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RE: 2006 Ski Jumping & Nordic Combined Junior Olympics in Lebanon, New Hampshire!

Dear Prospective Junior Olympians (and Mom & Dad):

We enthusiastically invite you to try out for the 2006 Eastern Junior Olympic Ski Jumping & Nordic Combined team! This year, the Eastern Division will be hosting this national event – we hope you will join your Eastern teammates and participate in the best JO's ever. You may do so if:

- ★ *You are 15 years old or younger as of Dec. 31, 2005;*
- ★ *You hold a current USSA competitor (not youth) membership by February 2006;*
- ★ *You abide by the USSA Code of Conduct at all times;*
- ★ *You compete in at least four JO qualifying competitions;*
- ★ *You compete in the two K64 JO qualifiers in Salisbury, CT Feb. 11 & 12;*
- ★ *You submit the Letter of Intent, a \$150 deposit and a Medical Release Authorization no later than January 8, 2006.*
- ★ *You sign and abide by the Eastern Code of Conduct*

Point totals will be maintained on prospective Junior Olympians and will be used during the final selection process. Consideration for a position on the team will also be given to athletes who demonstrate a high level of commitment, a good attitude during training and the desire for advancement. Final discretion for appointing the team is held by the Junior Olympic coaching staff and the Eastern Junior Committee.

The dates of all qualifying events will be printed in the early winter issue of New Heights. The Eastern web site, skijumpeast.com, is another good source for up-to-date information.

If you plan to tryout for the JO team, the attached *Letter of Intent*, a \$150 deposit payable to the Jr Olympic Team, and the completed *Medical Release Authorization* (remember to copy your health insurance card) need to be returned to a Junior Committee member by **January 8, 2006**. The deposit will be applied to the overall cost of the trip if you make the team. If you do not, your deposit will be returned. Please be aware that deposits will be forfeited if you make the team and then quit or are removed for cause.

The 2006 Junior Olympics will be held in Lebanon, New Hampshire, our own state! The team WILL stay at the Fireside Inn & Suites along with the other teams. Arrival will be mid-afternoon on Tuesday, February 28 for four nights.

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The cost of the trip, which will cover lodging, meals, competition fees, team gear, lift fees, banquet, and ground transportation, will be \$600 to \$800. This will be due prior to February 21st. Every effort will be made to reduce this cost as much as possible.

Parents, your support are greatly appreciated and attendance at JO's is encouraged. With the Eastern Division hosting this year's event, volunteer help will also be needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Dan Brown, Volunteer Coordinator for JO's, at dan.brown@netzero.net.

During the Salisbury weekend events, we plan to run a Silent Auction. If a JO parent is able to coordinate this, we will use part of the proceeds to reduce the total cost of Junior Olympics. If you (mom or dad) would like to coordinate this event or help, please contact Marianne. Many other fund raising activities are possible; again, speak with Marianne about your ideas.

We hope this letter has answered all your questions and will encourage you to consider trying out for the 2006 Eastern Junior Olympic Team. The Junior Olympics is the highlight of the winter season; let's go for the GOLD!

Please feel comfortable contacting Eastern Division coach Larry Stone; Eastern NC coach, Matt Cook; Chair of the Eastern Jr. Committee Jim Carter; Marianne Fairall, Team Leader, or your coach if you have any questions. See you on the hills!

Sincerely,

The Eastern Junior Committee

**The 2006
JUNIOR OLYMPIC EASTERN TEAM
will be announced in Salisbury, CT, at the church, following
the jumping events
Sunday, February 12, 2006**