



Ski Spectacular Instructor Academy

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Clinic Summary Notes

Clinic Title: Versatility of the Slider Apparatus - Barbara Szwebel Bsabwebel@gmail.com

1. Consider the different slider apparatuses and their configurations found at ski centers. Your school might still have a Freedom Factory or Ski-Legs Slider. Currently the only slider available for new purchase is the Slide Unique from Enabling Technologies. <https://enablingtech.com/collections/snow-sliders>



Slide Unique Slider



Freedom Factory Slider

2. Sliders allow students with significant balance, strength, and coordination challenges to stand-up ski. Sliders can be very useful but have terrain limitations and will tip over if you try to turn for speed control on anything steeper than an extremely easy blue slope or have top-heavy guests.
3. Safety on the slopes and lifts is key:
 - The slider is under instructor control because students generally cannot self-arrest after a fall in the Slider. The instructor should have two points of attachment between the slider and themselves.
 - Know the lift load/unload areas and communicate with the student, assistant, and lift operators during lift loading/unloading and securing the Slider on the lift.
4. Click <https://www.psia-rm.org/adaptive-alpine/adaptive-alpine-education-materials/> for PSIA-RM-AASI Region's Adaptive Alpine Teaching Guide: Slider.