



**NORTH COUNTRY SPORTS COUNCIL**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **ECSC Nordic Ski Championships to be hosted this weekend at Dewey Mountain**

*Saranac Lake, NY - (February 14, 2024)* The East Coast Ski Conference (ECSC) Regional Championships are set to take place this Saturday and Sunday at Dewey Mountain. This highly anticipated event brings together 16 college ski teams from across the northeast US, competing for a chance to qualify for the USCSA National Championships. Colleges participating include Paul Smith's College, Clarkson University, Cornell, Middlebury, Dartmouth, UVM, University of Maine Farmington, and several other varsity and club programs.

After last week's adverse weather conditions, which left the trails at the original host, Paul Smith's College VIC, in poor condition, the North Country Sports Council, in collaboration with various stakeholders, worked diligently to secure a suitable alternate site. Dewey Mountain, known for its exceptional facilities and picturesque surroundings, graciously stepped up to the plate, already having thrown snow on the trails for the High School championships.

John Thompson, representative of the ECSC, expressed his gratitude, stating, "We are thankful for everyone who helped ensure these races happen. The dedication and effort put forth by the North Country Sports Council and Dewey Mountain have been truly commendable. Extra thanks to the NCSC who has stepped up to financially support this event with accommodations and subsidizing the event costs."

The defending regional champions, Paul Smith's College, are the local favorites and are aiming to secure a three-peat on the men's side. Meanwhile, the women's team is determined to clinch their first-ever title. The competition promises to be fierce, with teams from all over the region vying for the top spots.

"We are thrilled to bring this event to Saranac Lake, showcasing both fierce competition among athletes and inspiring opportunities for our local young skiers. The ECSC championship perfectly aligns with the essence of the North Country and Saranac Lake, reflecting our community's deep love for the outdoors and sports. I encourage locals to come out and support the teams. A heartfelt thank you to Dewey Mountain for their invaluable assistance in navigating challenging conditions, and to the dedicated volunteers who have worked tirelessly to prepare the trails." - Matthew Dougherty, Executive Director of the NCSC.

Spectators can expect a thrilling display of skill, speed, and endurance as the athletes navigate the challenging terrain at Dewey Mountain. The ECSC Nordic Ski Regional Championships are not only a showcase of talent but also an opportunity for these student-athletes to demonstrate their dedication and passion for the sport.

Media and press are invited to attend the event and capture the excitement of this prestigious championship. Interviews with athletes, coaches, and organizers can be arranged upon request.

The races will start Saturday evening at 5:00 pm and Sunday starting at 9:30 am

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#### ABOUT THE NORTH COUNTRY SPORTS COUNCIL:

The North Country Sports Council is a not-for-profit charitable organization, IRS 501 (C) (3) with a mission through the power of sport, events, and entertainment to foster economic development by attracting and/or further developing events with a goal of improving our citizens' quality of life and elevating the brand of the North Country.

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