

22/23 Coaches/Athletes Needed for Mighty Mites Ski Program

Greetings Alyeska Ski Club Families! Did you know that the Mighty Mites recreational ski program has operated with the support of volunteer coaches since 1967! Coaching and engagement with local sports programs is a great way for us contribute and support our ski club.

For those of you that are avid skiers I am asking for your consideration for an opportunity to volunteer to help with the Mighty Mite ski program on Sundays, particularly if you have children or grandchildren that are interested in the program. Please see the following links for information about the program and additional information about registration for kids or interest in coaching:

Mighty Mites Webpage: <https://alyeskamightymites.com/>

Mighty Mites Registration Portal: <https://alyeskamightymites.com/registration-information/>

Mighty Mites | Race Finale Weekend Video Overview: <https://vimeo.com/533405135/533405135>

As with any sport, volunteer coaching can be very rewarding and helps kids develop into responsible community members. Our season starts Sunday December 18 and runs every weekend through April 2, 2023 (Off December 25). Coaches must have a solid foundation of ski skills and be able to ski all inbound areas of the mountain. Coach training is provided, and we need Full time/Sub coaches for all athletic levels (basic to advanced). Below are basic coaching expectations:

Volunteer Coach Job Description - Description of service and duties of a Mighty Mite Volunteer Coach includes:

- Support the program mission: **“Love to ski, learn to ski race”**
- Promote mountain etiquette/stewardship
- Teach proper ski techniques throughout the ski area
- Provide for the safety and welfare of athletes during supervised training activities
- Promote a fun learning environment
- Consistently instill good citizenship and sportsmanship
- Adhere to Alyeska Resort and ASC rules while on the hill and in the base area.
- Supervise athlete training while at Alyeska or if the athletes are visiting another ski area
- Assist the Head Coach/Director with Mighty Mite training, race set up, and communication with athlete parents.

22/23 Mighty Mite Coach Expectations/Commitment Guidelines (TBD):

- **16 Scheduled Sundays**
 - **12-day** minimum commitment level for Full-time Coaches Season Pass provided at beginning of season – Less days will meet part time funding requirement below.
 - **7-day** minimum commitment for Part-time Coaches. Part-time Coach may purchase their pass at the ASC rate of 20% off full pass price at the beginning of the year.

*If a Part-Time/Sub Coach volunteers between **7 and 11 days**, he or she will receive a \$500 refund at the end of the year – 13 or more days will warrant Full-Time reimbursement at the pre-season pass rate.*

One last request is for our [Tail Gunner](#) program. Mighty Mite Tail Gunners are youths between the ages of 14 and 17 that are interested in staying engaged with the ski race community. This is a great option for skiers who have graduated from our Recreational Programs like Mighty Mites or Devos and offers an opportunity for athletes to stay involved, learn about coaching, and build experience for volunteer/paid positions in the ski world. This Program provides an option for youth development for the ski community= in the same way that the AFD Explorer program helps kids get hands on experience to a career in firefighting or public safety. .

Please reach out to my ski club email below or give me a call if you have questions about our program.

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