



Trapp Family Lodge  
STOWE VERMONT

## Maine Rocks at NENSA Eastern High School Championships!

Maine skiers showed that being focused, prepared and committed to a mission leads to great things. Maine skiers won an historic 7 out of 7 races at the NENSA EHSC at Stowe, Vermont March 14th-16th and captured the overall EHS Championship title in the process. Even the weather cooperated and allowed the host Trapps Family Touring Center to put on 4 great races in three days.

Maine started the weekend with a strong showing in the 5km Freestyle races on Friday. Just like the JII's at Jackson Maine racers showed they can ski classic, as they pulled well ahead of Vermont in the 1 Km Classic Sprint. Waxing was a coaches nightmare: 31 degrees, hard tracks and 2 inches of snow falling before and during the races. We hit the wax with some old-school klister that worked quite well on the long climb at the finish. In the afternoon Maine won the mixed relays and increased their lead once again. The stage was set for Sunday's exciting Mass Start 7.5KM Classic race, which featured a downhill start and a 2Km loop with a fast downhill turn that brought the races back to the start before they headed out for the rest of the hilly course. Stepping in as Head Wax coach on Sunday, Dick Taylor dialed in the perfect klister combination which provided a free but powerful kick, perfect for the demanding course. Taking some risks on the downhill turns, Derek "Roller derby Man" Rowe and many other Maine racers pushed their way up through the field, which had been seeded on Nensa points in an arrowhead formation. Even a broken ski couldn't stop Wellie Ramsey who grabbed another ski to get back in the game after a tough fall on one of the sharp, fast turns. The courses at Trapp's are very hilly and feature a long uninterrupted climb back up to the start/finish area. High School Hill has nothing on Trapps! The team skied great up the final climbs and "put it down" to pass other racers right before the finish.

When the dust had settled, and the klister was cleaned from the skis, final standings were:

Maine	15307
Vermont	14060
NH	13574
MA	11445
NY	3640

Congratulations to all team members on their focus and attitude, which resulted in outstanding performances. The trip was very rewarding for the coaches because of the attitudes of ALL of the team members.

Results are available at [Nensa.net](http://Nensa.net). Pictures can be found at [flyingpointroad.com](http://flyingpointroad.com).

Stay tuned for training camps during the summer: "Ski races are won in the summer!"