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Three Alaska Pacific University Junior skiers will represent the United States at World Junior Championships and U18 Nation's Cup Championships

Soldier Hollow, Utah. Three APU Junior skiers have qualified for World Junior Championships and the U18 Nation's Cup Championship, both taking place later this month. APU Junior **Luke Jager** qualified for both the World Junior Championships and the U18 Nation's Cup and has decided to attend the U18 Nation's Cup in Orkdal, Norway. Competitions begin January 27th. Luke finished 4th in the 15k skate race and 2nd in the 10k Classic races this week at the US Nationals qualifying races in Soldier Hollow, Utah.

APU Early Honors student **Hunter Wonders** was the top American U20 male in the 10k Classic and the 15k skate race, therefore taking the top qualifying spot for the U.S. for the World Junior Championships (which will take place on U.S. soil for the first time in over 30 years- Soldier Hollow, Utah). World Junior Championships begin on January 30th. Full event schedule can be found here: <http://utah2017.com/>

Canyon Tobin, also an APU Early Honors student qualified as first alternate for the U18 Nation's Cup Championships, but was granted a position as another dual qualifier opted to attend the World Junior Championships, moving Canyon into a qualifying position for the U18 Championships.

Full results from US Nationals can be viewed here:
http://summittiming.com/races/race_results.php

Points list is included below on page 2 and 3

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Canyon Tobin

I feel extremely fortunate to have qualified for this position. It's going to be my first time racing overseas and the first time representing my country as a whole while doing so, so of course I'm extremely excited to go. None of it would have been possible without the amazing support that APU, coaches and athletes alike, has provided me throughout the season, and so I hope to make them, as well as the US, proud.

Hunter Wonders

Making it to world juniors means everything to me. After getting a little taste of international competition last year I really feel like skiing is what I want to pursue. It's a dream come true to see the goal you've written down on paper at the beginning of the training season become a reality. I couldn't be more proud to represent the US there.



MEN'S U18 NORDIC NATION'S TRIP - QUALIFICATION STANDINGS - 6 Qualify

Place in Classes	First Name	Last Name	Classes	Affiliation	Nation	POINTS - 15km FR	POINTS - CL SPR	POINTS - MASS CL	Best 2 of 3
1	Ben	Ogden	MU18	Stratton Mountain School	USA	45	100	100	200
2	Noel	Keeffe	MU18	Steamboat Sprgs Winter Sports	USA	36	80	36	116
3	Wyatt	Gebhardt	MU18	Steamboat Sprgs Winter Sports	USA	100	8	50	150
4	Gus	Schumacher	MU18	Alaska Winter Stars	USA	80	24	5	104
5	Luke	Jager	MU18	APU Nordic Ski Center	USA	50	45	80	130
6	Nolan	Herzog	MU18	Ski Club Vail	USA	60	29	60	120
7	Canyon	Tobin	MU18	APU Nordic Ski Center	USA	20	60	24	84
8	Haydn	Halvorsen	MU16	Sugar Bowl Academy	USA	40	12	20	60
9	Franklin	Reilly	MU18	Ski Club Vail	USA		50		50

MEN'S JUNIOR WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS - QUALIFICATION STANDINGS - 6 Qualify

Place in Class	First Name	Last Name	Class	Affiliation	Nation	POINTS - 15km FR	POINTS - CL SPR	POINTS - MASS CL	Best 2 of 3
1	Hunter	Wonders	MU20	APU Nordic Ski Center	USA	100		100	200
2	Ben	Ogden	MU18	Stratton Mountain School	USA	20	100	80	180
3	Wyatt	Gebhardt	MU18	Steamboat Sprgs Winter Sports	USA	80		45	125
4	Kamran	Husain	MU20	Stratton Mountain School	USA		60	32	92
5	Logan	Diekmann	MU20	University of Utah	USA	12	50	36	86
6	Luke	Jager	MU18	APU Nordic Ski Center	USA	26	15	60	86
7	Nolan	Herzog	MU18	Ski Club Vail	USA	32	9	50	82
8	Lance	McKenney	MU20	Mountain Endurance Sports	USA		80		80



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WOMEN'S U18 NORDIC NATION'S TRIP - QUALIFICATION STANDINGS - 6 Qualify

Place in Class	First Name	Last Name	Class	Affiliation	Nation	POINTS - 10 km FR	POINTS - CL SPR	POINTS - MASS CL	Best 2 of 3
1	Ezra	Smith	FU18	Summit Nordic Ski Club	USA	100	24	100	200
2	Margaret	Gellert	FU18	Alaska Winter Stars	USA	60	100	80	180
3	Anna	Lehmann	FU16	Stratton Mountain School	USA	29	50	60	110
4	Bridget	Donovan	FU16	Ski Club Vail	USA	22	80	11	102
5	Sydney	Palmer-Leger	FU16	UOP Sports Clubs Park City	USA	80	7	13	93
6	Lucinda	Anderson	FU18	Loppet Nordic Racing	USA	45		36	81
7	Sofia	Shomento	FU18	Bridger Ski Foundation	USA	50	22		72
8	Lydia	Youkey	FU18	MBSEF	USA	10	60	10	70

WOMEN'S JUNIOR WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS - QUALIFICATION STANDINGS - 6 Qualify

Place in Class	First Name	Last Name	Class	Affiliation	Nation	POINTS - 10 km FR	POINTS - CL SPR	POINTS - MASS CL	Best 2 of 3
1	Katharine	Ogden	FU20	Stratton Mountain School	USA	100			100
2	Julia	Kern	FU20	Stratton Mountain School	USA		100	100	200
3	Hailey	Swirbul	FU20	University of Alaska Anchorage	USA	50	40	80	130
4	Taeler	McCrerey	FU20	University of Denver	USA	80	45	40	125
5	Hannah	Halvorsen	FU20	Sugar Bowl Academy	USA	29	80		109
6	Lauren	Jortberg	FU20	Dartmouth Ski Team	USA	26	60	45	105
7	Abigail	Drach	FU20	Dartmouth Ski Team	USA	45		60	105
8	Ezra	Smith	FU18	Summit Nordic Ski Club	USA	60	13	32	92



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