

Dear SSWSC Snowboard Families, Staff, Coaches and Members,

In 1997, my twin brother and I joined Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club as 11-year-old snowboarders. At that time, I was the only female snowboarder with a group of boys, who gave me the courage to do all the same tricks and go just as fast down the Howelsen Hill face. I was introduced to Mike Mallon, Jon Casson and Spencer Tamblyn who were inspirational coaches, teaching me how to set and achieve goals. I never would have imagined to be leading the same program that filled my nights and weekends with so much joy and learning experiences.

After my competitive snowboard career, I moved back to Steamboat in 2010 joining SSWSC as a coach. Jon Casson had set up the program for success and transitioned me into this position. The past seven years, I have had the pleasure of Directing the Snowboard Program. The last 10 years has been filled with many challenges, several success stories, shredding pow, lots of high fives and watching kids grow. I feel incredibly fortunate to work with an outstanding group of coaches, dedicated parents and amazing kids. Together we have built a fantastic snowboard program.

I have been making several changes in my life and have accepted a position managing Colorado Sled Rentals here in Steamboat Springs. I am excited to embark on a new adventure and expand my career in the backcountry snowmobile industry. Backcountry snowmobiling has become my passion and hobby. I plan to be a resource and always a member of SSWSC. Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club has supported me, enabled me to thrive and grow as a person. I would like to thank all of you for your support, believing in me and being a huge part of my life. To ALL of the executive staff, administrative staff and sport directors, I can't thank you enough. You will always be a part of my family. I am truly grateful for you and feel extremely lucky to have worked with you all for the past ten years. Thank you for everything.

I have the utmost confidence in the snowboard staff. I will be making the transition, setting up coaches and the program for a successful season by October 15th. Maddy Schaffrick, Thedo Remmelink, Sasha Nations, Erik Gunderson and Trevor Mekelburg will continue to lead an amazing program. They each bring a large amount of passion, knowledge, experience and dedication to the club. I am excited to watch what they will do in the next several years!

SSWSC executive team will be in communication with more specific plans for the upcoming winter in the next ten days.

Sincerely,
Tori Billings