BIG SKY EARLY SEASON MASTERS CAMPS

Camp #1: NOVEMBER 14-18, 2026

Camp #2: NOVEMBER 19-24, 2026

WHAT YOU GET:

- Top-level coaching to jump start your ski season
- 5 days on snow per camp
- GS training including line drills
- Slalom training: Progression through brushes, stubbies and gates (Camp 1); stubbies and gates only (Camp 2)
- Daily video analysis
- Daily door prizes
- Stretching and core strength sessions
- Lodging at the Huntley Lodge
- 3 meals/day
- Lift tickets
- Apres-ski educational programs
- Awesome camp top
- Maximum participants: 24
- Maximum athlete-coach ratio: 8:1
- Camp proceeds support BSSEF's alpine race program. Thank you!

COACHING STAFF:

Lisa Ballard, Camp Director: Director numerous ski and race camps, since 1991. One of the top-ranked women on the FIS Masters circuit: 6X SG champ, 2X GS champion. 6X US Masters Skier-of-the-Year. 100+ US alpine masters titles (DH, SG, GS, SL). 3X Canadian Masters Grand Champion. Nor-Am racer (1976-80). Dartmouth Ski Team (1980-83). Women's Pro Ski Tour, 1985-1990. Former ski analyst for ESPN and other networks; Author, *Ski Faster! Guide to Racing & High Performance Skiing*.

Jack Ballard: M.A., M.Ed: 2023 National Speed Series class 7 champion, 4th overall men under age 65. US Ski and Snowboard certified coach and official. 10+ years dedicated masters coaching at Red Lodge Mountain, Big Sky Resort, Ballard Race Camps. Former university lecturer, including graduate courses in educational psychology and human learning. Board member, USSS Intermountain-Northern Division Masters. Owner/inventor, Go Ski Vise.

Miguel Azcarate: Training Center Director, Holiday Valley, NY. Co-owner, Mud Sweat N' Gears, SkiYard.com. Head Coach, Ligety-Weibrecht Summer Ski Camps, Mt Hood, OR. Coach, Ballard Race Camps, Argentina, Chile, Big Sky, Colorado. Former pro ski racer from Spain. Master boot-fitter. Guest coach, U.S. Ski Team. Ski gear guru!

Additional coaches:
Mark Rupprecht–Camp 1
Bobby Beers–Camp 2

CAMP SCHEDULE*:

Friday, Nov 13: Arrival and check-in for Camp 1 (pm).

Saturday, Nov 14: Morning free-skiing drills on SL skis, then brush and stubby courses. Afternoon video analysis, followed by chalk talk on “Slalom Tactics”.

Sunday, Nov 15: Morning SL training (stubbies, full gates). Afternoon video analysis followed by optional stretching, core, and agility session.

Monday, Nov 16: Morning SL training (full gates). Afternoon video analysis. Evening Zoom presentation by Mike Beers, SWIX USA: “Trends in ski waxing and tuning”.

Tuesday, Nov 17: Morning GS training. Afternoon video analysis, followed by chalk talk, “GS Tactics”.

Wednesday, Nov 18: Morning GS training. Departure after lunch for those only in Camp #1. Optional stretching, core-strength, and agility session for those staying for camp #2.

Thursday, Nov 19: No skiing. (Coaches’ day off.) **Arrival and check-in for Camp 2 (pm).**

Friday, Nov 20: Morning SL training (stubbies, full gates). Afternoon video analysis followed by chalk talk, ”What you can learn from watching the World Cup”.

Saturday, Nov 21: Morning SL training (full gates). Afternoon video analysis, followed by optional stretching, core-strength, and agility session.

Sunday, Nov 22: Morning GS training. Evening Zoom presentation by Mike Beers, SWIX USA: “Trends in ski waxing and tuning”.

Monday, Nov 23: Morning GS training. Afternoon video analysis, followed by chalk talk, “Gear Trends for Masters Racers”.

Tuesday, Nov 24: Morning GS training. Departure after lunch.

**Preliminary schedule. Subject to change.*

LODGING:

Huntley Lodge: Ski in/ski out.
For a complete list of amenities, click here.

Note: Big Sky Resort is closed to the public during the early season race camps. The Huntley Lodge is your only lodging option through the ski resort (and a very nice one).

Sign up at: https://bssef.com/

Registration opens July 1, 2026

PRICING:

Double Occupancy, Camp 1 or 2: $2,620

Single Occupancy, Camp 1 or 2: $3,080

Local's Special per Camp: $1,700

Double Occupancy, Both Camps: $5,601

Single Occupancy, Both Camps: $6,578

Camp 1 or 2 includes 5 nights lodging starting on your arrival day, all meals starting with dinner on your arrival day through lunch after skiing on the last day of the camp, and 5 days lift tickets

Local's special includes everything on site except lunches only and no lodging. If you sign up for both camps as a local, lunch is not included on Nov 19, the day off between the camps.

Both Camps includes 10 days on snow (camps 1 and 2 combined), plus lodging and 3 meals but no skiing on Nov 19, the day off between the camps.

Note: Ground transportation from/to Bozeman airport (BZN) is not included. Rental cars and shuttles are available. Contact Camp Director Lisa Ballard if you need help arranging ground transportation.

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CANCELATION POLICY:

If BSSEF cancels the camp for any reason, your camp fee is fully refundable, minus the credit card processing fee (3%) if you paid by credit card.

If YOU need to cancel for any reason prior to October 1, your camp fee is fully refundable, minus the 3% credit card fee processing fee if you paid by credit card. If you cancel on October 1 or later, your camp fee is refundable only if your spot is filled by another racer, less the 3% credit card fee.

SPECIAL NOTES:

Restaurants and bars on the mountain will not be open during the camp, as the resort is not open to the public yet, however the general store in The Exchange (base lodge) is usually open during normal business hours.

Because Big Sky is not open to the public, season's passes and IKON passes are not valid during the camp. Only athletes and coaches are allowed on the hill and only during assigned lane times.

At the request of Big Sky Resort and due to high demand, athletes must register for the entire camp. If you cannot participate in all days, there is no price break.

TO SEE HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST YEAR'S CAMP, CLICK HERE

MORE INFO:

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