



## Intro to Blackhawk Ski Jumping Team

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- Purpose:** Introduction to Blackhawk Ski Jumping Team is designed for young skiers who like going off little jumps and they are looking for a new challenge and some fun. Ski jumps provide jumpers with a safe environment specifically designed for the jumper to fly close to the ground and with the contour of the hill. Jumpers begin with very small jumps and progress to larger jumps as they gain confidence. This is an individual sport that emphasizes good sportsmanship and encourages skiers to improve their personal results in a team setting. Skiers of all body sizes, especially individuals of smaller stature, can be successful. This is also a great sport for multiple kids (one practice) and families.
- Background:** Blackhawk Ski Club has a long history of ski jumping excellence. The club has produced three Olympic ski jumpers including Kurt Stein 1992 & 1994, Dave Norby 1968 and Bill Bakke 1968 and many national champions dating back to the 1950's. Blackhawk ski jumper, Will Schott was named the USA Junior Olympic Champion in 2006. Because of our coaches, tows, plastic mats and steel track, we have one of the finest ski jumping facilities in North America.
- Requirements:** Kids ages 5 and older who can ski down Hill #2, know how to stop and ride the rope tow. Skiers start on alpine skis and need a helmet. All participants must be members of Blackhawk Ski Club. **Parents must stay on Blackhawk grounds during practice. Parent help is needed.**
- Schedule:** Lessons will be held six Saturdays beginning in early January 7th (weather dependent) at 10:30-11:15 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Lessons will be held Jan. 7th, Jan. 14th, Jan. 21st, Jan. 28th, Feb. 4th\* (at Badger State Games) & Feb. 11th New jumpers will have a chance to participate in Blackhawk's home tournament on Sunday, Jan. 22. Jumpers may choose to participate in Badger State Games on Saturday, Feb. 4th with the Blackhawk Ski Jumping Team. Jumpers who progress and want to learn more can join the regular Blackhawk Ski Jumping Team for practices on Tuesday and Thursday nights 6:15-8:00 p.m. in the winter or the spring and fall plastic jumping seasons.
- Equipment:** Alpine skis, ski helmets and leather gloves/mittens are required.
- Cost:** Six Saturday, 45-minute lessons for \$60. Includes free participation in Blackhawk's tournament on Sunday, Jan. 22nd. The Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> date will be an optional Badger State Games tournament. There won't be practice at home. Badger State Games fee is not included (typically costs \$25-30).
- Badger State Games:** Blackhawk's Ski Jumping Team and families will all travel together to the Badger State Games on Saturday, Feb. 4th. This event is held in Iola, Wis. (east of Steven's Point). This is a great first travelling experience for new little ski jumpers and their families. Interested jumpers need to register and pay online ahead of time at [badgerstategames.com](http://badgerstategames.com) to participate.
- Coaches:** Kip Kopelke, 1997 U.S. Ski Jumping Team Member; and Dave Norby, 1968 Olympian.
- Registration:** Participants can register online or through the mail.
- Questions:** Questions can be directed to Christine Gessner at [nateandgirly@gmail.com](mailto:nateandgirly@gmail.com).

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You can register and pay online. Or, print out and fill out membership and ski jumping forms. Return forms and check to Blackhawk Ski Club, PO Box 628094, Middleton, WI 53562-8094