

Greetings SSCV Member Families!

In just a few short weeks it will be getting colder at night, the leaves will begin to change and winter will be just around the corner. And so is the return of the largest and best annual event in the ski racing world here in Colorado and the Vail Valley, The Birds of Prey FIS Alpine World Cup!

This is one of my favorite events to be a part of, and the return of this annual event will hopefully bring back some happy memories from last year and an amazing kick-off to the winter season. SSCV, as an organization with ski racing at the core of what we do, has an incredible chance to be a part of this world renowned event!

Each year, the Vail Valley Foundation (VVF) hosts this event and asks the “experts” at SSCV to contribute to the smooth operation of the event. This involvement helps promote ski racing in our community, provides a lens into the very top ranks of the sport and ensures that we continue the mutually beneficial relationship of support that exists between SSCV and the VVF. Our participation in the successful execution of this event is very important for our young athletes, our club and our community.

As we did last year, SSCV is starting early to make sure we provide enough adult volunteers and support leading up to and during the race to ensure a smooth event. As an added bonus, the more parent/adult volunteers that we secure leading up to and during the race, the less we will have to rely on your athletes' coaches to help set up safety systems - thus freeing up more of the coaching staff to be available for additional training opportunities and to allow the athletes the opportunity to slip the racecourse during the event. For those that have yet to be inside a World Cup venue, this is an exciting opportunity for everyone involved.

At SSCV, we always carry a certain pride in the way that our membership steps up to help the FIS and the VVF and I anticipate that this year will be better than last year. Your inclusion as a parent volunteer will assist us in achieving this goal. Together, we will help make the Birds of Prey a huge success this year.

We are asking for some expert-skier parents that are in shape and able to lift overhead loads (30 to 50lbs), while on skis and in ski boots, to help with setup on November 25th through November 28th. These are critical days and require the most adult help with safety netting projects. If you volunteer for at least one of these setup days, then you are eligible to also volunteer for an event day role (Nov. 29th - Dec. 4th) which may put you on the course and give you a front-row seat for all of the World Cup action! Imagine being able to stand on Golden Eagle as the top male downhill athletes in the world fly off the jump right in front of you.

If you are interested in this amazing, challenging and always fun volunteer opportunity, please go to the SSCV website and log into your account. Scroll down to the volunteer section and click the link to go to “BIRDS OF PREY 2022.” Then select the dates between November 25th – November 28th that you can volunteer to help with setup. Once you have done that, then please feel free to select the event days that you can help, November 29th - December 4th on course! If you have any friends not involved with the club and want to join in, they can join in on the fun as well. Direct them to the [SSCV Volunteer landing page](#) and sign up under Non-SSCV Member.

Thank you in advance for your volunteer participation and for representing SSCV at one of North America’s downhill...Birds of Prey!

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