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WPST Coach since 2008

Hometown: St. Charles, IL

When did you first move to WP? I moved to Winter Park in October 1990.

Favorite thing about coaching: My favorite thing about coaching is stoking the stoke! Seeing kids smile when they learn something new or they just "style out" something they already know how to do...And seeing the joining kids get just from snowboarding in general

Favorite accomplishment in snowboarding: Winning the Doritos Big Air competition at Copper Mountain in January 1999. The move: a 60 foot double front flip. The prize money: \$3500! I was the oldest guy there and beat the likes of Ross Powers (Olympic Gold Medalist), Chad Otterstrom, and Scotty Arnold, to name a few of the pros at that contest.

Favorite trick to teach: All four 180s. They are the basis for all other tricks and look awesome when done big and styley! Or small and styley!

Favorite trick to perform: Backside 360

Why did you get involved in WPST? I wanted to pass on my knowledge and passion for snowboarding to the younger kids (future rippers!). Plus, I love to see kids smiling and having fun!

Why do you love snowboarding? Because it just feels so awesome. There's no better feeling than cruising down a mountain, doing spins and flips while flying through the air and taking chances! I also love snowboarding because of the feeling you get floating through powder...it's super sweet!

What is something about you we may not know? I really enjoy time with my dog -a maltese poodle, 1.5 years old. Also, I love downhill mountain biking! I'm a postcard freak! I like to write postcards and probably send 5-10 a week to family and friends. it makes me happy to let people know I'm thinking of them.

What other work do you do? I also work 3 days for the Terrain Park Crew! In the summer time I work for Trestle Bike Park Crew, building downhill mountain bike trails. I really enjoy it!

Anything else fun you want to share? I spent 2 years in Vail, 2 years in Silverthorne and 1 year in Lake Tahoe. I always came back to Winter Park because the mountain is cool and the people are the best!