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
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
  - 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

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**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
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)
www.igniteadaptivesports.org

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Accessing the Accounts Website

Read the athlete feature about **Tremain Wade**
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.

- Email Address
- First Name
- Last Name
- Birthdate YYYY-MM-DD

I'm not a robot

Register

Cancel
Welcome Sally
You are logged into the ignite Web Site. This gives you access to your private information. Only you and Ignite Administrators can view this information.
Latest news will be displayed here.

You have not signed off on your acceptance of the staff/volunteer manual.
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.

[Ignite Staff Manual]

I accept the conditions found in the Ignite Staff/Volunteer Manual

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.

[Pay Online]

[Change My Password]

We recommend the use of the latest version of Chrome, Edge, Firefox or Opera for the best results. Go to this link to see if your browser supports

Access to this system is restricted to authorized users for legitimate business purposes. Unauthorized access is a criminal violation of the law. Use of this system is subject to monitoring and auditing. Information about you and your activities is being collected by the System and may be used by law enforcement authorities at any time or for any reason.
Clinics and Training

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
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<td>Equipment Overview and Boot Fitting for New Volunteers</td>
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<td>Learn where all the snowsports equipment is stored, how to outfit your student and how to fit snowsports boots. Required for all new volunteers.</td>
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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?