

## 2011 Mountain Idol Winner

### Zach Watson – Climber



2011 Youth World Championship

2008-2009 Youth National Champion, Youth Cup winner

Flashed numerous 5.13a; on-sight skill is 5.12d

Climbing gym instructor and volunteer coach, Zach won the 2009 Canmore Collegiate High School Dion Bretzloff Memorial Award, presented to a student who demonstrates a love and dedication for outdoor activities, a willingness to share their experiences, and attributes of leadership within their peer group.

## 2011 Mountain Idol Finalists

### Jesse Cockney – Cross Country Skier



Most successful Aboriginal athlete in Canada Winter Games history

3 gold medals and 1 silver at 2011 Canada Winter Games  
Junior National Champion, Whistler, 2008

Member of the Alberta World Cup Academy, nominated to the National Ski Team

Jesse is a leader within his team; his attitude and energy towards training and life has helped create a strong team environment. Jesse has worked at an Aboriginal camp in Ontario in previous summers, and wants to inspire and motivate the next generation of local First Nations.

### Elise Sethna – Climber



Youngest member of Canadian Open National Team (Bouldering)

Four-time and current National Champion, undefeated since 2009.

Climbs 8a onsite 7c

Ranked 33rd out of 103 female competitors in the world.

A grade 12 student at Banff Community High School with a 98% average, Elise participates in the Youth in Nature+panel, working with Parks Canada and other members of the outdoor community to motivate youth to enter into a healthy outdoor lifestyle.