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Ski NH to Participate in Polartec Big Air at Fenway

New Hampshire and skiing have a unique relationship; specifically, the relationship between being on skis and being in the air.

The Granite State is the only state in the country that has high school ski jumping. Waterville Valley is commonly known as the birthplace of freestyle skiing. Olympic Freestyle Gold Medalist Hannah Kearney attended high school, college and trained in New Hampshire. Even US Skier and NH native Bode Miller who's main goal was to keep his feet on the ground, made skiing history with his aggressive and unorthodox approach, often careening through the air. The list goes on, but get ready to add one more.

On February 11-12, 2016, for the first time ever, Fenway Park will play host to a skiing and riding big air event. The Polartec Big Air at Fenway will be run by Fenway Sports Management (FSM) and the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA) and is an officially sanctioned U.S. Grand Prix Tour event.

And of course, Ski NH will be a part of it.

Ski NH will participate as a partnering sponsor for the event and will make their presence felt during this historical event for New England skiing. An interactive booth inside the park during the event, mascot appearances from NH resorts, and much more will all be featured throughout the weekend inside the stadium.

"The Boston area makes up our number one market, so this event allows us a great opportunity to reinforce to our friends to the south how close, convenient and what a great value skiing in New Hampshire is," Ski NH Executive Director Jessyca Keeler said on the decision to sponsor the event. "Plus, this is such a unique, pioneering event that really ties into the spirit of skiing in New Hampshire. How could we not be part of this?"

Don't have a ticket? No problem. Ski NH is also doing what they can to get people to the event. Starting in mid January and running through the week before the event, the organization will be giving away tickets to the event via a Facebook sweepstakes. The contest will also feature additional prizes that include skiing at NH ski areas.

The event itself will be one of epic proportions. Over the course of the weekend, the main attraction will be a jump that is four times as high as the Green Monster that will test the mettle of athletes such as Olympic Slopestyle Skiing Gold Medalist Joss Christensen, Slopestyle Snowboarding Olympic Champion Sage Kotsenburg, and Olympian Ty Walker along with dozens of other athletes competing to be included into the newest chapter of Fenway lore.

For more information regarding tickets to the event be sure to follow Ski NH on Facebook at www.facebook.com/skinewhampshire or visit www.skinh.com. More information regarding the event will be made public as it is made available. Can't wait to get your tickets? They are currently on sale and can be purchased at www.redsox.com/bigair.

Ski NH is the statewide association representing 33 alpine and cross country resorts in New Hampshire. For more information on ski areas, vacation planning, and updated winter events at Ski NH resorts, call Ski NH at 603.745.9396 or visit the Ski NH website at www.SkiNH.com. For statewide travel info, visit www.visitNH.gov.

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PHOTO CAPTION: Staff members from 11 alpine ski areas joined Ski NH on Dec. 21 as the organization announced it will be part of, and help promote, the Polartec Big Air at Fenway event in February.

