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Arlie Hoene wins JIB Academy

Team Tamarack skier, Arlie Hoene won an all-expense paid trip to Mammoth for a week of skiing with the Salomon pros at the JIB Academy. Hoene, a 15-year-old Boise resident, was selected by the 40 academy participants to win the trip after performing in the finals of Salomon's slopestyle event Saturday, March 29 at Mt. Hood Meadows. He will be joined by winners from other JIB Academy locations in the US, Canada and Europe.

"I had lots of fun skiing with great pros, coaches and kids today," said Hoene after the award ceremony. "I'm so excited to ski with Salomon pros and kids from all over the world."

JIB Academy began in Sweden and now is held in 6 countries. Forty skiers, age 16 and under competed on rails and jumps at Mt. Hood Meadows. Participants voted 10 athletes into the finals.

Hoene's 12-year-old teammate, Trevor Hattabaugh was the youngest finalist at Saturday's JIB Academy, and finished 5th overall.

"The JIB Academy is one of the only ski events where the kids get to vote," Hattabaugh said. "It was so cool, because Arlie really deserved to win."

Hoene flew straight from Oregon to Copper Mountain, Colorado to compete in the USASA Nationals with his other teammates from Tamarack.

(Video of last year's JIB Academy can be found at:
<http://www.salomonfreeski.com/others/#/tv/6>)