NEHSA Receives Gift of New TetraSki from JB's Keys to DMD Ahead of 2026–27 Season Launch

Joint gift gives one of New Hampshire's oldest adaptive sports organizations its first independent skiing technology for people with the most complex physical disabilities.

NEWBURY, N.H., and DOVER, Mass., Oct 29, 2026—New England Healing Sports Association (NEHSA) and JB's Keys to DMD today announced that JB's Keys has gifted a new TetraSki to NEHSA, giving the organization this impressive piece of independent adaptive ski technology built for skiers with the most complex physical disabilities. The announcement coincides with the opening of NEHSA's 2026–27 lesson schedule, with opening day on December 27th.

The TetraSki, developed at the University of Utah and manufactured by Tetradapt, allows a skier to independently control turning and speed through either a joystick or a sip-and-puff, breath-controlled interface, while an instructor maintains a safety tether. The technology opens skiing to people with conditions such as high-level spinal cord injury, ALS, and muscular dystrophy, who have historically needed significant physical assistance to ski at all. NEHSA has become one of 39 adaptive sports organizations in the world to offer it, alongside existing adaptive equipment like sit-skis, ski bikes, adaptive snowboards and stand-up ski options.

The gift comes from JB's Keys to DMD, a Massachusetts-based nonprofit founded in honor of JB Harvey, who lived with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, and now supports research, clinical care, and quality-of-life programs for boys and young men living with DMD and their families nationally.

"For 54 years, NEHSA has worked to make sure that no disability is a barrier to getting folks onto the mountain. The TetraSki lets us say yes to more families. We are so grateful to JB's Keys for trusting us with this gift as we open our season," said Carly Bascom, Executive Director of NEHSA.

“JB’s Keys to DMD is grateful for our partnership with the Barricks and NEHSA. Thanks to our generous donors, we can use that partnership to expand the reach of the TetraSki. The TetraSki was a true passion of JB’s. It is incredible to know so many others will have a chance to experience the freedom that only the TetraSki can provide.”

Tom and Nicole Barrick, who serve on the JB’s Keys to DMD board of directors, were instrumental in bringing this gift to NEHSA. Their son David, sit skis with NEHSA and the family has traveled throughout the mountains of New England, where they first saw the TetraSki in action. They knew immediately this was something that NEHSA needed in their equipment lineup.

"NEHSA has made such a positive impact on our family, and we are able to witness firsthand the important role that adaptive sports can play. We are thrilled to be able to provide a TetraSki to NEHSA and expand the adaptive skiing options available at Mount Sunapee. Thanks to our donors, Mount Sunapee can now be listed among the most accessible skiing destinations in the United States, with opportunities available for even those with the most challenging of disabilities."

NEHSA's 2026–27 season opens for registration on November 1, 2026. Opening day is December 27th and runs through mid-March at Mount Sunapee, offering adaptive ski and snowboard lessons to children, adults, and Veterans with disabilities. Families, Veterans, and adults with disabilities interested in a TetraSki lesson, along with VA hospitals, rehabilitation programs, and recreation therapists looking to refer a patient or client, can contact NEHSA directly to learn about eligibility and scheduling.

About New England Healing Sports Association

Founded in 1972 by a group of Vietnam veterans as a ski club for fellow veterans, NEHSA expanded in 1992 to serve anyone living with a disability. Today the organization delivers year-round adaptive sports and recreation across New Hampshire, including downhill skiing and snowboarding, paddlesports, hiking, snowshoeing, and pickleball. In the 2025–26 season, NEHSA provided 1,629 adaptive sport sessions to 606 athletes, including 216 veterans, supported by roughly 240 volunteers logging more than 12,000 hours. NEHSA is based at 180 Mount Sunapee Road in Newbury, N.H. Learn more at nehsa.org.

About JB's Keys to DMD

JB's Keys to DMD was founded in honor of JB Harvey following his diagnosis with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, and has raised more than four million dollars to support DMD research, advocacy, clinical care, and quality-of-life programs, including adaptive skiing, equipment loans, educational scholarships, and family assistance. The organization is based in Dover, Mass., and is led by Executive Director Elizabeth "Beth" Woelfel Harvey. Learn more at jbskeys.org.

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