

# NIC NAGEL

## WPST Head Coach

**WPST/Competition Center positions:**

WPST Head Coach (2010-present)

WPST Coach (2004-2009)

WPST athlete (2002-2004)

**Hometown:** Algonquin, IL

**When did you first move to WP?** I moved to WP in 2002.

**Favorite thing about coaching:** Seeing all the athletes' progression and watching them grow up.

**What made you want to be WPST Head Coach?** I have been involved with WPST for 10 years, first as a rider on the team and then a coach for the past 7 years. I started as a Saturday coach for the Devo Team. I never set out to be a snowboard coach but it was a job I instantly fell in love with and developed a huge passion for. I had the opportunity to be coached by Bob Holme and work under Greg Hayes and James Mammele. Those three people had a huge impact on my coaching style as well as personal outlook on boarding. This program is a big part of my life and coaching is what I love to do. Becoming head coach is what I wanted for a long time and am stoked to have this great opportunity!

**Favorite trick to coach:** My favorite thing to coach is a frontside 360s.

**Favorite trick to perform:** Switch backside 360s.

**Why did you get involved in WPST?** When I was 19 I wanted to compete and Bob Holme and the rest of the WPST coaching staff and families provided a great environment for me to pursue that goal.

**Why do you love snowboarding?** It's a great way to forget about the everyday stresses. It's a sport that either challenges you and may scare you at times, or it can be a laid back, relaxing time. It always makes me feel better.

**What other work do you do?** Most recently I've done painting, landscaping, cooking at the WP Pub, and coaching trampolines at the Rec Center.

**What is something about you we may not know?** I went sky diving when I was 18 and will never do that again!