

Espi started skiing with Coombs in 2013 when she was 11 years old and her little sister, Jasmin, was 8. Espi recalls being afraid of skiing at the beginning. One day, her instructor dressed up in a costume and fell in front of everyone. "That's when I learned that everyone falls and no one is an expert. You have to keep trying and pushing through obstacles life throws at you," Espi recalls.

Now, Espi is 20 and working fulltime as a Program Coordinator. "It feels surreal" Espi explains, "I never saw myself working for an organization that helped me enjoy the outdoors. I'm really proud that Coombs is offering more than just skiing so kids have the opportunity to be outside throughout the year."

Jasmin, now 17, is a year-round Coombs participant and Empower Intern leading summer camps.



MARIELA CASTRO LUNA. 18

"I started skiing when I was 8 years old, during the first ever year of Coombs in 2012. I remember there weren't many kids. We would ski at Snow King and I learned to ski on the tow rope. My favorite part was taking hot chocolate breaks. It was really fun to ski with Coombs, and my little sister got to join me.

10 years later, I'm proud that Coombs is a lot more well known. Now, kids have the opportunity to learn to ski and snowboard, there's nordic skiing, and lots of other options. Coombs has evolved a lot. This year I was able to lead the younger kids as an Empower Intern for Nordic skiing and a full-time Summer Instructor for summer camps. It was fun to be a leader to them."



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Staff member

2012

Local children in learn-toski programs at Snow King Mountain Resort



"I founded the Doug Coombs Foundation in 2012 to offer hard-working families the opportunity to join their peers in outdoor activities. I am thrilled to see the growth and success of this organization over the past 10 years. With the help of our supporters and partners, we have succeeded in making much needed changes that have made the outdoor recreation opportunities we all love available and accessible to more people in our community. However, there is still more to be done." - Emily Coombs, Founder

400+ participants skiing and snowboarding

151 participants in Mentorship Ski Programs



51 participants backpacking participants learning to swim



2022

Staff

members

skiing **1777** Activate & Engage participants in summer camp

> 21 Padres learning to ski



Nordic

participants in mountain bike club "I feel so lucky to have joined Coombs at a time of such growth for the organization because it caused so much growth for me as a person. To be able to develop Coombs programs has been a long journey, but one of the most rewarding ones of my life. I feel so grateful to have been trusted to run and facilitate programs from the Coombs Board and management but especially the Coombs families." - Maggie Shipley, Program Director



"You know how some events happen in your life, and at the moment you don't realize how important they are but looking back you can remember every second of it? That's how I feel about being offered a position at Coombs." - Laura Gaylord, Associate Program Director