



Winter
2017-18

Blackhawk Alpine Race Team (BART)

- Purpose:** The **Blackhawk Alpine Race Team BART** is an alpine (downhill) ski race team. Skiers will train on **Hills #5 and #6** and can compete in five area ski races.
- Requirements:** **Skiers must have discussion with coaches prior to enrollment. Skier placement in BART programs is at the Coach's discretion. Skiers must ski in at least two WIJARA races during the season and are strongly encouraged to participate in all 4 WIJARA events. All participants must be members of Blackhawk Ski Club. Parents are required to volunteer for race day work at a minimum of 1 race.**
- Team Size:** The team is limited in size to ensure the safety of all racers. Team limits are evaluated annually upon registration to ensure the safety of all racers and low coach to racer instruction ratio.
- Schedule:** Practices are Tuesday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and Thursday from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m, starting December 5th, weather permitting, Hill 5/6. Dryland training may start in October. Program will run through early March depending upon conditions. 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. A fifth non-league race is also held in March. An optional ski camp is also held at Ski Brule in Iron River, MI over the Thanksgiving Holiday for an additional fee.
- Tentative race schedule:
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| 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:**
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| 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 (soft-ear panels are not permitted), leather gloves/mittens and ski poles are required. Additional equipment may be recommended depending on skier ability, including pole and shin guards and speed suits.**
- 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