

NATIONAL

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FOR THE DISABLED

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THE NSCD OPENS 2026 WITH FULL WINTER PROGRAM LINEUP, 50TH WELLS FARGO SKI CUP AND PARALYMPIC-BOUND ATHLETES

DENVER (Jan. 13, 2026) – The National Sports Center for the Disabled (NSCD) is launching the new year with a full slate of adaptive outdoor recreation programs designed to empower athletes of all abilities. From alpine and Nordic lessons to specialized retreats and milestone fundraising events, NSCD's first quarter programming spans Winter Park, Snow Mountain Ranch and Devils Thumb Ranch offering inclusive experiences for youth, adults, veterans and competitive athletes.

Upcoming NSCD Signature Events at Winter Park Resort

- **50th Annual Wells Fargo Ski Cup – February 19–21, 2026.** The NSCD will celebrate a major milestone this February as it hosts the 50th consecutive Wells Fargo Ski Cup, the longest-running professional ski race in the country and a signature fundraiser supporting adaptive outdoor recreation. The three-day event features professional racing, corporate team competitions, youth experiences and community celebrations all benefiting NSCD's mission to expand access to the outdoors for individuals living with disabilities.
- **World Disabled Invitational – Feb. 19, 2026.** Spectators can experience high-level adaptive racing up close at this annual event that brings together top adaptive athletes from around the world. The competition showcases speed, precision and the spirit of adaptive sport and provides a rare chance to watch Paralympic-bound athletes in action on home snow. The Winter Paralympic games will take place March 6–15, 2026.
- **Ski for NSCD – March 28, 2026.** Skiers and riders of all levels are invited to hit the slopes for a great cause during Ski for NSCD, a fun-filled day of skiing, snowboarding and friendly challenges. Participants receive a complimentary lift ticket with registration and fundraising, with proceeds directly supporting NSCD's year-round adaptive programs.

Adaptive Camps/Retreats

- **Outrigger Retreat – Feb. 17 – 20 at Winter Park Resort.** This multi day retreat is designed for participants with any physical disability. Transportation from/to Denver, lodging, meals, ski equipment, lift ticket and instructors are included. Participants requiring financial support for this retreat can call (303) 515-NSCD (6723).
- **Military Winter Camp – Jan. 29 – Feb. 1 at Winter Park Resort.** This four-day camp highlights alpine skiing for military members, active or Veteran, with disabilities. Transportation from Denver, lodging, food, lift tickets, equipment, and instruction provided. All of our military programs are underwritten through generous grants and contributions. There is a \$25 registration fee for camps.

Adaptive Lessons & Winter Programs Jan – March 2026 at Winter Park Resort, YMCA of the Rockies - Snow Mountain Ranch and Devils Thumb Resort

- **Private Daily Lessons Alpine, Snowboard, Ski Bike, Nordic & Snowshoe.** Available throughout the winter season. NSCD offers one-on-one adaptive instruction for athletes of any ability level, including adaptive alpine skiing, snowboarding, ski biking, Nordic skiing and snowshoeing. Lessons include equipment, instruction and individualized support to help participants build skills, confidence and independence.
- **Access Ski & Snowboard.** This weekly program provides consistent coaching, skill progression and community for athletes seeking a group learning environment. Roundtrip transportation on Arrow Bus Lines is included from the west side of Denver.

Adaptive equipment fittings and guided mountain support are available for athletes who need specialized gear or on-mountain assistance. Visit nscd.org for more details.

About the National Sports Center for the Disabled

The National Sports Center for the Disabled has been a leading provider of adaptive outdoor recreation experiences for the past 55 years. They are committed to helping individuals with disabilities, their caregivers and the broader community rethink ability. Through the power of adaptive innovation, recreation and Colorado's great outdoors, we are transforming lives, families and communities and creating a world that celebrates each person's abilities. Our exhilarating adaptive outdoor experiences help participants make the very most of their passion, their talents and their aspirations. They discover a renewed sense of confidence, reignite the pure joy of play, and find motivation to try new things, meet new people and believe in their own abilities. With industry-leading adaptive equipment, renowned coaches, instructors and volunteers and unmatched mountain and metro programs, we change the perceptions of athletes of all levels and help them, and the world, **#RethinkAbility**.

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