

Hi, my name is Gavriel, and I am 12. I enjoy being out in the nature, doing my favorite sports and activities. You might find me playing lacrosse with “The Cougars”, (or as what my sister calls them, “The Boogers”), at Browns River Middle School. I also really enjoy fly fishing with my dad at rivers and ponds in our area. I might also be mountain biking at a local network, such as Cady Hill or Adams Camp. After the ride, I will be enjoying a \$3 “après” pizza special at Picasso.

But what I enjoy most, is skiing. I am a U12 athlete who does both, race and free ski, at the Smuggler’s Notch Ski and Snowboard Club (SNSC). I ski almost every single day, splitting up the days between my two favorite ski sports. I have best friends on both teams, and that is what I enjoy.

In the middle of the last ski season, I got into a major crash skiing. I caught my edge on some ice, lost control, and was ejected off the trail. I crashed into a tree, a branch pierced my throat, and I passed out. This got sixteen stitches, and a month worth of concussion. Getting through that was very hard for me, but that didn’t stop me from getting back up and trying again.

This year, I am hoping to push myself. I want to compete more, place well, and hopefully attend the Kirkwood Junior Freeride Championships for U12s. I look up to my sister who is in U15s. She placed 17th nationally last year for Breckinridge, but couldn’t attend because of lack of finances. (Please give her a scholarship this year!).

Some of my goals for this year are to actually finish a race without crashing, do my first 360, attend the Plattsburgh Air Raid for lacrosse, and learn new tricks on my mountain bike.

I would use this scholarship to help cover the costs for this year’s Junior Freeride Championships at Kirkwood California! I’ve never skied outside the east and I want to compete and ski with my group in California!

Let’s ski together!  
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