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Story Headline: **River Radamus wins United States of America's first gold medal at Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games**

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Event: Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games

Date: 13 February

Place: Hafjell, Norway

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United States of America athlete River Radamus has won his country's first gold medal of the Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games in the Men's Alpine Skiing Super-G.

The 18-year-old, who only became part of the U.S. ski team earlier this year, claimed gold by just three hundredths of a second with a time of 1:10.62.

It was enough to finish ahead of Italy's Pietro Canzio (1:10:65) and Manuel Traninger from Austria in the silver and bronze medal positions respectively.

Success in Lillehammer 2016 builds on the National Junior Championships Slalom title he won last year.

In total 1100 athletes from 71 nations are competing at the Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in Lillehammer Norway for a total of 70 Gold medals.

The 2nd Winter YOG is taking place between Friday 12th & Sunday 22nd of February 2016.



Alpine Skiing explained.

Age group: Born between 1 January 1998 and 31 December 1999

Number of Athletes: 60

Venue: Hafjell Alpine Centre

Men's Super-G

The layout of the course and gates in Super-G are similar to Giant Slalom, but the distance between the gates and the speed are increased. Super-G events are referred to as speed events in Alpine Skiing. The competitors generate high speeds because the course is designed with longer runs and bigger distances between the gates.

Both events consist of a single run. The Super-G competition is run in an “against the clock” format, with the competitors attempting to cross the finish line with the fastest time.

What are the YOG?

The Youth Olympic Games are essentially about competing, learning and sharing. They are a celebration of sport, youth diversity and the Olympic values of excellence, friendship and respect. They also exemplify the Fundamental Principles of Olympism, blending sport with culture and education. The vision of the Youth Olympic Games is to inspire young people around the world to participate in sport and live by the Olympic values.

YOG Key Facts

- Hosted from 12 to 21 February 2016 in Lillehammer, Hamar, Gjøvik, Øyer and Oslo — demonstrating the use of a fantastic legacy of Olympic venues and the flexibility of the YOG.
- 71 NOCs and 1,100 athletes aged 15 to 18 will compete in 70 medal events at Lillehammer 2016.
- Lillehammer 2016 is the second winter edition of the YOG following Innsbruck 2012. The first summer edition took place in Singapore in 2010, followed by Nanjing in 2014.
- The YOG have been used as an incubator for innovation in sport and education. Lillehammer 2016 will feature Olympic debuts for a number of disciplines, including cross-country cross, snowboard cross, ski slopestyle, biathlon super sprint and monobob.
- With regard to education, the Coaches' Corner will be a pioneering YOG first in Lillehammer, featuring dedicated workshops and talks by experts and Virtual Reality (VR) technology to explore and explain how new advances in technology can be applied to the science of coaching.
- The YOG have acted as a springboard to further Olympic glory for many alumni. Some 64 YOG athletes from Innsbruck 2012, for example, went on to compete at



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the Olympic Winter Games Sochi 2014, winning 6 medals in total. In addition, 200 YOG alumni from Singapore 2010 competed at London 2012, of whom 25 medalled.
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