



Mark Your
Calendars



Fall 2023 Newsletter

Welcome to Fall,
GTSC!

We are ready for our best
season ever in 2023-24!



Dryland Training Start Up

Monday, October 2

Mon/Wed; 4:30pm-6pm at Hickory Hills
Ages 10+ are welcome to join us!

GTSC Ski Swap

October 6 & 7

@ TCW Middle School
Friday eve - Drop off
Saturday 9-3p - Come buy!

GTSC Fall Registration

October 15

Fall Registration for all to register for
GTSC 2023-24 Season!

USSS Registration

October 15

Complete your USSS registration at
www.myussa.com

USSS Alpine Officials Clinics

Oct 23-25 ; Oct 28-29

Online updates, Nubs In-person clinics

Annual Dinner

New Date! **November 2**

Come together in celebration of 71
years of GTSC at Jacob's Farm

GTSC Fall Camp

November 19 - 25

Join us in Winter Park, Colorado for
our GS and SL fall training camp!

www.gtskiclub.org



Congratulations!
Sam Olsen
GTSC Program Director

Help us congratulate Sam Olsen on her new leadership role within the GTSC as Program Director! In her new role, Sam will now oversee our GTSC coaches and programming.

Sam has been involved with the GTSC for over 20 years in various capacities including Board member, Beginners and Clinics ski coach, Sunday Races, USSA referee/volunteer and mom of her own GTSC skiers! Sam has been skiing since age 2 where she learned on the slopes of Shanty Creek, and has been a fierce lover of all aspects of the sport since. Sam currently Sam holds PSIA certifications in Alpine, Telemark, Senior Specialist and Childrens Specialist.

"I have a poster hanging in my house that tells a story: Once upon a time there was a girl who really loved skiing. It's me. The end."

Congratulations to our New GTSC Board of Director Members

Elaine
Tait

Bryan
Travis

Christian
Fuller

Remember to submit your

Bensley Memorial Scholarship Application by Oct 1!

Applications available on our website:

<https://www.gtskiclub.org/>

A Letter from your GTSC Executive Director, Tonya Lewandowski



Dear GTSC families, friends and alum!

I am excited and honored to write you today as the Executive Director of the Grand Traverse Ski Club! Although it's been nearly a year since I started serving as an interim in this position, it's humbling to now be named to lead this amazing community organization. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself with hopes you will do the same when you see me on the slopes this season!

Our family of 8 first joined the GTSC nearly 13 years ago. Hickory Hills instantly turned into a magical place for our young family to escape to. Our kids made friends and so did we. We spent so much time at Hickory that the GTSC community became comfortable family, everyone looking out for each other and always a smile. Soon enough our 6 young children grew to love skiing so much we found ourselves with tears if we didn't take them every single day. We joked that the kids would sleep in tents slope side if we would have let them! We were hooked!

GTSC has changed our lives.

As time went on, our involvement grew within the Club - likely similar to many of you reading this! Volunteering at Sunday Races, helping coaches herd the young skiers, fundraising, volunteering at events and races, and eventually, joining the GTSC Board of Directors. I proudly served on our volunteer Board for a decade before transitioning to this role, and I am so proud of the organizational growth we all helped implement and continue to strive towards today!

As I look to the future of the GTSC, I am driven by our Mission Statement, focus on Club sustainability, and a strong charge towards our Why: developing strong skiers and ski racers with a focus on fun and sportsmanship at an economical price. And after 71 years of serving our community, we will be ready for another 71! I look forward to meeting each of you soon, and an amazing 2023-24!

Gratefully,
Tonya Lewandowski
GTSC Executive Director



Be Ready for our 2023-24 Season!

Prepare For GTSC Registration

FALL
REGISTRATION
OPENS
OCT 15th AT
NOON

CHECK OUT
OUR
PROGRAMMING
AND BE READY

REGISTRATION
VIA WEBSITE:
GTSKICLUB.ORG

Go Through Your Gear

- Now is the time to start pulling out last years ski gear and get ready for this season!
- What fits, and what can go.
- Gather a list of needs for 2023-24.
- Create a list of items you no longer need
- Remember our GTSC Ski Swap is Oct 6-7
- Bring your stuff to sell Friday and gear up Saturday! Make some \$ and save some \$

THANK YOU to our GTSC Golf Outing Sponsors & Participants!

Thank you to our generous sponsors



Giving Thanks & Time With Family

13 years after starting up the USSS program in the GTSC, Austin Johnson has grown this successful elite race program and impacted hundreds of racers. Austin believes in creating a life-long love for the sport, and not just racing, which is key to athletes performing at this level. This season, Austin has announced that he will be stepping away from coaching USSS to take more time at Hickory as "dad" on the ski hill with his young family. GTSC is grateful for Austin's time and dedication to the Club and thrilled he has decided to enjoy this special time with his own young skiers. We look forward to seeing him around and thank him for his contributions to GTSC!