

Emily Spiker

As a ski instructor, there is likely no one who has given more to advancing the sport of alpine skiing in Pennsylvania than Emily Spiker. Through her work on and off the snow, Emily has created many positive relationships and greatly furthered our skiing community throughout our Commonwealth.

Emily has served as an instructor at Whitetail Resort for over 25 years. During her tenure, she has demonstrated an elite level of skiing, and she has been able to share her passion for our winter sport with hundreds of other people which include both paying guests as well as fellow instructors. At Whitetail Resort, Emily developed a seasonal teaching program known as Women of Whitetail (WOW) which has helped many women to overcome their fear and hesitancy to become more accomplished on the snow. Emily is particularly committed to helping other women to become engaged in snowsports as both students and instructors. In addition, she designed a training program for instructors wanting to attain a PSIA Level 1 certification. While serving on the Whitetail Resort Ski and Snowboard School, Emily has been recognized for her contributions several times. In 2000 she was named Rookie Ski Instructor of the year, and in 2009 she was awarded Ski Instructor of the Year.



Having been a member of the PSIA for 24 years, Emily has also received recognition for her role in the association. In 2008, she was awarded the Bill Muller Award which is presented to the Level 2 Instructor for their spirit, enthusiasm, and contribution to the sport of skiing and teaching. Then in 2019, she was awarded the Masters Award, which is given to a Level 3 Instructor who demonstrates the highest level of professionalism in ski teaching and for a deep commitment to the sport of skiing. In addition, in 2024 Emily was selected to serve on the Eastern Board of Directors of the PSIA. In PSIA, she has achieved the Level 1, 2, 3, as well as the Master Teacher Certification, Children's Certification (CS2), and Freestyle Certification (FS1). These certifications exhibit the discipline and drive Emily possesses as she strives for excellence. Over the years, Emily has attended more than 65 PSIA-AASI events in order to advance her skiing and teaching skills to provide the highest quality lessons to her students. In

2023, she attended the Interski Congress in Levi, Finland to further her knowledge and skills in ski teaching. She is truly committed to excellence in ski teaching while at the same time creating a fun learning experience.

Emily is often described as a gifted teacher. She is able to connect with people in a way that extends far beyond learning to ski, and she embodies the values of excellence, leadership, and service. Her students are left feeling both excited and encouraged and cannot wait to get back on the mountain once again upon completing their lesson. She has the unique ability to respond and adapt to each ski student effectively and with effortless joy. Through her teaching talent and ability, Emily has given hundreds of people the gift of skiing and the opportunity to enjoy time on the mountain with family and friends.

