

Ignite Adaptive Sports Volunteer Information Session Winter 2022/2023

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Welcome to Ignite Adaptive Sports

Some questions we are eager to answer for you today:

- What is Ignite?
- Who are our athletes?
- What is the time commitment?
- How will I get trained?
- What are the perks? Do we have fun?





Background on Ignite

Our Mission:

Ignite personal growth, independence, and confidence in people with disabilities on the Front Range, and in surrounding mountain and Northern Colorado communities, by providing caring, safe, and fun **adaptive** winter snowsports opportunities

Our History:

Founded in 1975 as an independent nonprofit organization with 10 instructors who were CU Students and 10 athletes with disabilities

Today:

230 volunteers recorded over 16,000 volunteer hours to provide 1250 lessons to over 270 athletes

How are we funded?

- Eldora Mountain our host mountain and most generous sponsor
 - Lift Tickets for athletes and instructors
 - Season Pass for volunteering more than 12 full days
- Donors, Grants and Other Fundraising Activities, including
 - Generous donations from individuals, corporations and foundations
 - Special Events





Thank You to our Sponsors









































Who are our Athletes?

Examples are:

Groups and individual athletes

- Any individual who is unable to participate in a traditional ski school lesson
- Center for the Blind, Joshua School, Temple Grandin, and local schools

Cognitive and Developmental Disabilities

- Boulder County Expand & Ft. Collins Program
- Special Olympic Athletes and events

Physical Disabilities

- Visually impaired
- Deaf
- Missing limbs, weak limbs, paralysis

Disabled Veterans

Denver's VA Medical Centers





What are the dates this season?

13 Week Teaching Season: December 30, 2022 - April 2nd, 2023

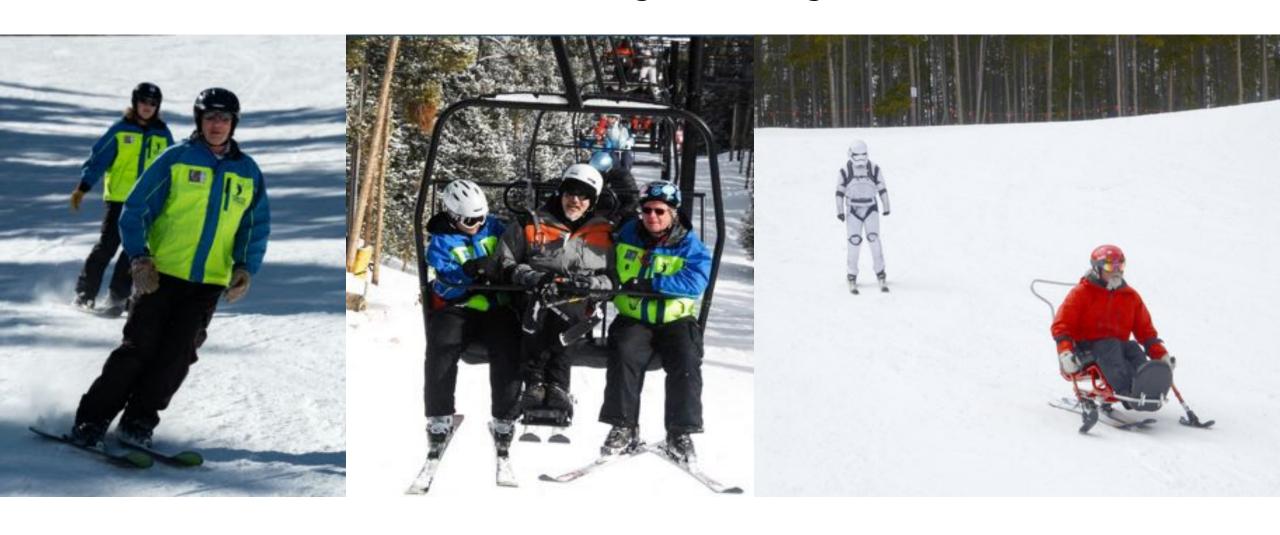
- Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays for groups and individuals
- Monday & Tuesday: By special request and instructor availability; must be scheduled through Ignite's Scheduler
- 6+ volunteer teaching days



COVID Concerns?

- Ignite will encourage all Volunteers and Athletes to be vaccinated for the 22/23 season.
- Mask must be worn inside any Ignite building including the Ignite Adaptive Sports world headquarters (WHQ) if not vaccinated.
- Do not come if you are feeling symptoms.
- We will continue to clean and disinfect inside multiple times a day.
- We encourage everyone to spend as much time outside in the fresh air as they can.

Volunteering with Ignite



Should I volunteer?

- Do you like snowsports?
- Have a passion for the outdoors?
- Are you eager to help others learn?
- Do you like smiles and being a part of something big?



If you answered yes to any of the above, volunteering with Ignite may be for you!



Volunteer Opportunities – First Timers*

- Alpine Ski Instructor
- Snowboard Instructor
- Nordic and Snowshoe Instructor
- Junior Program
- Equipment Technician
- Client Services
- Fundraising
- Media Team



More Volunteer Opportunities – Returning Volunteers

- Supervisor
- Volunteer coordinator
- Equipment
- Community outreach
- Facilities maintenance
- Committees of the Board
- Outreach coordinator





The Instructor "Toolkit" and Adaptive Disciplines

- 2 track (traditional stand up)
- Snowboard
- 3/4 Track
- Alpine and Nordic Sliders
- Alpine and Nordic sit skis (bi/mono)
- Rider Bar
- Tethers
- Hula Hoops and Snow Wing
- "Captain Ron" pole
- Outriggers
- Ski Bike
- Your creative resources (apples)!
- Great attitude!



Equipment Room

- Prepare equipment for lessons and ensure it is returned properly
- Assist in equipment maintenance tuning, etc.
- Binding training and certification





Client Services – the face of Ignite!

Create a warm and welcoming environment for ALL

- Greet all visitors
- Eldora staff and groups
- Check in athletes and volunteers
- Perform financial record keeping
- Computer skills & attention to detail required
- Ability to operate effectively in a loud and chaotic environment













But, what is it really like? Are there perks?

What's it like? What's in it for me?

- At times, it will be demanding both physically and emotionally
- You will improve your skiing or boarding technique
- Learn from some of the best adaptive snowsports instructors in Colorado
- Classroom and on snow clinics designed to help you obtain PSIA or AASI certification
 - o Ignite reimburses exam fees upon successful completion of AASI/PSIA certification exam
- Community spirit can be like family
- FUN picnics, end of day hangouts, end of season party
- Discounts Pro-deal discounts from some of the biggest outdoor brands
- If you commit to teach for 12 days you'll earn an Eldora season pass!



How will Snowsports Instructors get trained?

- Instructor Classroom Training*:
 - "New Volunteer Training & Boot Fit" required for new instructors
 Either Saturday Nov 5 or Sunday Nov 13
 - Online Training Videos for various disciplines
- Instructor On Snow Training*:
 - Teaching progression for Alpine, Nordic and Snowboard
 - Required: Two On Snow Clinics in December
 - Take all the clinics you want
 - Be prepared to spend the entire day outside

*For all training at Eldora – bring your lunch!!!



For New Instructors

Gradual Transition

- Buddy
- Shadow Instructor
- Finally become a lead instructor





Client Services, Equipment and Junior training

- Client Services Training:
 - On the job training
- Equipment Training: TBD
 - Held at our equipment facility at Eldora
- "Junior" Volunteer Training:
 - Specialized classroom training developed specifically for our high school athletes age 16+ Wednesday Nov 9th at 6PM at JCC



Volunteer Code of Conduct

Ignite Adaptive Sports is committed to the highest ideals of providing adaptive snow sports opportunities to those with disabilities. Ignite expects all volunteers to observe the following code:

- Respect for Others
- Ensure a Positive Experience
- Act Professionally and Take Responsibility for My Actions
- Health and Safety Comes First







Teaching Days

Arrive at 8 am

- Sign in
- Get credit for the day!!!
- Call if running late

Attend Morning Staff Meeting

Get Ready for the Day

- Check out jacket wear black pants
- Get prepared to go and store gear in cubby

. Your Athlete:

- Supervisor will confirm teaching assignment
- Meet lead instructor
- Review athlete file





Athlete Files

- Confidential information
- Contents of Athlete File
 - Athlete application
 - · Move United insurance waiver and media release
 - Equipment form
 - Athlete evaluation forms

When your athlete arrives

- Ensure your athlete has checked in (greet athlete, family, etc.)
- Prepare to Head Outside
 - Bathroom
 - Lift Ticket
 - Proper Clothing
 - Equipment and Helmet
- Things to Watch For on the Hill
 - Cold/Overheating
 - Frostbite
 - Altitude Sickness

Lesson Times

10 am – noon 1 pm – 3 pm



Post Lesson

- Bring athlete back to Ignite facility on time!
- Assist athlete in returning equipment
- Release athlete to caregiver or family member if disability/age warrants
 - Child
 - Cognitive/Development Disability
- You are not required/expected to:
 - Provide support in bathroom
 - Prepare athlete's lunch
 - Eat with the athlete



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Post Lesson Cont'd.

- Complete athlete lesson evaluation
 - Legible
 - Suggestions for next steps, effective teaching tips, etc.
- At the end of your day, check jacket back in return to closet
- Help clean up!
- Enjoy refreshments with the crew/other volunteers
- If you want to ski/ride after your shift, please:
 - Remove Ignite Jacket
 - Remove all your gear from the building
 - You may be locked out!



How do I get to Ignite at Eldora?





Where is Ignite WHQ at Eldora?

We are in the middle of the 3 brown buildings near the Little Hawk lift.





What can I do today to sign up?

Required Forms – Please complete today!

Interview form (following the presentation)

Online Activities

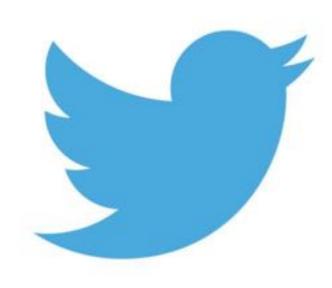
- Create a Staff Account
- Move United Insurance Waiver and Media Release
- Eldora Mountain Resort Waiver
- Background Check Authorization + \$30 Fee*
- Complete Your Volunteer Profile
- Complete Volunteer Schedule (by December 1)



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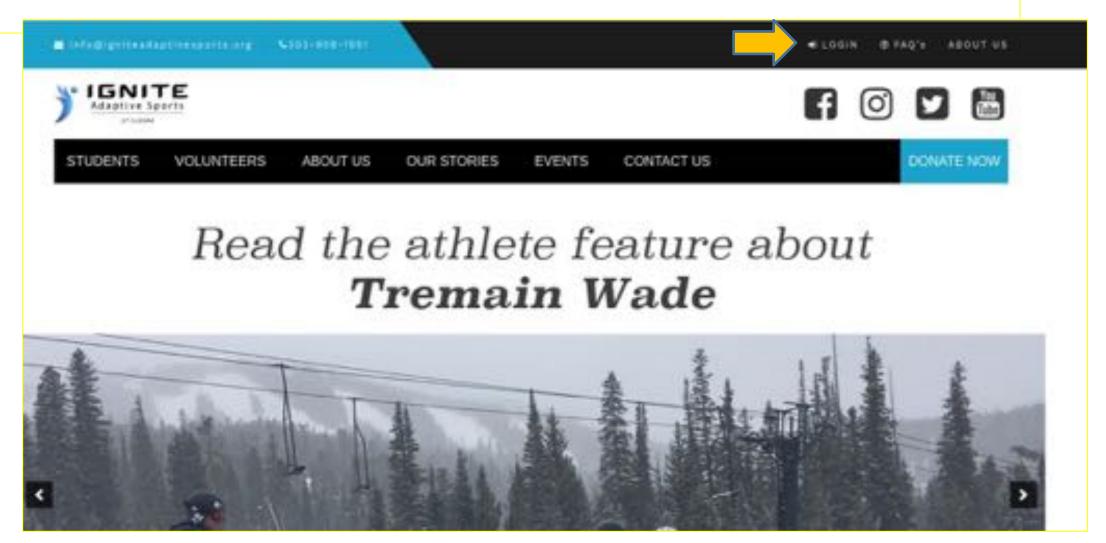
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Accessing the Accounts Website









Ignite Adaptive Sports

Students

Staff

Contact Information

Send Me Information

Login to your Account

ward to create an account

Create Account

Athlete accounts are for individuals interested in participating in Ignite Adaptive Sports lessons or events. Your account will allow you to sign up for lessons, track your history and provide Ignite with information about your disability. All pages use secure methods of communication.

Create an Athlete Account

Staff accounts are for people volunteering or working for ignite Adaptive Sports. Your account will allow you to sign up for days you are participating, share carpooling information, monitor your time and provide Ignite with your information. All pages use secure methods of communication.



Create A Staff/Volunteer Account



Request a staff/volunteer account on the Ignite Website

To create an account we need your email address, first name, last name and birthdate. Once your request has been approved we will send you an email. It will contain a link which will activate your account along with instruction on how to fill out your account information.

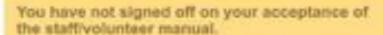
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Latest news will be displayed here.



Please read the volunteer manual and if you accept the conditions in the manual click the button below. You cannot perform any other activities until you accept the volunteer manual.



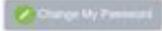
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Background Check Payment

You can pay for your background check on line. If you have already paid for it please ignore this notice. It will clear soon. The cost for the background check is \$30.00. If you do not wish to pay online you can send a check to Ignite or pay in person.

Thank you for your time.







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Please Visit your profile and check all tabs. Please update with the latest information.

Make sure your contact information is up to date. You are asked to do that at the start of every season. Thank you for your time.



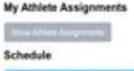
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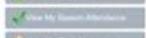












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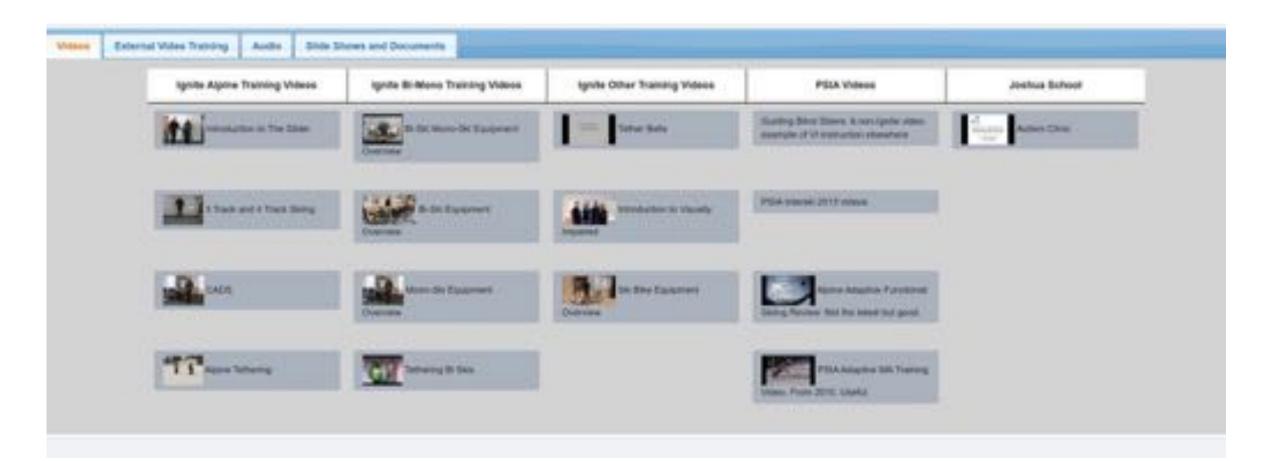
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Register in Advance!

- Sign In when you arrive
- You complete: Post-Clinic Evaluation Form
- Instructor completes: Participant Evaluation Form

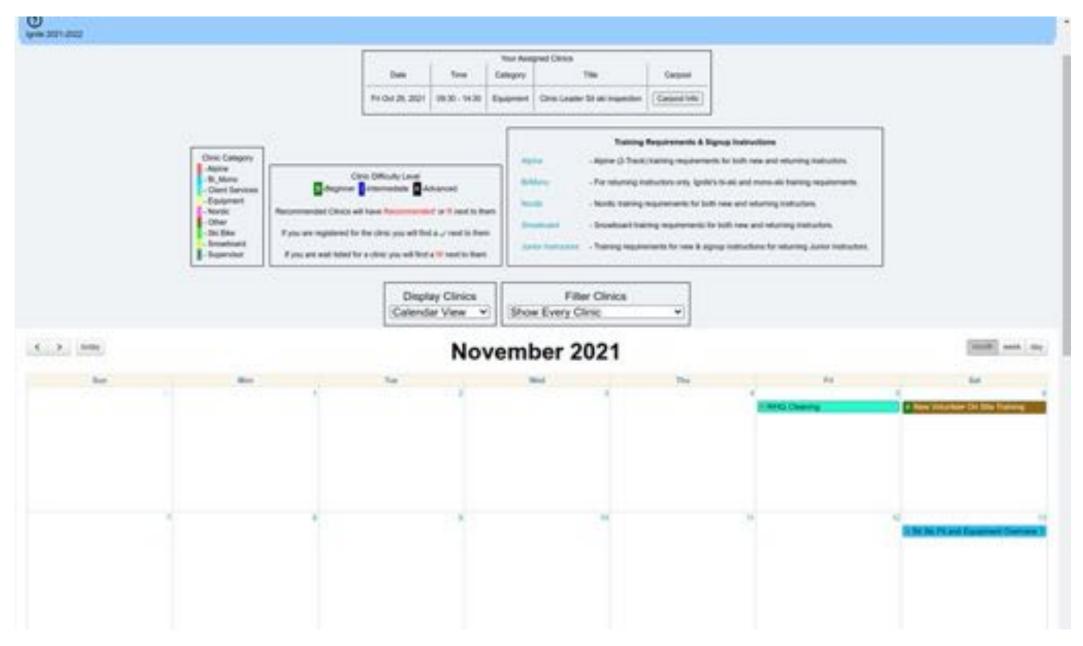
Ignite Teaching Levels

- Buddy
- Shadow
- Lead











Status	Sign Me Up	Date	Title	Time	Location	Clinic Space Limits	Meets Returning Requirement	Description	My Results
Signed		Mon Nov 14, 2016	Equipment Overview and Boot Fitting for New Volunteers	Morning	Ignite Facility	Unlimited	No	Learn where all the snowsports equipment is stored, how to outfit your student and how to fit snowsports boots. Required for all new volunteers.	

Scheduling – Commit!

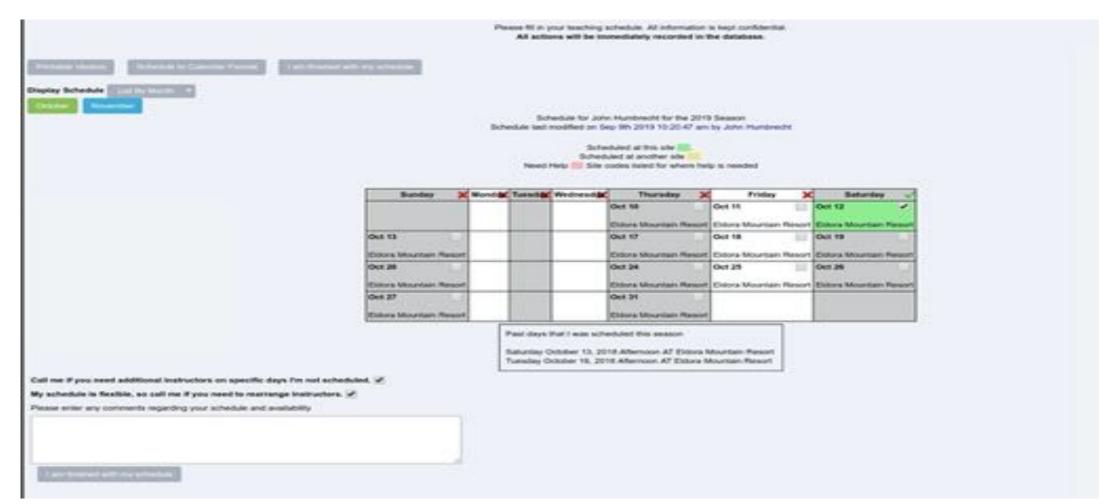
Complete your schedule as soon as possible

- Register for your volunteer days
- Schedule changes can be made online.
- If unable to make the changes online then contact the scheduler at 720-310-0328 or scheduler@igniteadaptivesports.org

Day of cancellations

- Call the Ignite facility as soon as possible 720-310-0328.
- E-mail or call the scheduler





- Click "I am finished with my schedule" when complete
- You cannot remove yourself 8 days prior to the lesson.
 (In this case you must contact the scheduler.)



QUESTIONS?

