

Hello PVNT Community,

This month we are highlighting DEVO Skier:
Nora Kasperski



This month we feature Devo skier Nora Kasperski. Nora anchors the girl's squad in the Devo program. She also likes to snowboard at Stevens Pass and play soccer. Nora is currently in fifth grade at Alpine Lakes Elementary.

~Jeff, DEVO Coach

November 2023- Skier Profile Interview

featuring Jeff Layton, Plain Valley Nordic Team DEVO Coach and Nora Kasperski

How many seasons have you been on the Plain Valley Nordic Team?

I've done 3 summers, and this will be my 4th winter.

Have you ever skied before moving to Plain?

No. Where we lived near Seattle we barely got any snow. At most two inches. My first time on skis was my first day at Ski Team practice. Usually when I first try a new thing I'm nervous but also excited.

What ski style is your favorite – Classic or Skate?

I like Skate Ski better. You can go faster and they feel lighter. It makes it easier to carry and when you're skiing it doesn't get as tiring, so you can go longer.

Do you have a favorite Ski Team game?

Capture the Flag is my favorite. I like being on offence when you're trying to break into the safe zone, but I also play defense because I'm good at it.

You faced a lot of challenges in learning how to ski. What is one challenge you are proud you overcame?

During this summer season I was with some of the other girls and we went down a really big hill in Shugart Flats. My friends walked down it, but I went for it. Winter is easier on hills because I feel more confident that I won't fall and get hurt.

What's the hardest part about skiing?

Stopping on roller skis and stopping on snow when it's icy. I usually do a star turn to stop.

What's a goal you have when thinking about this coming season?

I want to go on Cougar Run without falling. I've done it before, but I want to ski it clean this winter.

We just wrapped up our summer season. What is your best Ski Team memory from this season?

Tall Timber camp this fall when the girls in my cabin pranked the ADT boy's room. We put tape and yarn over their door. It was only 9:30 at night, and we had to be really quiet to sneak up the stairs that were really creaky. We also put a stand of yarn under another boy's cabin door to plant some evidence. The boys totally fell for it.

What's something you learned about yourself from the Ski Team?

That I like skiing. I thought it would be ok. It turned out to be really fun. I think it's something I will do the rest of my life.

What do you enjoy about skiing?

Being outside in nature. I like to see the views in the snowy winter environment. Even without the snow, the mountains are really pretty.

What advice would you give someone who was thinking about joining PVNT?

I think you should join because it's really fun. You can do it, and you should try!