

CAREER EXPLORATION LESSON

PSIA-AASI National Team Member

Teacher lesson guide + printable student worksheet

GRADES	LESSON TIME	VIDEO LENGTH	FORMAT
7-12	15-20 minutes	1:35	Teacher-led / printable

VIDEO

PSIA-AASI National Team Member

Video link: [PSIA Introduction](#)

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Explain how professional ski and snowboard educators can build careers through certification, teaching, and leadership.
- Identify the responsibilities of a PSIA-AASI National Team member.
- Describe how mentorship, travel, and lifelong learning contribute to professional growth.
- Connect communication, inspiration, and dedication with leadership in the ski industry.

MATERIALS

- Teacher computer and classroom display (student videos with headphones, optional)
- One printed worksheet per student (page 3)
- Pens or pencils

LESSON AT A GLANCE

STEP	TEACHER DIRECTION	TIME
1 INTRODUCE	Tell students they will meet a PSIA-AASI National Team member and learn how ski and snowboard instruction can grow into a professional career.	2 min
2 PREVIEW	Ask: "How could teaching a sport you love become a long-term career?"	2 min
3 WATCH	Play the video. Students complete questions 1-5 while viewing. Replay if needed.	3-4 min
4 REFLECT	Students complete questions 6-10 independently or in pairs, then discuss selected responses.	8-10 min

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Discussion + Answer Key

TEACHER DISCUSSION PROMPTS

- How has being a National Team member changed the speaker's career and life?
- Why does the speaker describe inspiration as the most important responsibility of the role?
- How can teaching and mentoring help raise professionalism across an industry?
- What opportunities can professional certification and continued training create?
- Which qualities from this video would transfer to careers outside the ski industry?

SUGGESTED RESPONSES / ANSWER KEY

#	SUGGESTED RESPONSE
1	The role allows the speaker to travel and work overseas while building a career in skiing, teaching, and helping others improve.
2	The team helped the speaker develop the skills needed to travel, teach, and coach skiers.
3	The role is first and foremost about inspiration through teaching, skiing or riding, and professional leadership.
4	The speaker hopes to inspire instructors, educators, examiners, ski schools, and future team members.
5	The people met while traveling, educators and examiners across divisions, and fellow team members.
6	Responses will vary. Look for links to leadership, motivation, confidence, and helping others improve.
7	Responses will vary. Connect continued learning with stronger skills, opportunities, and advancement.
8	Responses will vary. Look for a thoughtful connection between a personal interest and a career.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION

Ask students to research PSIA-AASI certification levels or identify an entry-level and advanced role at a nearby ski school.



ABOUT THE PIPELINE PROJECT

The Pipeline Project is helping students discover the diverse careers that power the ski industry - from lift maintenance and snowmaking to marketing, hospitality, finance, and leadership. Through classroom resources, career exploration experiences, and industry partnerships, we're helping build the next generation of mountain professionals.

Learn more and explore additional Career Trail Guides at: thepipelineproject.ski/learn

CAREER EXPLORATION WORKSHEET

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Video: PSIA-AASI National Team Member

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

WHILE YOU WATCH

1. How has being a National Team member changed the speaker's life and career?

2. How has being on the team helped the speaker develop professionally?

3. According to the speaker, what is the most important role of a National Team member?

4. Who does the speaker hope to inspire through this work?

5. What does the speaker enjoy most about being a National Team member?

THINK ABOUT THE CAREER

6. Why is inspiring and mentoring others an important leadership skill?

7. Why is continued learning important in ski and snowboard instruction—and in other careers?

8. If you could turn one of your hobbies or passions into a career, what would it be? Explain.

9. Which part of this career interests you the most? Why?

10. What is the name of your local Career & Technical Education (CTE) Center or program? *Hint: Read the Career Connections section below to learn what CTE is.*

CAREER CONNECTIONS

What is CTE?

Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs prepare students for college, careers, apprenticeships, and the workforce through hands-on learning, industry certifications, and real-world experiences while in high school.

CTE Program Alignment: Education & Training • Hospitality & Tourism • Outdoor Recreation

Possible Career Path: Instructor → Certified Instructor → Trainer/Examiner → PSIA-AASI National Team Member

Key Workplace Skills: Communication • Leadership • Coaching • Public Speaking • Mentorship

Interested in this career? Talk with your school counselor or CTE coordinator to learn about related courses and opportunities in your area.

EXPLORE CAREERS. BUILD SKILLS. START YOUR PIPELINE.