

Your Adaptive Snow Sports Festival 2022 Programme

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Introduction

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to The Adaptive Snow Sports Festival! Here is your programme of events and general information for the days ahead. If you have any questions during the festival, feel free to get in touch with any of the super-friendly Adaptive Snow Sports Committee members.

If it is your first time, then we welcome you to the wonderful world of snow sports and if you are returning then we are excited to ski and board with you again.

Been to the festival before? Remember that everyone starts somewhere, at the beginning! Please be sure to look out and welcome new participants – include them, show them the slopes and look out for their safety and wellbeing. It's also a good idea to bring your camera or GoPro! You can ask your volunteers / helpers to get footage of you on the snow.

We're on **WhatsApp** for all your questions or find us at our reserved area in The Remarkables cafe.

We've set up a [WhatsApp group](#) that anyone can join. You can use this for the Festival to ask questions, share photos, co-ordinate transport, arrange to meet up with others, and see what everyone is up to. If you're not part of it yet, ask an Adaptive Snow Sports Committee member to add you in or [join here](#) if viewing online.

Jane and the Adaptive Sports Committee.

Ski & Snowboard Lessons

For those participants who have registered ahead of time Snow Sports NZ has funded lessons. A booking system will be in place on the mountain. Participants will be assigned **at least one free lesson** during the course of the Festival. If you wish to take more lessons then please email adaptive@nzski.com

Transport

Thanks to the Halberg Foundation and their team we will have a van available for transportation up the mountain. The van will leave from the car park at the bottom of the hill at 8.30am (from the [Remarkables ski parking](#)). Please join the WhatsApp group and we will arrange everything through this if you would like to benefit from this transportation service.

If you hold a mobility parking permit - it is a great idea to bring it with you as there is limited accessible parking spaces at the top of the mountain.

Programme

	Friday 5 August	Saturday 6 August	Sunday 7 August
8:30 am	Van departs from The Remarkables Ski Parking	Van departs from The Remarkables Ski Parking	Van departs from The Remarkables Ski Parking
from 10:00 am	Open ski or snowboard day at The Remarkables	Open ski or snowboard day at The Remarkables	Open ski or snowboard day at The Remarkables
4:00 pm	The Remarkables closes	The Remarkables closes	The Remarkables closes
5:30 pm	Meet & Greet at Queenstown Ice Arena (the Garden Bar)	Afternoon activity at Queenstown Climbing Centre	
6:00 - 7:30 pm	Ice rink fun session		
7:00 pm		Dinner at The Crown, Frankton	

Detailed programme:

Please note this schedule may be subject to change depending on mountain operations and available facilities.

Friday 5 August

- **Open ski or snowboard day, The Remarkables from 10am**

It all kicks off from 10am on Friday. **Jane Stevens, Adaptive Snow Sports Manager**, will be on the snow with the rest of the Adaptive Snow Sports Committee and volunteers.

Drive up to the drop off area at the Remarkables ski area and ask for advice from the car parking personnel for accessible parking and they will direct you.

Remember: *You'll need your permit displayed – so please bring it!*

Head to the ticket office and show your Snow Sports NZ membership for your discounts.

We will have a reserved area in the cafe, so look for our Adaptive Festival flags and come say hi! There is a lift on the ground floor, near rentals that will take you up to the café, just ask any staff member for directions.

If you require lessons on Friday there will be instructors available but please contact Jane to express your interest.

- **Meet & Greet, 5.30pm to 6.00pm – [Queenstown Ice Arena](#)**

Get to know other members and volunteers while enjoying some food and drinks after a day on the mountain or arriving in town. Meet us at the Garden Bar of the Queenstown Ice Arena. Address: [29 Park Street, Queenstown.](#)

- **Ice rink fun session, 6.00pm to 7.30pm – [Queenstown Ice Arena](#)**

There will also be a free opportunity to have a go at ice skating and ice bumper cars which is kindly being supported by the Halberg Foundation. Everyone is welcome to join!

Saturday 6 August

- **Ski or snowboard day, The Remarkables from 10.00am**

Like Friday! Meet at the Remarkables Ski Area, where there will be plenty of accessible parking spaces and speak with the parking attendants who will direct you to accessible parking.

Remember: *Don't forget your Permit - you'll need it displayed!*

Head to the ticket office and show your Snow Sports NZ membership for lift tickets and rentals if required.

Look out for the Adaptive Festival flags in the café, where an area has been reserved for us. There is a lift on the ground floor, near rentals that will take you up to the café, just ask any staff member for directions.

At 10am there will be a 15-minute official Welcome in the café area, to run through information, then we'll allocate volunteers to support skiers and boarders. Look out for the whiteboard with details of who your volunteer is – this is also where the crucial information is!! Questions are of course very welcome!

- **Rock climbing centre, from 5.30pm – [Queenstown Climbing Centre](#)**

Doors open from 5:45 pm, activity will start at 6:00 pm.

Come along and learn about adaptive snow sports from people across all disciplines while enjoying the challenge of the climbing wall.

This is a great opportunity to meet with other Festival participants, the Adaptive Snow Sports Committee and Halberg,

Address: Queenstown Climbing Centre, [Unit 3/15 Red Oaks Drive, Frankton, Queenstown 9371](#)

- **Dinner, 7.00 pm at The Crown, Frankton**

Come along and get to know other participants, friends, family, volunteers and committee members. This is a purely social event! Please let us know if you would like to attend as we will book the space for us.

Address: The Crown Pub and Beer Garden [3 Murchison Road, Five Mile, Frankton](#)

Sunday 7 August

- **Ski & snowboard day, The Remarkables from 10.00am**

Again, look out for the reserved area in the café and the whiteboard with information. We'll hold a fun event (*time TBC – check the whiteboard and WhatsApp*). Bring your competitive spirit for this one!! We will also do a group photo with all Festival participants during the day (*time TBC – check the whiteboard and WhatsApp*).

Your Adaptive Sports Committee

The Adaptive Snowsports Festival was started over 10 years ago to create a fun and social atmosphere for Adaptive skiers, snowboarders and snow lovers to ski together. It is now organised by a dedicated group of Volunteers – who put in their time, sweat and superb energy into this event! As you can tell, the ethos above is still the foundations of what we do and enjoy over this awesome weekend!

The Adaptive Sport Committee is made up of the following members:

Wayne Crean (Auckland) (Chair)



Wayne is passionate about sports and the benefits to people of all abilities having the opportunities to participate at their desired level and potential. His professional background is in the energy sector including engineering, operations, project management and corporate governance.

Wayne grew up in Canterbury and learnt to ski up Mt Hutt during school sports time. He was elected to the Committee in 2018 and elected as Chair in 2020. Living in Auckland and a regular visitor to Wanaka.

Sam Colby (UK)



Sam is a winter enthusiast at heart and a keen skier and passionate instructor having taught Adaptive Snow Sports for over a decade in the UK, NZ, Canada, Europe and Japan. He always has a smile on his face and loves the freedom, joy and independence that snow sports brings with it!

Having worked in NZ for many a winter, Sam joined the committee in 2015 and has been involved with the Festivals ever since. He believes sport is a great avenue for inclusivity and desires to continue to create opportunities so that everyone can enjoy the thrill of snow sports!

Sam currently resides in the UK working as a Physiotherapist although hopes to join you on the slopes in the near future.

Alice Ruddenklau-Wells (Alexandra)



Alice loves getting everyone on the snow. She spent time in Canada and Switzerland teaching skiing and has been involved in Adaptive Snowsports as a volunteer in Wellington, Canterbury and Otago since 2000, and on the Committee for 10 years.

When she's not on the snow, she works part time as a lawyer for a large international consultancy and as a full time Mum to Olivia and Tom, who also love the Festival.

Adam Hall (Wanaka)	
	<p>A South Island Local. A New Zealand sporting icon in the sport of Paralympic Alpine skiing.</p> <p>Adam has represented New Zealand for close to 2 decades, on the world stage as a Paralympic Alpine Skiing Athlete. Adam has competed across 5 Winter Paralympic Games, and 6 world championship campaigns. Adam is a double, Winter Paralympic Champion, 5-time Winter Paralympic Medallist, (Having recently returned home from Beijing where Adam earned himself 2 Bronze medal performances) With other podium finishes across World championship and world cup competitions. Adam was Born with Spina Bifida a Physical disability and has gone on to achieve his dreams and goals which most would not think is possible. His performances and career to date have been recognised with an Order of Merit in the 2011 Queen's Birthday Honours. He has won Multiple New Zealand Snow Sports awards and regional awards</p>

Laure Gruffat (Auckland)	
	<p>Laure is a passionate event management professional experienced in a wide range of projects within corporate, sport, non for profit and government organisations. She has worked on fantastic projects such as Olympic and Paralympic Games, women's international competitions, fundraising charity dinners and educational sports tours. She currently works as Accessibility Manager for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023. Her current career goal is to use the power of sport to promote a more diverse and inclusive society.</p> <p>Laure grew up in the French Alps and learned how to ski at 3 years old. She has joined the Adaptive Sports Committee in 2019.</p>

James Littlejohn (Auckland)	
	<p>James is passionate about increasing recreational activity for disabled people through adaptive sports. Following an accident in 1999, he has enjoyed a range of recreational and competitive sports including snow sports, rowing, mountain biking, water skiing and power sports.</p> <p>Although he has some experience of competitive snow sports in NZ and Canada, he enjoys recreational snow sports as it allows him to enjoy the outdoors with his wife Kim, their 6 year old son Max and their friends.</p>

Jane Stevens (Snow Sports NZ)	
	<p>Jane has been involved in adaptive snow sports for 35 years and works as the Adaptive Manager for Snow Sports NZ, She is responsible for providing opportunities to the whole pathway from recreational to paralympic snow sport lovers.</p>

Volunteers

The Adaptive Snow Sports Festival relies heavily upon our Volunteers. These people are competent skiers and snowboarders from a variety of backgrounds who have been trained to help and support skiers with disabilities on the snow. Most of them are volunteering their time and have a passion for snow sports so do get to know them and hear their stories. We will be arranging lessons for new participants where we can so people can learn and have fun on snow as quickly as possible.

A massive thank you to our amazing volunteers again this year!



Our Sponsors

Thank you to the **Halberg Foundation** who have supported lessons, transport, photography, and off snow activities.

Thank you to **Central Lakes Trust** who support Snow Sports NZ to deliver our adaptive programmes.

Thank you to **Sky City Queenstown** who supported lessons.

Thanks to **The Remarkables** for hosting us and the ongoing opportunities they provide for disabled snow users.

Thank you to **The Disabled Snow Sports Foundation**, (*the old Disabled Snowsports New Zealand*) who provides recognition vouchers to our Volunteers for their contribution to the Festival. The Foundation is a registered charity whose purpose and vision is to assist in developing, promoting, advancing and encouraging participation and achievement in amateur disabled snowsports throughout NZ.

If you would like to donate to The Foundation, **02-0948-0345353-000**

You are all amazing!

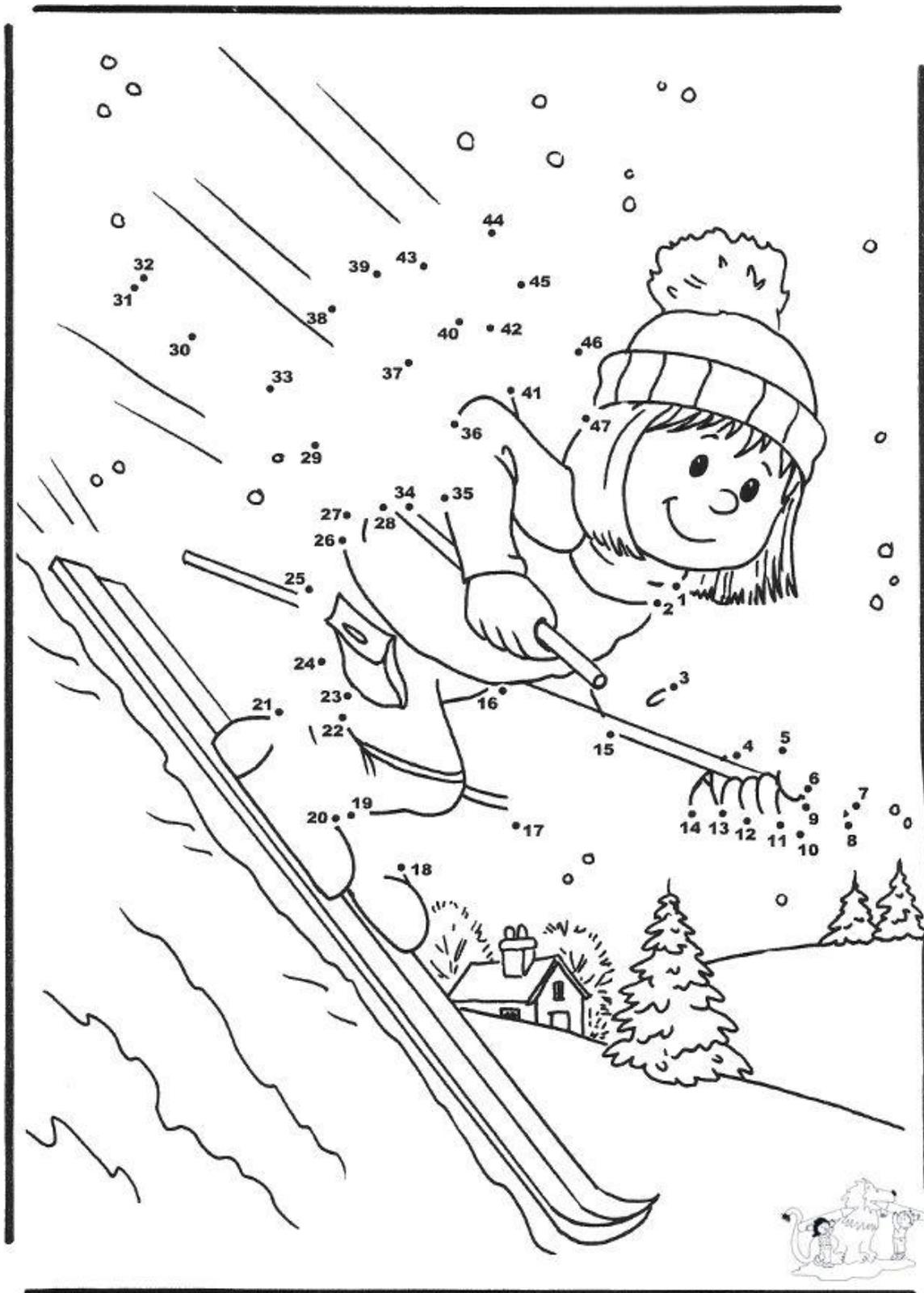


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