

Buddy Werner Tahoe

The Weekly Update
For Sunday, January 27, 2019

Weather Forecast: 46° to 25° F
Expected Conditions: Partly Cloudy
Wax: White (all purpose) or Yellow (warm)

Hello Buddy Werner Parents and Skiers,

Race 1 is in the books and we're on to Race 2!

Thanks to everyone for your help and your patience with us last race weekend. Despite it being our first race of the season, we got all our racers through the course efficiently and with very few hiccups. So first, a few lessons learned though that we'd like to share with you all:

1. We welcome and appreciate all our volunteers helping set up the course, slipping the course, and assisting skiers on course, but PLEASE DO NOT go through the finish line (the gates at the end of the course) if you are not racing. There is always an "out" set up to the right of course on Marmot as an exit for non-racers. If a non-racer goes through the finish line it can and will mess up the times of the skiers who race afterwards. The result is that a skier who may have just run the fastest time of their career won't be able to count that race and will have to ski a re-do.
2. Yes - non-skiing parents may walk over to watch the race from the top of Marmot. However, please do not walk over on a ski run – use the utility road to access Marmot (skiers left of the carpet on the bunny hill). Just be aware, this road is also for emergency access, so be prepared to give way if necessary. When in doubt, please ask one of the Buddy Werner Board Members for directions.
3. We need parent volunteers not just to help set up course, but to ALSO break down course. If you are able, please report over to the top of course on Marmot as soon as you can after morning announcements and after the last racer runs and let us know that you are there and available to help. We'll get you set up with a job.

And second, we do have our new bibs in time for the race this weekend – yeah! But, that means that during check in we will be handing out bibs as well as checking in skiers, checking in volunteers, getting team rosters to coaches, and checking out radios. Thus, it may take a bit longer than usual to complete check-in again – thank you for your continued patience!

Please have your skiers in the Aspen Lodge and ready for check-in no later than 8:00 am. We hope to start morning announcements by 8:30 a.m., including the awarding of #1 bibs, and then coaches meeting and sending the skiers out to the Buddy Tree to meet their coaches by 8:45 a.m. It is our hope that our racers will start slipping the course at 9:30 a.m. and the first racers will start racing at 10 a.m.

We will be racing on Marmot again this Sunday. And, whether your skier gets a lunch break in between their first and second run or only after both runs have been completed will depend on

A LOT of different factors, and may be different for each team. Likely, then, they will get hungry, which will make it even harder for them to have patience with the inevitable race delays. So, PLEASE, do our coaches a favor and send a snack (or two) out with your skier, especially our younger skiers!

Finally, putting on an alpine ski race is a very technical undertaking. There are MANY parts to putting on a successful ski race. As an organization, we have been VERY lucky to have so many volunteers bring to us their own knowledge and experience with setting slalom race courses, managing race starts, managing race finishes, and scoring alpine races. However, given that all of our skiers will eventually age out of the program, many of these amazing volunteers eventually leave. Thus, we need to make sure they can pass on all of the “know-how” they possess so that Buddy Werner can continue to put on its own alpine ski races – our ability to do that is in large part what keeps this ski race program so affordable in an otherwise CRAZY EXPENSIVE sport. THUS – we need multiple people to volunteer with our existing experts so that we keep our institutional knowledge. PLEASE sign-up using our Sign-Up-Genius link so that we can ensure continuity in our program.

Spirit Wear

Want to show off your Buddy Werner pride? Then check out our many spirit wear options here: <https://squareup.com/store/buddy-werner-south-lake-tahoe/> - Last day to order is January 29!!

Calling all volunteers

Still looking for a way to fulfill your volunteer hours? Are you good at fundraising or coordinating events? Want to help raise money to keep our wonderful organization running and cost efficient? Then consider volunteering to coordinate our only fundraiser of the year – our Raffle Basket fundraiser is scheduled for March 10 in the Aspen Lodge!

For our new families, this is our only fundraiser for the year and it helps us maintain our timing equipment, update race gear and keep our registration affordable from year to year. Generally speaking, each team donates a themed basket full of goodies to the event and then we sell raffle tickets on the day of the event to raffle off each basket as a fundraiser. Last year we made a significant amount of money with our raffle and we hope to do the same again this year.

If you are interested in volunteering to help coordinate this fun and important event please send an email to president@buddywernertahoe.com and we'll give you all the details!

Buddy Werner Board Meetings

Ever wonder what it takes to keep this organization going? Have some ideas about how to improve our operations? Want to have a say in our behind the scenes decisions? Come to a board meeting! We meet at 6 p.m. the first Monday of every month at Steve's Pizza in El Dorado Hills. Not only do we want your input, but we need new board members every year too! Get involved and join us!

Skier Safety

All Buddy Werner skiers must wear a bib so we can identify them on the mountain. And, please make sure your skiers have a whistle. The whistle must be attached so that your skier can get to their whistle while they are skiing.

Live Race Timing

Our plan is connect to Live Timing for our race this weekend. You should be able to view live results at <https://www.live-timing.com>.

Please remember that the Live Timing finish times are UNOFFICIAL until we post the final race results. If there are corrections, reruns, etc., they may not be input yet and the final race results may change. We want to keep this fun and may not have it running for every race.

A Few More Things ...

- Please make sure you log your volunteer hours weekly at the end of each day at the lodge desk.
- Make sure your skiers know where their lunch is located in the lodge.
- Before you leave the lodge in the morning please tuck your gear against the walls, under the counters and away from the tables.

That's it for this week. We will see you all bright and early on Sunday!

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