



Kids Korner— YouthFest

REI produced a great short movie (about 10 minutes) on the National Brotherhood of Skiers (NBS)— how they started 45 years ago and where they are today.

Look for FWSA's **Todd Hood** as he made a couple of appearances in the film. Thank you REI.

Be sure to check the movie out at <http://bit.ly/REI-NBS>

⇒ **NBS YouthFest**

What was brought to my attention in this movie was the NBS YouthFest. We all know that the future of skiing lies with our youth and NBS is dedicated to promoting youth in snow sports.

⇒ **What is YouthFest?**

Now in its tenth year, "YouthFest" is a three-day race camp that draws more than 140 youth ages 6 to 18 from the Boston and Eastern Region of the US.

The goal of YouthFest is to develop beginner skiers and snowboarders, to identify top talent, and to provide quality race training by certified Ski Area coaches, NBS Eastern Region, BSP and guest race coaches from the USSA Team.

Throughout the weekend, youth have opportunities to participate in a "modified Giant Slalom" event, races, tuning clinics, fitness activities, and fun youth and family oriented events.

YouthFest provides an opportunity for all youth attendees to showcase their talents. YouthFest has fast become an entry point for competitive young minority skiers and snowboarders.

Through collaboration with Team T2, which sponsors 15-20 distinguished USSA ski team athletes, current and future Olympians will volunteer their time as "guest race coaches."

In past years, more than eight US Ski Team athletes have participated in YouthFest, including USSA Team members Julia Ford, Warner Nickerson, Robbie

Kelly, Tucker Marshall, Keith Moffat, Charles Christianson

and others. All spent the afternoon on Friday and Saturday conducting race drills, giving helpful pointers and racing young athletes.

a **YouthFest 2019!**

YouthFest 2019 is hosted by the Boston Ski Party (BSP) for disadvantaged youth, primarily from the eastern US, on March 15 – 17, 2019. This year's event will be held at Ragged Mountain in Danbury, NH.

If your child (Age 6-18) is interested in attending the 10th Annual YouthFest, please register ASAP, using the link below and BSP will send you additional information. There is limited space available and your spot is not guaranteed.

<http://bostonskiparty.org/boston-ski-party-youthfest-2019-registration/> ■



Ragged Mountain is located less than 2 hours from Boston.