



## Media Release

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### Local athlete to compete in upcoming international FIS race

Local alpine skier Mackenzie “Mack” Jenner will be racing in the Mount Sima Aurora Cup FIS (Fédération Internationale de Ski) race being held this Saturday, November 18 and Sunday, November 19. This is the first Alpine Yukon athlete to compete at this level.

Mackenzie started skiing with the Alpine Yukon ski club at eight years of age, and joined the racing program when he was 10. He competed in both the 2023 Arctic Winter Games and the 2023 Canada Winter Games, where he finished seventh in the ski cross competition. Based on his strong placement at the Canada Winter Games, Mackenzie has been invited to the ski cross youth Olympic trials in Nakiska, Alberta.

“Mackenzie has worked really hard to get to the level where he is today”, said Urs Schirmer, coach for Alpine Yukon’s High Performance Race Team. “He has been very dedicated to training the last few years, and his hard work is paying off. I encourage anyone who is able to come out to Sima on the weekend, to come and cheer Mackenzie on,” added Schirmer.

“I’m excited to be racing in an international race here at home,” said Jenner. “I’ve been training really hard, and it will be fun to race against other athletes from Canada and the United States,” added Jenner.

This weekend, spectators can enjoy watching athletes compete in Slalom and Giant Slalom disciplines. Races are scheduled to start Saturday 11:15 a.m., for updates check the Mount Sima website: [mountsima.com/events](https://mountsima.com/events).

Alpine Yukon offers programming for both youth and adults. Their Snow Stars program is for kids ages six to 12 and focuses on developing ski skills with an introduction to ski racing. The development team is for kids age 10 and up, and the racing program starts at age 12 and up. Additionally, they offer a Master's program for adults, with two groups – one focused on recreation, and one focused on racing. Information on Alpine Yukon's programs can be found at [alpineyukon.com](http://alpineyukon.com).

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