



Winter
2017 - 18

Blackhawk Alpine Race Team (BART) Development Program

- Purpose:** The Blackhawk Alpine Development Program is designed for 10 year old and younger skiers who have an interest in alpine (downhill) ski racing. BART Development is the pre-cursor to the BART race team. Skiers will train on **Hill #2, Hill #5 and Hill #6** and will compete in local area ski races.
- Requirements:** **Skiers must have discussion with coaches prior to sign-up. Skier placement in BART programs is at the Coach's discretion.**
All participants must be members of Blackhawk Ski Club.
Parents must stay on Blackhawk grounds during practice.
Parents are required to volunteer for race day work at a minimum of 1 race.
- Team Size:** BART Development is limited to 12 skiers.
- Schedule:** Practices are Tuesday from 6 to 8 pm on hill 2, Thursday from 5:30 to 7 pm on hill 5/6, starting December 5th weather permitting. Dryland training may start in October. Program will run through early March depending upon conditions.
Skiers must participate in the two local races and are encouraged to attend at least one away race. Practice times and hills may vary based on hill conditions and age composition of team members.
- WIJARA:** **The Wisconsin Junior Alpine Racing Association (WIJARA)** coordinates four Saturday and Sunday races during the months of January and February.
- Tentative race schedule:
Mandatory Races:
January 6-7 Chestnut – Galena, IL
January 20-21 Sundown – Dubuque, IA
February 3-4 (local) Cascade – Portage, WI
February 24-25 (local) Tyrol – Mt. Horeb, WI
- Optional Races:**
TBD : JT Hilligoss Memorial Race - Devils Head
TBD Mt. La Crosse – La Crosse, WI
TBD Brule Finale
TBD Spring Slalom Race at Tyrol
TBD Big Nut Cup at Chestnut
- Equipment:** **Skis, race helmets (no soft ear panels), leather gloves/mittens and ski poles are required.**
- Cost:** \$240 /skier
The WIJARA fee of \$30 will be paid directly to WIJARA by each racer through their online system. Further details will be provided.
- Coaches:** Our coaches consist of several former ski racers who know how to make practice fun.
- Registration:** You can register online at the Blackhawk Ski Club website, blackhawkskiclub.org. Prior authorization in the form of a registration authorization code is required to complete registration.
- Questions:** Please direct any questions to Chad Oistad at chadoistad@yahoo.com, or 608-575-4145