



Coaches Bios

Ski Coaches

Heidi Adamson – Girdwood, AK

An avid skier for 26 years and teacher for 12, Heidi started skiing at the age of 16. She started her teaching career at Hilltop Ski Area (thank you Tracy at Challenge Alaska), left Alaska in '02 where she supervised the Kids Ski School in Mt Hood, Oregon for 2 years. She also received her PSIA certification during that time.

Heidi coached 5 summers for Windell's camp and got around 300 days a year on the Mountain. Now she is back home and coaching for Alyeska Resort.

Tim Durtschi - Salt Lake City, UT

Tim Durtschi has five years of coaching experience at Windells Summer camp at Mt. Hood Oregon. He also participated in the Big Easy camps at Alyeska in 2006 and 2007. Tim has competed in the X Games in Slopestyle as recently as 2008, as well as the US Freeskiing Open. He is showcased in feature films by Rage Films, Poor Boyz Productions, and Warren Miller movies; and featured in Freeskier Magazine.

Jeremy Mirfield – Snowmass, CO

Jeremy has been involved in the following; Aspen Snowmass Ski and Snowboard Schools - Lead Freestyle Trainer, 8 seasons; Aspen Valley Ski club free ride / mogul coach; PSIA - RM Freestyle Examiner; Rossignol Promotional Athlete; Ski Instructor for 19 years; Mogul & Free Ride Coach for 12 Years.

Alex Wilson – Girdwood, AK

Alex is the Director and Head Coach for Alyeska Ski Club Freeride Team and was formerly a member of US Freestyle Ski Team.

Shaun Poirot – Girdwood, AK

- Worked at "Big Easy" 2 years in a row coaching and digging
 - Coached for "Big Alaska"; Coach for ASC freestyle team
 - Grew up skiing in "Mighty Mites"; Member of ASC racing team until age 15
 - Competed in Jr. Olympics for Alaska Racing Team 3 years in a row
 - Started competing in Freestyle 5 years ago
- Freestyle Skiing Comp results:

2005-2007 Top point holder in my region (AK) for the USASA series.

2006 2nd in Halfpipe USASA nationals Northstar Tahoe

2005 1st Slopestyle and Halfpipe combined USASA Nationals Northstar Tahoe

Snowboard Coaches

Brad Christensen – Girdwood, AK

Has an extensive snowboarding background with experience as an instructor, coach, and competitor. Most recently, Brad has been a full-time snowboard instructor at Alyeska Resort and former coach for Big Alaska. Previously, he taught and coached at Hilltop Ski Area. Brad is a Certified Instructor with AASI, as well as a Certified Freestyle Coach with USASA.

Jordan Lea - Girdwood, AK

Has been instructing snowboarding for several years, including freestyle coaching. Jordan has been an instructor and coach at Alyeska Resort for the past 7 years. He is currently a Certified Instructor with AASI.

Paul Kelly – Girdwood, AK

Has an extensive snowboarding background with experience as an instructor and coach. Most recently, Paul has been a coach for Big Alaska. Previously, he taught and coached at Hilltop Ski Area and Alyeska Resort. Paul is a Certified Instructor with AASI, as well as a Certified Freestyle Coach with USASA.

Clif Reagle – Seattle, WA

Born and raised in Anchorage and Seward AK, Clif has been snowboarding for 12 years. He spent the last 5 winters in Park City, Utah snowboarding constantly and coaching for Park City Mountain Resort. He taught children's lessons for three seasons; everything from first time riders to freestyle park lessons. Clif now lives and rides in Seattle, WA and works for Forum Snowboards, Special Blend Outerwear, and Foursquare Outerwear.

Chris Rogers – Steamboat Springs, CO

A snowboarder, instructor, coach, and trainer based in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. He is fully certified with the American Association of Snowboard Instructors and is a Level 200 USASA coach. He's an instructor and trainer at Steamboat, and is a trainer and examiner for the Rocky Mountain division of AASI. He has previously worked with the Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club and coached at Alyeska's summer camp in 2007.

With more than two thousand days of riding in his career, Chris has a breadth of experience to draw upon in providing you with an optimal day of snowboarding. His goal is to tailor fit his instructing and coaching to your needs and learning style. Whether you're looking to link your first turns, pop your first ollie, stomp your first 360,

turn a 50-50 into boardslide, or exchange a 540 for a corked 720, Chris can help you progress your riding to the next level.

Chris calls Steamboat Springs his winter home now, but he was born and raised in Fairbanks. In addition to teaching and coaching, he's involved in Snowboarder Guide, one of the leading sites for snowboard equipment and resort reviews. You can visit the mag at SBGmag.com. He's also the creative mind behind "Powder Bandit" fleece-lined bandanas, (f2outerwear.com), and ID Vinyl custom die-cut vinyl (idvinyl.com).

Thadius Hukari - Parkdale, OR

Growing up, Mt. Hood was only 15 minutes from his house. So, needless to say, Thadius rode a lot. He started ski racing when he was 2 years old, but switched to snowboarding when he was 11. Thadius participated in several competitions when he was in high school and was recognized by Burton early on. He's been with them for 8 years now. Currently Thadius lives in Portland and travels around the Northwest to ride different zones. He loves the year-round boarding opportunities Mt. Hood has to offer and doesn't plan on stepping away from snowboarding anytime soon. Sponsors: Burton Snowboards, Anon Optics, Exit Realworld.

Dustin Anderson -

Dustin has been in sales for 7 years, representing such companies as Burton Snowboards, RED Protection and Anon Optics. But, his true interest is snowboarding. He has been riding for 20 years and still loves every minute. It has always been a dream of his to ride and spend time in Alaska. Over the past 7 years working in Oregon and Alaska, he has been able to do just that. He is looking forward to a great camp this summer at Alyeska!!!