

Ski 4 Kids
In Partnership with NSAA and
Anchorage Parks & Recreation
Ski Outreach Program

Program Goals: To provide cross country ski equipment and instruction to elementary school children who otherwise may not have the opportunity to participate in this winter recreational activity.

"Skiing is a great way to stay fit and have fun. I love to ski because it makes me feel strong, energetic and happy. So join in the fun and let's ski!"

Kikkan Randall,
Healthy Futures Spokesperson

- Program began in January 1995 with Mt View and Russian Jack elementary schools but quickly increased to fifteen schools and organizations during the 2008/2009 season. Over 4000 children have participated in this program including 626 students during the 2008/2009 winter.
- Program serves those who otherwise may not have access to ski equipment or lessons.
- Over 95% of funds raised go directly to equipment.
- Depending on snow conditions, the program runs from November through March, sessions run two days a week for one month.
- Parks & Recreation staff transport equipment to the schools and provide instruction. Teachers and adult volunteers are an absolutely essential component of the program.
- Courses are set up in close proximity to the schools.
- The program has been so successful that more and more schools are asking to participate.
- ***"Ski 4 Kids encouraged me to get active. I used to not like going out but now I'm an outdoor kid!"***

Northwood Elementary student.

