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**Story Headline: The United States of America's River Radamus wins third Lillehammer 2016 gold in Alpine Skiing Men's Giant Slalom**

Event: Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games

Date: 17 February

Place: Hafjell, Norway

### **STORY SCRIPT**

River Radamus has won a third gold medal of the Lillehammer 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games for the United States of America in the Alpine Skiing Men's Giant Slalom.

Radamus, who entered the YOG ranked fourth in the Slalom World Rankings for his age group, finished with a time of 2:35.05 to claim gold ahead of Japan's Yohei Koyama (2:36.12) and Anton Grammel of Germany (2:36.54).

Top spot on the podium in the Giant Slalom adds to the gold medals the 18-year-old won in both the Men's Super G and Men's Alpine Combined.

The skier from Edwards, Colorado, who celebrated his birthday on the day of the Lillehammer 2016 opening ceremony, would have been helped ahead of the Giant Slalom competition after receiving some tips from Ladies' Downhill Skiing Olympic champion Lindsey Vonn, acting in her role as one of the YOG Ambassadors.

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 12<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of February 2016.



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**Alpine Skiing explained.**

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

**Number of Athletes: 60**

**Venue: Hafjell Alpine Centre**

**Men's Giant Slalom**

In Giant Slalom the course consists of two double sets of poles linked by a gate panel through which the competitor has to ski. The gates are spaced further apart than in Slalom. Giant Slalom events are referred to as technical events in Alpine Skiing, as the course has more gates, and hence more turns.

Both events consist of two runs, and the competitor with the fastest combined time wins.

**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 the Olympic Winter Games Sochi 2014, winning 6 medals in total. In addition, 200



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YOG alumni from Singapore 2010 competed at London 2012, of whom 25 medalled.  
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