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RIDERS ADVANCEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Riders Advancement and Development (RAD) Program is a Canada Snowboard initiative that aims to provide more opportunities to all stages of athletes and coaches. The Gathering is a camp that provides a welcoming spaces for all snowboarders and industry partners including riders, athletes, coaches, builders, instructors, volunteers, administrators, and more to sample a variety of snowboard environments and grow together as a world leading snowboard nation. The atmosphere of the event intends to be a low stress and high fun, where participants and sport leaders can come together to share their love and knowledge of snowboarding.

For its 3rd annual event, The Gathering will provide access to: Snowboard Cross course, Banked Slalom, Park, Alpine, and of course the unique Holy Bowly venue. With the expert RAD Coaches leading the various disciplines, teams are assigned stations in the morning to experience new training environments that they may not get to experience otherwise and interact with snowboarders across the country. In the afternoon, the various training environments are opened in a jam format to allow all participants to explore their interests, with continue support from the various RAD Coaches.

For more information, including links, schedules, and general information, please review this event notice, or visit <https://www.canadasnowboard.ca/en/events/rad-program/thegathering/>

RAKING EXPECTATIONS

The Holy Bowly venue is one of the most iconic venues in snowboarding, recognizable for its smooth lines and skatepark-like features. As a result of the distinct and unique features that make the venue so special, the responsibility to maintain the smooth transitions to ride for the next day lies with the teams and athletes that ride it the day previously.

Each team will be assigned a feature to rake at the end of each day. This feature(s) will be discussed and assigned to teams the night prior in the TC Meetings. In this way, we hope to create a sense of pride and ownership for athletes and clubs to help maintain the course that will allow everyone to ride and enjoy the smooth characters that is the Holy Bowly.

We ask that all athletes and clubs bring any rakes and shovels they may have on the hill each day. The venue will close at 3pm each day for the raking period. Don't have a shovel? That's ok! You have a snowboard, which works amazing as a smooth surface to rake some snow!

MINIMUM RIDING STANDARDS



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There are minimum riding standards in place to protect the safety of athletes in the various venues that will be accessible within The Gathering. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact your coach to confirm that the athlete meets the minimum standards set in place. To participate, an athlete must be:

- Able to start and stop quickly in all directions
- Balanced and stable on the board at all times
- Able to control their pressure
- Relaxed and adaptable position on the board
- Learning to transfer between regular and switch
- Able to use the lower body to turn
- Edging movements must demonstrate turn shape and edge grip
- Able to successfully ride down a blue terrain on a ski hill
- No (or minimal) breaking at the waist

EVENT SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 7th

7 PM Team Captain's Meeting

Wednesday, May 8th

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM

- Group welcoming at top of Holy Bowly and acknowledgements

10:00 AM – 12:30 PM – Stations

- Teams assigned a station to ride as discussed in TC meeting from night previously
- **Kindred Collective:** Exclusive access to the Holy Bowly for girls and women, gender diverse, non-binary, two-spirit, trans, and gender fluid. Please register ahead of time on SnowReg.

12:30 PM – 3:00 PM – All stations open for all teams

- All venues open for all teams.

3:00 – 4:00 PM

- Raking the feature your team is responsible for as discussed in TC meeting from the night previously

7:00 PM Team Captain's Meeting ([Zoom link here](#))

Thursday, May 9th



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9:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Stations

- Teams assigned a station to ride as discussed in TC meeting from night previously

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM – All stations open for all teams

- All venues open for all teams.

3:00 – 4:00 PM

- Raking the feature your team is responsible for as discussed in TC meeting from the night previously

7:00 PM Team Captain's Meeting ([Zoom link here](#))

Friday, May 10th

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Stations

- Teams assigned a station to ride as discussed in TC meeting from night previously

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM – All stations open for all teams

- All venues open for all teams.

3:00 – 4:00 PM

- Raking the feature your team is responsible for as discussed in TC meeting from the night previously

7:00 PM – Dark

- Skate Night with Snowboarding Saves at Canmore Skate Park

6:00 PM Team Captain's Meeting ([Zoom link here](#))

Saturday, May 11th

9:30 – 11:00 AM

- Teams assigned stations to ride as discussed in TC meeting from night previously

11:00 – 2:30 PM

- Jam format mini contests

2:30 – 3:00 PM

- Awards at top of Bowly (See awards section below)

**note: the schedule is subject to change due to weather conditions etc.*

CANADIAN ATHLETE REGISTRATION



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***IMPORTANT:** Passphrase is required to register for the camp. Athletes looking to register, please request the passphrase from your coach or club. If you are a coach / club that have not yet received the passphrase, please have your coaches register first. You will receive your passcode to provide to the athletes in your confirmation email.

Coach Registration Link:

<https://snowreg.com/#!/events/the-gathering-2024-sunshine-village-ab-coach-registration>

Canadian Athlete Registration Link (Including Kindred Collective):

<https://snowreg.com/#!/events/the-gathering-sunshine-village-ab-canadian-athlete-registration>

Online Registration will close at **23:30 PM MST May 5th, 2024**. There will be no in-person registration. All athletes must attend with a coach.

INTERNATIONAL ATHLETE REGISTRATION

For the first time ever, The Gathering welcomes international teams to attend the camp. In total there will be a 30-spot capacity for athletes to attend. This will be first-come-first serve basis from registration. There will be a fee to attend which will include your camp entrance and access to all disciplines, events, and off-snow activities. Lift tickets will need to be acquired at a discount in the **LIFT TICKETS** section below.

For guidelines on who qualifies as an International Athlete, please review the RAD Program's Nationality Guidelines ([EN](#) / [FR](#)).

**NOTE: If you are an International Athlete but you train year-round with a Canada Snowboard registered club or team for the 2023-2024 season, you will receive 50% off your registration fees. Please see registration page for more details, or email Austin.white@canadasnowboard.ca for questions.*

International Athletes Registration Link:

<https://snowreg.com/#!/events/the-gathering-2024-sunshine-village-ab-international-athlete-registration>

International Coaches: Please register at the [Coaches link](#)

LIFT TICKETS

All athletes and coaches are required to purchase their own lift tickets. Outlined below are options for spring passes or day tickets.



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1. **Spring Passes:** [Available here](#). Spring passes are rationalized after 5-6 days on snow:

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| a. Adults (18+): | \$640 + GST |
| b. Students (18+ and student): | \$350 + GST |
| c. Youth (13-17 Yrs): | \$350 + GST |
| d. Child (6-12 Yrs): | \$175 + GST |

2. **Day Tickets:** [Available Here](#)

- a. **Please send only 1 order form per team.** Ticket order forms must come from the coaches – Forms submitted from individual parents or athletes **will not** be processed or have the ticket discount honoured. If it's financially more suitable for your athletes to acquire lift tickets rather than a pass, please fill out the form in the link above and send the completed form to vip@skibanff.com.

LODGING

All athletes and coaches are required to provide their own lodging and meals. There is lodging options at the Sunshine Mountain Lodge with a special discounted rate for Canada Snowboard members.

Room availability at Sunshine Mountain Lodge will be on a first-come, first serve basis. Blackout dates may apply.

The Sunshine Village main office / group service contact for lodging is VIP@skibanff.com. The phone number is 403-762-6501. Canada Snowboard cannot guarantee space in accommodations – Booking early is beneficial for ensure availability.

TEAM CAPTAIN MEETINGS

Online: The link will be the same for each TC Meeting. A representative from each club is required to attend the day prior to the club being on snow to discuss raking plans and morning stations. You can find the [Zoom Link here](#). The Team Captain's meetings will occur at **7:00 PM** MSt on:

- May 7th
- May 8th
- May 9th



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- May 10th
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