



BIG SKY EARLY SEASON MASTERS CAMPS

Camp #1: NOVEMBER 15-19, 2025

Camp #2: NOVEMBER 20-25, 2025

WHAT YOU GET:

- Top-level coaching to jump start your ski season
- GS training: Free-skiing drills, gate training, line drills in gates
- Slalom training: Free-skiing drills, progression through brushes, stubbies and gates
- Daily video analysis
- Daily door prizes
- Stretching and core strength sessions
- Lodging at the Huntley Lodge
- 3 meals/day
- Lift tickets
- Apres-ski educational programs
- Awesome camp shirt
- Maximum participants: 24
- Maximum athlete-coach ratio: 8:1
- Camp proceeds support BSSEF's junior race program. Thank you!

COACHING STAFF:



Lisa Ballard, Camp Director: Director numerous ski and race camps, since 1991. One of the top-ranked women on the FIS Masters circuit: 5X SG champ, 2022 GS champion. 6X US Masters Skier-of-the-Year. 100+ US alpine masters titles (DH, SG, GS, SL). 3X Canadian Masters Grand Champion. Nor-Am racer (1976-80). Dartmouth Ski Team (1980-83). Women's Pro Ski Tour, 1985-1990. Former ski analyst for ESPN and other networks; Author, *Ski Faster! Guide to Racing & High Performance Skiing*.



Jack Ballard: M.A., M.Ed: 2023 National Speed Series class 7 champion, 4th overall men under age 65. US Ski and Snowboard certified coach and official. 10 years dedicated masters coaching at Red Lodge Mountain, Big Sky Resort, Ballard Race Camps. Former university lecturer, including graduate courses in educational psychology and human learning. Chair, USSS Northern Division Masters. Member, US Ski and Snowboard Masters Working Group.



Miguel Azcarate: Training Center Director, Holiday Valley, NY. Co-owner, Mud Sweat N' Gears, SkiYard.com. Head Coach, Ligety-Weibrecht Summer Ski Camps, Mt Hood, OR. Coach, Ballard Race Camps, Argentina, Chile, Big Sky, Colorado. Former pro ski racer from Spain. Master boot-fitter. Guest coach, U.S. Ski Team. Ski gear guru!

Sign up at: <https://bssef.com/>

Registration opens July 1, 2025

CAMP #1 SCHEDULE*:

Friday, Nov 14: Arrival and check-in.

Saturday, Nov 15: Morning free-skiing drills on slalom skis, then brush and stubby courses. Afternoon video analysis. Chalk Talk: “Slalom versus GS line and tactics”.

Sunday, Nov 16: Morning slalom training (stubbies, full gates). Afternoon video analysis. Chalk talk: “How to get a real performance boot fit”.

Monday, Nov 17: Morning slalom training (stubbies, full gates). Afternoon video analysis. Optional stretching and core-strength session.

Tuesday, Nov 18: Morning free-skiing drills on GS skis, then GS training with emphasis on line. Afternoon video analysis. Chalk Talk by Mike Beers/SWIX: “Trends in ski wax and tuning”.

Wednesday, Nov 19: Morning GS training. Departure after lunch. Optional stretching and core-strength session for those staying for Camp #2.

**Preliminary schedule. Subject to change.*

CAMP #2 SCHEDULE*:

Wednesday, Nov 19: Arrival and check-in.

Thursday, Nov 20: Morning free-skiing drills on slalom skis, then brush and stubby courses. Afternoon video analysis. Chalk Talk: “Slalom versus GS line and tactics”.

Friday, Nov 21: Morning slalom training (stubbies, full gates). Afternoon video analysis. Chalk talk: “How to get a real performance boot fit.”

Saturday, Nov 22: Morning slalom training (stubbies, full gates). Afternoon video analysis. Optional stretching and core-strength session.

Sunday, Nov 23: Morning free-skiing drills on GS skis, then GS training with emphasis on line. Afternoon video analysis. Chalk Talk by Mike Beers/SWIX: “Trends in ski wax and tuning”.

Monday, Nov 24: Morning GS training with more work on line. Afternoon video analysis. Optional stretching and core-strength session.

Tuesday, Nov 25: Morning GS training. Departure after lunch.

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LODGING:



Huntley Lodge: Ski in/ski out.
For a complete list of amenities, [click here](#).

Note: Big Sky Resort is closed to the public during the early season race camps. The Huntley Lodge is your only lodging option through the ski resort (and a very nice one).

COST – CAMP #1 (5 days on-snow):

Full Camp - Double occupancy: \$2,470

Full Camp - Single occupancy: \$2,880

Local's Special: \$1,610

Full Camp includes everything on site: 5 nights lodging (check in Nov 14; check out Nov 19), all meals starting with dinner on Nov 14 through lunch on Nov 19, 5 days lift tickets (Nov 15-19), lane fees, coaching, video analysis, apres-ski sessions, camp shirt, and door prizes.

Local's Special includes everything on site except lunch only and no lodging.

COST – CAMP #2 (6 days on-snow):

Full Camp - Double occupancy: \$2,850

Full Camp - Single occupancy: \$3,340

Local's Special: \$1,820

Full Camp includes everything on site: 6 nights lodging (check in Nov 19; check out Nov 25), all meals starting with dinner on Nov 19 through lunch on Nov 25; 6 days lift tickets (Nov 20-25), lane fees, coaching, video analysis, apres-ski sessions, camp shirt, and door prizes.

Local's Special includes everything on site except lunch only and no lodging.

SPECIAL NOTES:

Restaurants at the mountain will not be open during the camp, as the resort is not open to the public yet.

Because Big Sky is not open to the public, season's passes and IKON passes are not valid during the camp. Only athletes and coaches are allowed on the hill and only during assigned lane times.

At the request of Big Sky Resort and due to high demand, athletes must register for the entire camp. If you cannot participate in all days, there is no price break.

CANCELTION POLICY:

If BSSEF cancels the camp for any other reason, your camp fee is fully refundable, minus the credit card processing fee (3%) if you paid by credit card.

If YOU need to cancel for any reason prior to October 10th, your camp fee is fully refundable, minus the 3% credit card fee processing fee if you paid by credit card. If you cancel on October 10th or later, your camp fee is refundable only if your spot is filled by another racer, less the 3% credit card fee.

MORE INFO:

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