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SEF Newsletter

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STAY IN THE LOOP WITH UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!

AT A GLANCE

- SEF Membership registration open
- Team jackets available for purchase for all SEF Members
- Scholarship application open for competition team SEF Members
- Upcoming happenings: Avalanche trainings, Community Alpine Race January 12, Mental Performance coaching, Community Skier/Boarder Cross Race February 21.

Register to become a Member!

Membership has its perks

Support our foundation by becoming a Member. Without your membership, we cannot continue to provide access to team jackets, scholarships to help offset the extra costs associated with competition, avalanche awareness and safety trainings, mental performance coaching, on-mountain community competitions, access to summer training camps, and off-season training. So please, register now to ensure the continued success of our foundation!

Membership Registration Dues:

- $50 for Rippers
- $75 for Development Teams
- $100 for Competition Teams
- $25 for each additional athlete per family

Register here: SEF Membership Registration

**Interested in becoming a Member of the SEF Board of Directors? Do you have a kiddo in the Rippers program? Do you have any experience with photography or social media? We have two open seats on our Board and are looking for volunteers, especially as a Rippers Team representative or as a social

media/photography director. Reach out to info@sierraeducationalfoundation.org for more information or to sign up!**

Team Jackets Available

SEF Members can now order their Akova (Shred Dog) team jackets

This year, Akova will be delivering most team jackets on demand directly to you - expected shipping within 5 to 7 weeks after you place your order. (The Shred Dog branded jackets are essentially the same as the Akova branded jackets. Order the one that works best for you.)

- Rippers - Orange jackets with youth and adult sizes available.
- Development Teams - Green jackets with youth and adult sizes available.
- Competition Teams - Black jackets - youth sizing only for now. For limited stock adult sizes please check out our team shop at the link below.

You can order your Akova Sierra at Tahoe team jackets here: Akova Gear Team Jackets. Use team passcode: **SierraT24**

- SEF Team Shop
  - Competition Team Adult Size Jackets - we have limited stock of our Volcom Competition team adult size jackets available for immediate purchase and delivery to the team room.
  - Previous season new, unsold team swag - check out our limited inventory of new team swag from previous seasons available for immediate purchase and delivery to the team room.
  - Access our shop here: SEF Team Shop

If your kiddo has outgrown a previous year's jacket or has moved teams and you are looking to get rid of the old jacket, please list it for sale on our Stack Team App message board at: Stack Team App > Sierra Teams > Message Board > Equipment Exchange Buy/Sell/Trade. Conversely, if you are looking to buy used team apparel or gear, please check out our Equipment Exchange message board!

Scholarship Application Open

Applications for scholarship to help cover costs of competition accepted now through Friday, December 13

We are now accepting applications for SEF scholarships. To receive an SEF scholarship you must be currently registered with a Sierra at Tahoe Competition Team, you must be a member of SEF (if you haven't paid your dues at the time of scholarship disbursement, the associated dues amount will be deducted from your scholarship award), and you must apply **on or before 5 p.m. December 13** here: SEF

Scholarship Application. We hope to make our scholarship decisions and begin disbursing funds by December 20. Please email us at info@sierraeducationalfoundation.org with any questions.

Upcoming Events

We have a jam packed calendar for our 2024-2025 season

Our new and improved website - www.sierraeducationalfoundation.org - is up and running and will be our main point of communication. Please make sure to check frequently for any updates. In the meantime, please mark your calendars and be on the lookout for more information for these on-mountain happenings:

- Avalanche safety and snow science trainings - starting in January and continuing throughout the season, weather permitting
- Mental Performance Coaching by Nicole Vandehurst, MA, CSCS, a mental performance consultant and athletic with Lake Tahoe Valley Community College. Nicole will coordinate with the us and the coaches to provide real time, on-mountain mental strength training to athletes and teams as needed. Please email us at info@sierraeducationalfoundation.org or reach out to your athlete's coach if you feel your athlete could benefit from this training.
- SEF Community Competition Fundraisers
  - Alpine - Sunday, January 12 at Sierra at Tahoe
    - Ever been interested in running gates? Want to compete for time against your friends, neighbors, or even your own kids? No experience necessary - only a desire to HAVE FUN! Registration opens January 1.
  - Skier / Boarder Cross - Friday, February 21 at Sierra at Tahoe
    - Ever wondered whether you could race head to head in snow sport competition? Well our community skier cross / boarder cross community competition is your opportunity!
    - Does your USASA athlete want a little practice on the course before their USASA South Tahoe Series SBX event on Saturday February 22 or Sunday February 23? Well, this is their chance.
    - But more than anything plan to HAVE FUN! Registration opens February 1!

Reach Out

For questions, feedback, article ideas, or website contributions, email us at info@sierraeducationalfoundation.org, and we'll be in touch.

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