



Mount Southington Race Team At The Jerry Donovan Alpine Training Center (JDATC)

Jerry Donovan started the Mount Southington Race program over 40 years ago to give local CT racers the opportunities that Vermont kids have enjoyed for years ~ a local race hill with a comprehensive training program. The Jerry Donovan Alpine Training Center (JDATC) gives a young skier the opportunity to enter the world of competitive Alpine skiing. Top level coaching combined with Mount Southington's training hill provides one of the finest programs in the East. The program is designed to be fun and to help young people develop physically, psychologically, and socially.

Today, the JDATC provides the backdrop for the Mount Southington Race Team, staff, and coaches to provide coaching and training for racers from age 6-20 who are serious about developing their skiing skills. The program's goals are layered to provide the maximum benefits to each age group and ability level. The emphasis is on building a solid base of skiing skills in a fun and competitive atmosphere that are developed by the coaches and skiers working closely together throughout the season. Race results are secondary to skier development. The rewards of the program come not only from the races, but also from the goals achieved by the individual skier. We are looking forward to another exciting training season! Think SNOW!

Coaches are USSA and PSIA certified, many with years of racing experience and others with an extensive background in snow sports instruction. This mix of racing and ski instruction forms the basis of the Mount Southington skier development program. As always, Safety, FUN, and Learning are the three pillars of our program.

Skiers wishing to join the alpine race program will be assigned to one of seven classes according to age. The class age cut-off is determined by **the skier's age as of December 31, 2016**. Each class has a male and female division. Skiers in our Free Ride program must be between the ages of 7-18.