

## OUR ALPINE ACADEMY COACHES

### **Mike Bowman**

**Alpine Program Director/Head Coach**

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Mike is now starting his fourth season with the Comp Center. Mike has over 25 years of coaching experience at every level...U12's to US Ski Team Athletes. He is a USSA Certified Level 400 Coach and chairman of the Rocky Mountain Division Alpine Competition Committee, member of Rocky/Central Alpine Competition Committee, USSA's Alpine Sport Committee and Development Committee...all strive to make competitions and development better for the division, region and nation. Growing up, Mike raced at Winter Park, CO and continued to race at the University of Wyoming while he studied Mechanical Engineering. Mike has done about everything from building log homes; opening and running "Bowman Pub and Brewing" in Laramie, WY (which employed 90 employees when it opened); sweat shop mechanical engineering consulting, and finally gave all that up to pursue his real passion of coaching. Mike has revitalized the Alpine Program striving to fulfill the following: 1. To Instill Lifelong Enjoyment of Sport; 2. Develop Good Responsible Persons; 3. To Allow our Athletes to Reach Their Full Potential.

Mike in Chile, Summer 07

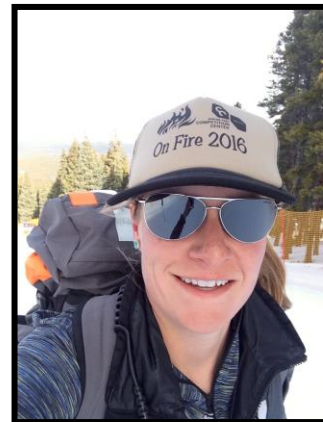


### **Julie Pierce**

**Age Class Supervisor, U16 Lead Coach**

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Julie grew up skiing and racing at Crystal Mt. Washington. After racing for more than ten years, Julie moved to Winter Park, Co in the fall of 2007. She had attended race camps in Colorado during her racing career and knew that Winter Park was a place she wanted to work and live. Now headed into her tenth year at Winter Park Resort, she loves working with children and being outside. Julie is both a USSA level III and a PSIA-RM RMT. In addition to these qualifications she is a committee member for the RMD Age Class sub-committee. Her PSIA National qualifications include: Children's Specialist II, Freestyle Specialist I, Alpine Level III, Snowboard Level 1. In addition to being highly qualified. Julie believes the best coaches connect well with the athletes they are working with. A favorite coaching mantra of Julie's is 'No one cares what you have to say, until they know you care.' While coaching is Julie's passion, she also has a B.S. in Business Management. When it is not ski season you can find Julie on her bike with her husband Tom Gulden on top of a mountain, traveling, throwing salt on a glacier or playing music at home.



**Dan Bell****FIS Lead Coach****Email:** [dbell@winterparkresort.com](mailto:dbell@winterparkresort.com)

Dan joined the Competition Center in 2015. Dan is a USSA level 300 certified coach and spent the 2015/2016 season coaching Winter Park's U16s. He is excited to become the new FIS/U19 coach and help more Competition Center athletes push their limits and reach their potential. During his time in Colorado Dan has also coached Rocky Central regional camps and RTG projects. Prior to moving to Winter Park, Dan coached for Gould Academy Competition Program and attended Bates College. At Bates Dan completed a senior thesis in sport psychology on the topic of mental toughness and competed as a goalie on the lacrosse team. And prior to Bates Dan attended and ski raced at the Green Mountain Valley School in Waitsfield, Vermont. Dan's goals for his athletes are to constantly find ways for them to push themselves out of their comfort zones as this is the only way they will grow both as people and as athletes. Outside of coaching Dan loves mountain biking, alpine touring, and maple syrup.

**Rylee Burrows****U14 Lead Coach****Email:** [center@winterparkresort.com](mailto:center@winterparkresort.com)

Rylee Burrows will be joining the ski racing coaching staff at Winter Park as the head U14 coach after guest coaching at multiple summer ski camps. Rylee Burrows grew up in the mountains of Colorado ski racing for the Winter Park Competition Center. She took a post grad year with the Winter Park Ski Team to pursue ski racing at the NorAm level and to compete nationally and internationally. She was the Colorado High School Slalom and Giant Slalom State Champion. Rylee then went on to attend the University of Colorado at Boulder where she graduated with a degree in Political Science and Operations Management. While attending University of Colorado she was the head U12 coach for the Lake Eldora Mountain Ski Team and guest coached at Winter Park's Mt. Hood and Mammoth summer ski camps. When she is not skiing, her favorite activities include running, hiking, practicing yoga, mountain biking, and now surfing!

