

Skiing with Ocular Albinism in Les Gets



Joshua and Harry who are both visually impaired were in the ski resort of Les Gets last week. Located in the Haute-Savoie region of the French Alps, this lovely family-friendly village is full of charm and perfect slopes for the boys to learn to ski.

“Our first ever family ski holiday which I never thought would be possible. Thank you Mountains 4 All in helping us achieve our dream!”

The family are from Belfast and Paralympic Gold Medal skier Kelly Gallagher is a hero to the boys. Their instructor was Fabrice, from ESF Les Gets who is very experienced in teaching blind and visually impaired skiing. By the end of the week, when I had the opportunity to meet with the Forde family, two smiling and very happy boys were delighted to show off their 1st Flocon ski badge of achievement!

Kathryn Forde spoke of the emotion that she and her husband felt at seeing the excitement and joy that the boys were having on the ski slopes and for them to have a totally inclusive family ski holiday - something she had never thought would be possible but with the help of Mountains 4 All's Library of Information on Accessible Mountain Experiences, I was able to immediately point them in the direction of ESF Les Gets for the most appropriate ski instruction. There are other ski schools but given my personal experiences from other families having gone to Les Gets and the only availability possible during this February week - Fabrice proved to be the jewel in the crown in providing the best experience possible.

The family will return next winter and Fabrice is already booked!

Our aim with **Mountains 4 All** is to ensure that more people with Ocular Albinism discover the life-empowering experiences in the mountains - winter and summer - so if any other families or individuals have experiences they would like to share, this would help enormously in building up our Library of Information. In the meantime **Ski 2 Freedom's** Patron Kelly Gallagher continues to inspire us all and just shows that having Ocular Albinism does not stop anyone doing what they dream of!!



If you would like more information or help then do contact catherine.cosby@mountains4all.org

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