

Skied for speed



"You actually tucked!" jokes Jason Reinsch, left, coach of the St. Paul-based Flames ski team, as he congratulates Steven Euf, of Mahtomedi, who had just finished a run on the giant slalom course Sunday during the Special Olympics Minnesota 2009 Winter Games at Afton Alps. Above: Devin Wildes, 13, of the Stillwater Lumberjacks team, takes a run on the giant slalom course. The ski competition is one of 16 Olympic-type sports offered by Special Olympics Minnesota for athletes ages 8 years and older. During the weekend, hundreds of athletes of all ability levels tested their skills in figure skating, table tennis, polo hockey, alpine skiing and snowboarding competitions at four Twin Cities locations.

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