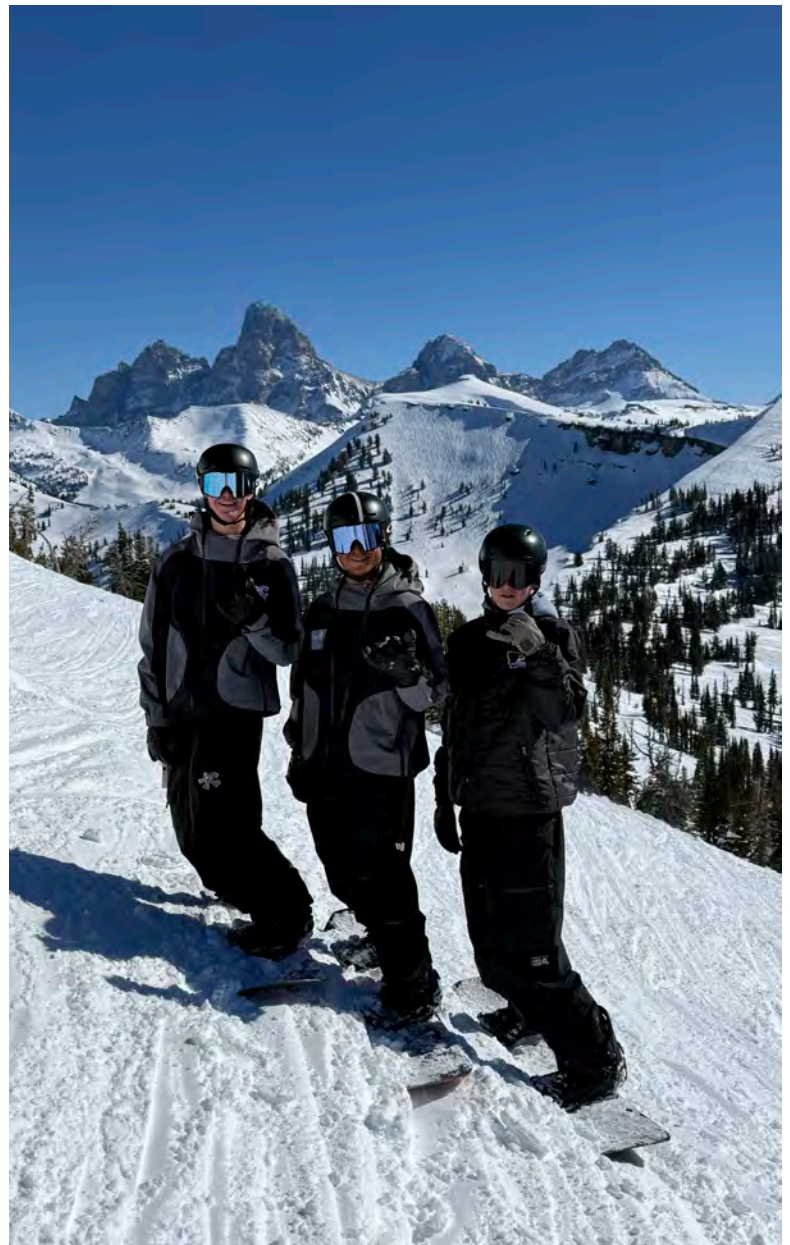
BSF SNOWBOARDING



Snowboarding Program Continues to Grow & Succeed

BSF's snowboarders are growing in numbers, with options to compete in Freeride (Big Mountain) competitions as well as on the park side in Rail Jam and Slopestyle.

Two athletes qualified for USASA Junior Nationals. While Brayden Reich was unable to compete due to an injury, 16-year-old Kaiser Pellman placed an impressive 9th in his age group in Rail Jam and 20th in slopestyle.



BSF FREERIDE



Three BSF Skiers at IFSA Junior Championships; Ian Tuttle 2nd

The BSF Freeride (Big Mountain) team is just six years old, but in that time it has become one of our most popular high school programs. Both the men and women racked up multiple podiums throughout the season.

Three BSF athletes earned an invite to the IFSA Junior Freeride Championships for North & South America: Ian Tuttle, Eli Magro, and Soren Fricke. Ian's impressive finals run put him on the U19 podium in 2nd and earned him a ticket to the Junior World Championships next winter. All three athletes ended nationals with rankings in the top 31 in the country.

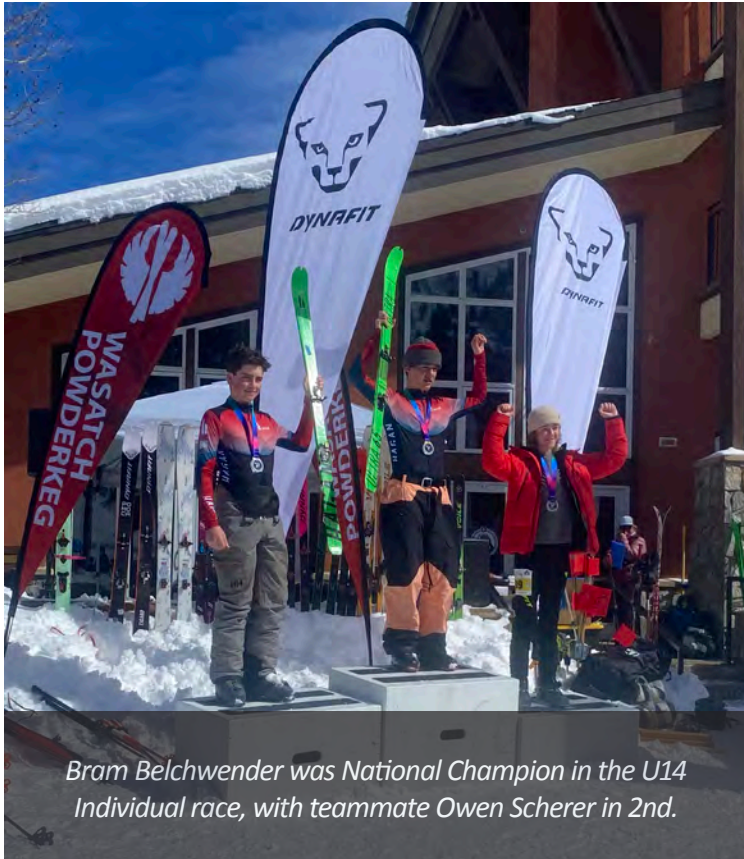


BSF SKIMO

Seven Podiums at Skimo Junior National Championships

BSF's newest program offering, Skimo, finished its second season with an incredible finish at the Wasatch Powderkeg National Championships, with skiers hitting the podium seven times.

With 11 junior athletes competing in the sprint, vertical, and short course races, BSF athletes hammered out a series of podiums and top-ten finishes. Plus, Coach Noah Brown also earned a National Championship Gold in the mixed relay senior category.



Bram Belchwender was National Champion in the U14 Individual race, with teammate Owen Scherer in 2nd.

Jr. National Medals

Bram Belchwender: National Champion Short Course U14 Boys, 2nd Vertical

Owen Scherer: 2nd Short Course U14 Boys, 3rd Vertical

Lucy Ostrowski: 3rd Short Course U16 Girls

Owen Dinkins: 3rd Short Course U16 Boys

Julia Sepiepl: 3rd Vertical U18 Girls



MENTAL HEALTH TOOLS



For the fourth year running, BSF provided mental health and wellness programming for our coaches, parents, and athletes. From sports psychology basics to helping individuals navigate challenges, these are life skills that build resilience and reduce stigmas around mental health.

The Mental Health & Wellness Initiative continues to serve as a model for other clubs and school programs, and as our community continues to rally around better supporting our youth, we look forward to building more collaborative efforts in Bozeman, so that coaches and athletes across all sports can benefit.

BSF's Mental Health Initiative is made possible by the generous support of Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation, Bozeman Health, and the Yellowstone Club Community Foundation.



COACHES TALK

I will look back at these years as some of the best in my life, and that is because of how amazing the community is within BSF.”

CODY LING

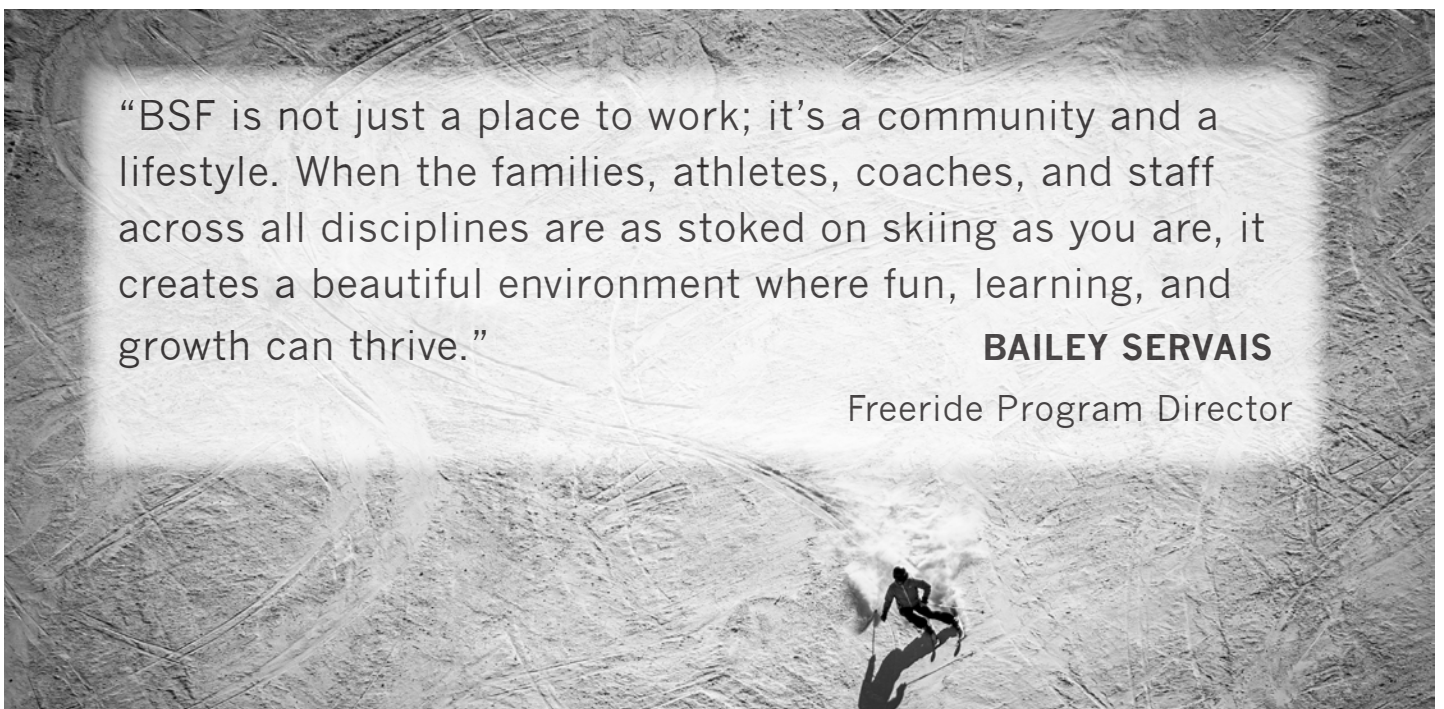
Freeski Program Director



“BSF is not just a place to work; it’s a community and a lifestyle. When the families, athletes, coaches, and staff across all disciplines are as stoked on skiing as you are, it creates a beautiful environment where fun, learning, and growth can thrive.”

BAILEY SERVAIS

Freeride Program Director



ATHLETES TALK



“BSF has meant so many things to me. But the best thing it has ever been is a home. .. I love the people and the coaches and the trails and the community and the traditions. I love the way I always feel happy to be at practice, or proud to watch my teammates succeed. I love the way BSF has taken care of me, how it has watched me grow into myself and become a better person. I love the way BSF will always represent somewhere I will be safe, and supported. I love the way BSF loves me back.”

RYLIE BOWMAN

Senior, BSF Nordic Team

“The confidence and resilience I have developed will help in tough situations and decision making. The community I found in BSF will stay strong even as I leave to other places. And my identity in the mountains will keep me grounded forever. BSF has helped to shape not only how I ski, but how I think, how I approach obstacles, and how I define success.”

ELLE JOHNSON

Senior, BSF Freeride Team

“Bridger Ski Foundation has had a lasting impact on who I am today. It has shaped my character, strengthened my resilience, and surrounded me with a supportive community.”

REMY PELLERIN

Senior, Freeride & Alpine

ATHLETES TALK



“BSF has taught me that there is a difference between “this is difficult and uncomfortable” and “I can’t do this” or “this isn’t worth it”. This realization is something that has helped me so much in other aspects of my life (school, relationships), and I know it will continue to help me for the rest of my life.”

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Skimo Team

“The most important lesson I have learned through BSF is that hard work will pay off. Today, I can ski nearly anything off of the ridge, and charge down a tricky slalom course. I wouldn’t have made the immense amount of progress in my skiing without the early season drill days, the summer camps up at Mt. Hood, or the long days of ridge hike after ridge hike with BSF.”

NORA HALVERSON

Senior, Alpine Team



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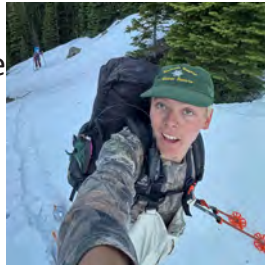
COACHES

BSF's People of the Year

LUKAS BERGSTON

U15 Head Coach Freeride

Lukas is a leader on and off the ski hill. He always has a smile on his face and a positive attitude, not to mention he is always putting the kids first. Lukas brings an incredible depth of knowledge in the sport of freeride, and it really shows. A valued co-worker by his fellow coaches, BSF is grateful for his contributions this season.



AUBREY LECLAIR

Nordic Comp Team Coach

Aubrey has demonstrated steady, quiet, and confident leadership over the past three seasons. She has grown tremendously as a coach, finding her unique coaching style and voice and her positive engagement with the team will leave an enduring impact on the athletes.



KELSEY BIRKELAND

Freestyle Devo Assistant Coach

Kelsey is an inspiration to the youth of our Freestyle Devo Program. She is always on time and excited to spend her day with her group. She communicates well with athletes and parents, and she serves as a leader when coaching our athletes. We love to see Kelsey out there practicing the same skills our kids are working on, including dialing in her 360.



JOSH LUCAS

Head Snowboard Comp Coach

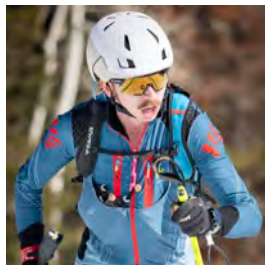
Josh has gone over and above in building the snowboard community within BSF, providing excellent coaching on the snow but also building a team culture off the snow. This year he provided multiple new opportunities for his athletes and coordinated team dinners for families and coaches to spend more time together. He has also stepped up for the club as a whole, taking great photos and capturing moments that will last a lifetime.



NOAH BROWN

Skimo Coach

Noah's dedicated time to the team this season was instrumental in making things work. The athletes love his good-natured demeanor and passion for the sport and call him "brother Noah." Noah attended the USA Skimo coaches camp this past spring, bringing top level coaching ideas to the table. On top of all this, he is an emerging national level racer: Noah was National champion in the mixed relay and third in the sprint at Nationals this season. Looking forward to what Noah can do in the future!



BEN LITTMAN ROEDER

Assistant Club Team Coach

Ben was a flex coach, working with the Freestyle and Alpine Devo teams while also coaching with the BSF Club Team (formerly "intro"). Ben showed up stoked everyday to help in any capacity he could. He went out of his way to challenge the kids and helped improve their confidence. Ben was also a valued player in our new Wednesday afternoon Club Team session. And kids just adore him!



COACHES

GRACE LUX

Nordic Intro Coach

Grace showed up at practice each day with energy, excitement, and a passion for teaching our skiers. She never hesitated to help out or step up and sub when a coach was out. Additionally, Grace went above and beyond to promote inclusion and belonging for our Spanish-speaking participants. Thank you, Grace!



SOPHIA WILSON

Nordic Devo Coach

As a veteran coach on the BSF Devo crew, we were so lucky to get Sophia back this year. She is frequently described as “The nicest person you will ever have the pleasure of meeting,” and that could not be more true. Her experience both as an athlete and a coach is evident at every practice. Her attitude is infectious for both the athletes who have the pleasure of calling her their coach and the coaches who have the pleasure of calling her their friend.



BECKY WHEELER

Nordic Adult Training Group Coach

Becky came back to Bozeman this season after a few years coaching in Casper, WY. She helped spice up our adult program training sessions with new ideas for dryland and agility as well as on snow. We are so grateful for the creativity, curiosity and intensity she brought to the adult crew! We are excited to have her helping with some new summer training offerings for adults!



SHANE WILSON

Assistant Alpine Devo Coach

Shane has been an exemplary coach for Devo this season. Shane coaches our youngest and usually most inexperienced group, which means he has the challenge of molding wild skiers into fast and technically sound racers. This season he created a strong bond with every one of his athletes, teaching the basic fundamentals of ski racing as well as being a good teammate. Shane steps up as a leader for our team, making sure everything runs smoothly.



KIMO SULLIVAN

Lead Groomer/Snowmaker

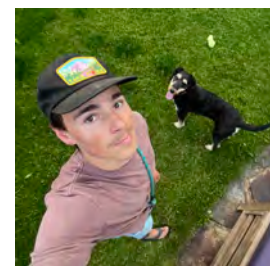
Kimo brought the same fun presence, talent and enthusiasm to this ski season as he did his first year with our program in 2022-23, the biggest snow year any of us can remember. But, this season, instead of putting in hundreds of hours behind the wheel of the snowcat, it was hundreds of hours shoveling snow onto the trails, fixing fence blown over by the wind, working through the night to make snow during the few cold weather windows available, and during one especially sunny-warm stretch, sanding and refinishing the peeled wooden facade of our pump house.



SETH WYATT

Nordic Devo Coach

As a BSF alumnus and recently graduated collegiate skier, Seth brought invaluable experience and insights to our Devo coaching crew. He accepted additional responsibility with a welcoming smile and was a leader amongst his fellow coaches, helping the whole team move in a positive direction. Kind, caring, and with a quick sense of humor, he was a valuable addition to our coaching staff.



VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers of the Year



SARAH NICHOLAS

Volunteer Care Coordinator

A longtime volunteer for BSF, Sarah spearheaded volunteer care for all BSF Nordic events this year. She has been instrumental in creating a culture that celebrates volunteerism and boosts enthusiasm at our events. She worked tirelessly to take care of the people who take care of our athletes!



FRANK SILVA

Ski Swap Volunteer

Frank has been a Ski Swap volunteer for decades. As a professional carpenter, he has donated his skills for building, installing and maintaining the ski rack systems. Frank is the first person you will meet when dropping off consignment gear at the Swap. He is also on the floor all weekend helping customers find the perfect pair of skis. Thanks, Frank, for helping make the BSF Ski Swap such a great Bozeman tradition.



AMY PUKULA

Pro Team Support Volunteer

Aside from offering her services as a physical therapist to our Pro Team athletes, Amy is fully engaged with fundraising efforts for the Pro Team. Amy works incredibly hard behind the scenes to make sure Pro Team events are organized and successful. She is an incredible resource and a valued member of our team!



LAUREN SUMMERS

Apres Ski Volunteer

We can't begin to quantify Lauren's annual contribution to BSF's auction gala fundraiser. She puts in countless hours throughout the year working on the organizing committee, soliciting auction item donations, and keeping us organized. She helped transform Apres Ski to a new level of crucial fundraising for BSF. But she doesn't stop there: you'll also find her coaching our Nordic Kinders, skiing around as "Freshie the Fox," and volunteering at nearly every BSF event.

VOLUNTEERS



**HUNTER LACEY, STUART SCHILLING,
& DAVE RICHARD**

Freestyle Volunteers

A moguls course requires a lot of manual labor, and the BSF Freestyle team has three volunteers in particular to thank for this year's bumps and jumps on Boot Hill. Hunter, Stuart and Dave spent hundreds of hours helping with the course this season.



JAMES WILLICH

Alpine Volunteer

James is the BSF Alpine Race Timer and a key member of the BSF race crew. James brings enthusiasm, problem solving and a friendly ongoing conversation to the timing shack. When not volunteering for BSF, James serves on the Livingston City Commission. Thanks James for being such an important member of the BSF community!



PETER BELCHWENDER & PAUL DINKINS

Skimo Volunteers

With tight transportation for the Skimo Team, both of these parents traded driving a personal van for the kids on the days of the week BSF couldn't. They spent countless hours at the trailheads and driving kids around. Thank you!

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