

Western Region U16 Championships at Alyeska Resort

Cost of the trip will include: Entry Fees, Lodging At Alyeska Resort Hotel, Meals beginning Monday March 18 as well as the banquet, transportation once on the ground in Anchorage, souvenir, PNW Team jacket, coaching, wax overlays on race days, and PNW office support.

Athlete's will secure roundtrip flight to Anchorage, lunches, lift tickets, snacks and other incidentals.

1. Transportation to Anchorage: Athletes will book their own air travel to Anchorage. Please plan to arrive in Anchorage no later than 5pm, Sun. March 17. Return flights can be booked for any time after 6pm Friday March 22. If enough athletes & coaches choose to stay in Anchorage Friday night and fly home on Sat. morning, PNW will book a hotel by the airport and include that fee in the package. This will be determined when I find out flight information from everyone.

Alaska Airlines is offering 15% off coupon code: ECMK194. This code is for athlete tickets. Suggested arrival times are between noon and 5pm.

2. Transportation to/from Alyeska: Charter buses will transport athletes and coaches from the airport to the Alyeska Resort Motel and back to the airport (or hotel in Anchorage) at the completion of the event.

- Buses will limit passengers to 40 to ensure all luggage fits.
- Buses will depart when full.
- Buses will stop at Carrs on Huffman for 30 minutes so athletes and coaches can get snacks and other needs before heading to Girdwood.
- Buses will run from the airport to Girdwood between 2pm and 6pm. If you arrive after 6pm you will need to provide your own transportation from the airport to Girdwood.

3. Rental Vehicle: PNW will have one rental vehicle on hand for any emergencies that may crop up during the week.

4. Lodging for the entire group is the Alyeska Resort Hotel. Athletes will be housed 2 to a room, with the exception of one boys and one girls room with 3 athletes (this is due to odd number quota for each gender). Make sure to fill out the athlete questionnaire on the PNW website so we know who you'd like to room with.

5. Meals: Athletes will need to purchase dinner on Sunday March 17, Breakfast and Lunch on March 18.

Meal Schedule: 3/18 – Dinner

3/19 – Breakfast, Lunch at ski area (Subway sponsored), Dinner Banquet

3/20 – Breakfast , Dinner

3/21 – Breakfast, Awards Banquet

3/22 – Breakfast

5. Tuning / Ski Storage: PNW will share a tuning facility with Northern Division. Our room will be on the 3rd floor of the hotel. The ROC is working to supply enough tuning benches, wax irons and Vices for everyone. If the ROC cannot secure enough vices and wax irons for all the groups, athletes may be asked to bring their own. In this case I'd suggest that you buddy up with team mates so maybe one brings a set of vices and the other an iron. This will save on baggage weight.

6. Lift Tickets: Athletes will purchase their own lift tickets (not part of the package) Monday training day will be full price. Race days 20% off. Coupon Code to come.

Alyeska is an Icon Pass resort. Please see the Icon Pass information on the PNW website.

8: Race Announcement: On the PNW Web Site.

9. PNW Team Jacket: These will be shipped to you or delivered to your coach prior to leaving for Alyeska.

There are still many moving parts to this trip. The least expensive flights to Anchorage seem to be on Delta and United, although they don't have as many options as Alaska. Many folks have Alaska Airline cards and travel miles. I imagine each individual will use the option that works best for them.

Packing: It's usually best to carry your boots/helmet on the plane in a carry-on bag. Try to keep with only one piece of checked luggage for clothes. You can also pack heavy ski jackets and pants in your ski bags to save space.

A trip to Alaska and Alyeska is special. I know so many athletes and their families who years after going still consider the trip to Alyeska a highlight of their time ski racing. Please contact the office if you have questions and I'll do my best to get you answers.