

# 2024 Timbers Classic Rail Jam

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On Saturday, March 23, skiers and snowboarders turned out for the always popular and ever exciting Timbers Classic Rail Jam at Eldora Mountain for the eighth year in a row. Limited to 75 entrants, all ages and skill levels were welcome. The participants had an hour and a half to warm up on the course before the competition began at 11:30 a.m. The Red Bull DJ truck cranked tunes and free energy drinks were provided before and during the event.

Z-rails, A-frames, and down tubes were among the obstacles that contestants in the Youth Ski and Youth Snowboard divisions had to negotiate. Lip switches, front swaps, Japan grabs, and 270 outs were a few of the tricks performed.

In the Ski and Snowboard Open divisions, the stunts got gnarlier with bigger air. Men and women ran the course repeatedly, greasing the rails and laying down their best tricks. Allie Staffen was the only woman in the Ski class which, in the end, was good for first place and pair of Line skis.

A rake break got the course ready for the Elite Men's and Women's Ski and Snowboard competitions.

Front swap 270s, hot dog cross walks, tame dog outs, and front flips were just some of the maneuvers seen. Skier Austin O'Melia, who placed second among Elites last year, ripped 630 ons with stratospheric air.

Two weeks prior, Lauren Gretz took first place and \$500 home snowboarding at the Level 1 Ladies



**Athletes of all ages**  
Top: An Elite skier doing a front flip. Middle, right: Red Bulls were free. Bottom, right: Participants watching their peers compete. Bottom, center: Greasing the down tube. Bottom, left: Flying. Middle, left: A boarder approaches an obstacle.

## Final Results

### Youth Ski (Boys)

- 1st - Eamon Abby
- 2nd - Johan Telkamp
- 3rd - Flynn Osmundson

### Youth Ski (Girls)

- 1st - Niamh Dedecker
- 2nd - Charlotte Etcheverry

### Youth Snowboard (Boys)

- 1st- Bodie Fox
- 2nd - Dylan Brown

### Youth Snowboard (Girls)

- 1st - Logan Hanley

### Open Ski (Men)

- 1st - Ethan Abby
- 2nd - Zander Burnett
- 3rd - Lucas Steinberher

### Open Ski (Women)

- 1st - Allie Staffen

### Open Snowboard (Men)

- 1st - Iono Windell
- 2nd - Whitaker Ohde
- 3rd - Evan Hinsta

### Elite Ski (Men)

- 1st - Evan Wischmeyer
- 2nd - Johan Telkamp
- 3rd - Austin O'Melia
- Honorable Mention - Will Houskamp

### Elite Snowboard (Men)

- 1st - Hunter Valentine
- 2nd - Cole Branter
- 3rd - Dimitri Moreno

### Elite Snowboard (Women)

- 1st - Lauren Gretz

Rail Jam, also held at Eldora. This time around she won the Women's Elite Snowboard division and a new Burton board.

An impressive assortment of skis, snowboards, and swag bags the likes of which may never have been seen before were awarded to the top three finishers in each category. One lucky recipient received a backpack with great prizes inside, including a pair of insulated snow boots.