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Northwest Ski Club Council

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PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR CLUB MEMBERS!

Join us on ZOOM WHEN: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 TIME: 6:45 pm social; 7:00 pm meeting Guest Speaker Andrew Schmitt, Mt. Bachelor Learn about Bachelor's spring and summer events, pass deadlines, etc.!

DOOR PRIZE: \$50 NEXT ADVENTURE GIFT CARD!

ZOOM Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85761120685?pwd= ZnB6Tm5YUy93YkVuV3FxNGIyUIVQQT09 Meeting ID: 857 6112 0685 Passcode: 365974

2023 BACHELOR BLAST TRIP, April 6-7-8-9, 2023: THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE - SIGN UP BY MARCH 13 - Rooms will be released after that date!

See Flier below and on NWSCC Trips page. For signup form, click HERE.

Contact your trip captain, Linda McGavin, for special pricing for trip variations:

Would you like to come in early or stay later? Thursday and Sunday night room prices have been lowered to \$115 per ROOM (not per person!).

Would you like to bring your family? Special pricing can be arranged. We have great group lift ticket pricing for all ages! LaQuinta has a pool and serves a great breakfast!

If you have your own place to stay, but still need lift tickets, that can be arranged. If you will be at Bachelor and have an Ikon pass to use, please let me know, as you will count towards our group .



NWSCC - Northwest Ski Club Council - Presents THE BACHELOR BLAST

April 7-9++, 2023 - ONLY \$320 per person (or less)



La Quinta by Wyndham Bend, 61200 S. Hwy. 97, Bend, OR 10 minutes to Downtown Bend 35-40 minutes to Mt. Bachelor

2 Nights lodging at La Quinta by Wyndham Bend All rooms include free parking, deluxe hot continental breakfast, high speed internet, fitness center, indoor swimming pool (salt water) Non-smoking hotel, pet friendly

Price is Per Person/Double Occupancy - Choice of Double Queen or King Room Includes 2 Consecutive Day Lift Pass to Mt. Bachelor (Saturday-Sunday) Adult trip cost drops to \$290 with Friday-Saturday lifts Sign up with your roommate of choice or pay a single supplement of \$130 we will not assign roommates for this trip.

THINK IT COULDN'T GET ANY BETTER? READ ON ...

SENIORS 65-69 AND TEENS 13-18 PAY ONLY \$250-\$275!! SUPER SENIORS 70+ AND YOUTHS 6-12 PAY ONLY \$220-\$245!! NO LIFTS NEEDED or NON SKIERS PAY ONLY \$150!! Come early or stay late! Great prices available for room add-ons to either end of the trip Contact trip captain re additional nights priced per room (not per person); Lift tickets would change to 3 consecutive days Contact trip captain about pricing for Nordic skiers

> SPACE LIMITED AND ROOMS MAY SELL OUT AT MOTEL SIGN UP EARLY TO GUARANTEE THE ROOM OF YOUR CHOICE!!



Sign Up & Pay By March 1, 2023 / Form is on reverse side or on NWSCC Website Questions?? - Contact: Linda McGavin at <u>editor@nwskiers.org</u> / <u>www.nwskiers.org</u>

INDY PASS ALERTS!!

The 23/24 Indy Pass is now available *only for current and former passholders through March 21*. The Adult Base Pass is \$279, and the Adult Indy+ Pass is \$379 for zero blackout days (see complete pass pricing at

https://www.indyskipass.com/pricing). An "add-on" pass costs even less for passholders at resorts participating in the Indy Pass: \$299 for all access or \$199 for a base pass!

After a year of remarkable sales growth that saw significant visitation by Indy Pass holders across the US, restrictions have been placed on the number of passes sold for the 23/24 season to preserve the Indy experience at participating resorts.

"Our passholders choose Indy Pass because it offers access to a fantastic lineup of independent resorts with less crowded slopes and laid-back vibes," said Indy Pass founder Doug Fish. As we grow, the last thing we want to do is overwhelm our resorts and ruin the experience for their guests; as such, we will be restricting sales of all adult products."

Returning Resorts: Unlike the conglomerates, all Indy resorts are independently operated, and each one commits to a one-year contract. It requires weeks of polling to gain new annual commitments from all resorts, and a complete roster will be published as soon as feasible. We fully expect resort participation to continue growing. In the East, Jay Peak and Waterville Valley, two of the most popular Indy resorts, will return for the 23/24 season.

New Waitlist for Non-Indy Passholders: A waitlist has been created for non-Indy Pass holders who wish to reserve exclusive access to available pass inventory before the general public. The waitlist can be joined at indyskipass.com. The waitlist member purchasing opportunity begins on March 24 and ends on March 30. General public sales begin on April 1.

Don't miss out - be sure to get your 2023-24 Indy Pass as soon as you can!

March 12-13: Oregon Cancer Ski Out, Mt. Hood Meadows and Best Western Plus Hood River. The 35th Annual Oregon Cancer Ski Out is a great event for skiers and snowboarders that combines fun, competition and fundraising with a unique racing format designed to let even novice skiers and rider participate in the fight against cancer. Teams of five compete for prizes in a race that rewards consistency and teamwork rather than individual speed. Prizes go to the top three teams. Volunteer celebrity and professional coaching staff (including Phil and Steve Mahre!) are on hand throughout the race, coordinating teams and assisting with professional advice and instructions. Participants raise money for Bucks to Buck Cancer, a peer-to-peer campaign. Information on registering, donating, or sponsorships HERE.



March 18: 6th Annual Ski For All, Oregon Adaptive Sports, at Mt. Bachelor: This event is truly a rite of passage, designed to challenge even the world's greatest and most fun loving skiers and riders to see who can truly have the BEST DAY EVER on snow! Join us and score as many points as possible by attempting a variety of fun and inclusive challenges on the mountain. Prizes will be awarded to the top three participants in youth, teen, adult and masters (inclusive of ability and gender). Learn more and register HERE.



Hillcrest Ski & Sports will be hosting a Demo Day at Mt. Hood Meadows on Sunday, March 19, 2023. Registration is now live for Spring Demo Day! Brought to you by Meadows and Hillcrest Sports, this demo day will be happening in the base area at Mt. Hood Meadows on March 19 and is a great opportunity to see what new changes and technologies are out there, as well as to try new skis and/or snowboards before you buy them. Best of all, you'll be demoing for a good cause: proceeds from your \$25 advance online registration fee (\$40 day of) will go to support Oregon Adaptive Sports. There will be a limited number of demos, so make sure you register early!



FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION'S 90TH ANNUAL CONVENTION: Far West will be holding its 90th annual Convention **June 15-18, 2023** in Boise, Idaho. Lodging will be at The *Grove Hotel,* and all Convention meetings, the Silent Auction and Awards Banquet will be held at the beautiful *Boise Centre*. Intermountain Ski Council and Bogus Basin Ski Club will be hosting this event, along with a little help from Arizona Ski Council. All **REGISTRATION** materials are now available on the **FWSA Page** on the NWSCC website.

Also on that page is a description of the many club, council, and individual awards that FWSA members and clubs can apply for. Be mindful that the deadline date on ALL of the awards is **March 27, 2023**.

Awards include:

* Far West Council's Volunteer of the Year Award - clubs, get your nominations to NWSCC by March 22 so we can pick the NWSCC Volunteer

of the Year to go to the Convention! The winner at the FWSA level receives a 5-day ski trip for 2 to Big White, and a night of free lodging at Convention!

* Charities & Our Community Service Recognition Program - submit photos and videos of your club's charitable activities to Sigrid Noack at charities@fwsa.org.

* Club and Council Newsletter, Website, Social Media and Outstanding Club Awards

- * History Recognition Awards
- * Safety Person of the Year Award (prize a trip to Telluride)
- * Environment Award (prize a trip to Aspen)
- * Western Ski Heritage Award (prize a trip to Steamboat)

FWSA 2024 SKI WEEK: *Steamboat* will be the site of next year's North American Ski Week. The dates will be **January 27 to February 3, 2024**. Preliminary trip information is posted on the FWSA website with all the particulars. Signups will begin in March; watch for the NWSCC trip information. Contact Nancy Ellis for any other information: fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net.

TO VIEW THE LATEST FWSA NEWSFLASH, CLICK HERE and click on

February. See infornation on FWSA's upcoming Convention in June in Boise; Skiing Around the World books; \$300+ lift tickets at Arizona Snowbowl; Campervan rentals at Indy Pass areas; U.S. Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame; Far West Travel; and the FWSA Awards program - deadline March 27 to enter for some great prizes and recognition!

PROTECT OREGON RECREATION!

This issue impacts all of us who recreate in Oregon! Recent court rulings have effectively nullified Oregon liability waivers, impacting the accessibility and affordability of recreation and fitness for people across our state. This is not just about ski resorts. Every recreation and fitness provider in the state is impacted. Oregon recreation needs your support! LEARN MORE & SIGN PETITION

NWSCC INDUSTRY MEMBER NEWS

MT. BACHELOR www.mtbachelor.com

Mt. Bachelor is open! Be sure to check our **Mountain Report**, **Mt. Bachelor Mobile App**, and our **Social Media** for the inside scoop on operations and updates.

Pick and choose 4 days on the mountain this season! Grab the **Unrestricted 4-Day Pass** if you plan to ski during the Holidays, or choose the **Restricted 4-Day Pass** for even bigger savings with holiday blackout dates.

Between our expert staff and dynamic fleet of skis, snowboards, and boots you can be confident that we'll set you up with the best equipment for your experience level. Single-day, multi-day, and season-long rentals are available. Click HERE for details.

Full season passes (alpine and nordic), midweek passes, and 4-day restricted or unrestricted passes are currently available - click HERE. The Outplay 365 Year Round Pass is only available in spring and early summer, so if you want one, watch for next year's offering!

Stop by Gravity Sports Pro Shop at Mt. Bachelor to pick up the latest outerwear, skis, boards, boots, bindings, and accessories. From beanies and base layers to Mt. Bachelor YETI cups and ornaments, the shop is stocked up with the perfect holiday gifts for all the snow lovers in your life!

NEXT ADVENTURE www.nextadventure.net



From now until the 12th you can find crazy markdowns on all kinds of name brand winter gear, from skis and snowboards to winter apparel!!! Now yes you might be thinking "You do deals all the time, what makes this so great?" and while you would be correct (thank you for noticing), we went ahead and made sure that this sale has the freshest markdowns of the season (We're talking minty fresh). Whether you just need new gear or you're looking to hit the snow more this season (winter isn't over yet!), you'll be able to find the gear you need at the best prices. Some come on down and come quick! Because we've already seen some crazy deals fly away (like... with jetpacks) Or go to the **Big Dump** on the website to do your shopping!!

Next Adventure offers specials every day - sign up for their regular mailing list, as well as the special NWSCC list! The Portland store offers everything you could want in the way of sports equipment, with great prices! Stop at their Sandy store on your way to the mountain to rent equipment. Order online from their website - the selection is amazing!

Next Adventure is offering exclusive deals to NWSCC members! Gold Level Industry Partner, Next Adventure, will be serving up some very special deals just for NWSCC members! Sign up HERE to join Next Adventure's NWSCC list to receive special deals throughout the year. Welcome Next Adventure! (Note that if you have a popup blocker you may not see the special box next to the NWSCC logo to sign up for these emails. You will need to disable the popup blocker or use a different browser to get the box.)

MT. HOOD MEADOWS www.skihood.com

We're stoked to announce that the **Spring Pass** is back and will be available for purchase both on the website and at the resort starting Feb. 20! This pass is an excellent option for those looking to get in spring powder

turns and sunny groomer days at a great value. We have complete details on our blog, but here are some of the highlights:

- Valid for Night Ops starting Feb. 20, then good all day every day we are operational from March 6 through the end of the season
- Price is \$249 for the 25-64 age bracket, which is the same as last season. However, this year, we have cheaper prices available for other age brackets to help make the passes more affordable for families, young adults, and seniors
- Current Night Pass holders and Beginner Progression Pass holders can upgrade to a Spring Pass for just \$149
- We'll also have a Spring Pass Package available that bundles together the Spring Pass, lessons, and rentals for one amazing deal

Click HERE for complete info and get ready for a fun spring season at Meadows!

As you probably know, Meadows operates on a dynamic pricing model, which means that buying lift tickets and other products earlier in the season rather than later will help guarantee you get the best possible deal. But even though we're about two-thirds of the way through the season, you can still find some great deals on lift tickets... as of today, there are 7-hour adult lift tickets with 9 AM start times going for as low as \$59 for some weekend dates!

Here's something you may not know: you can put what you paid for your lift ticket toward the purchase of a Spring Pass! Here's the scenario: you purchase a lift ticket for an upcoming day at Meadows, head up to the mountain, and have a great day of skiing or riding. But at the end of the day, you decide that since you've had such an awesome time, you want to get a Spring Pass. Before you leave for the day, simply head to one of our ticket booths, and one of our friendly team members will upgrade your ticket to a Spring Pass and you will just pay the difference in price. Please note the amount subtracted from the cost of the Spring Pass cannot exceed the value of the Spring Pass product. Head to **this link** to browse lift tickets!

Spring Break is just a few weeks away, which means now's the time to sign yourself and/or your kiddos up for one of our Spring Camps! Available for kids and adults, skiers and snowboarders, beginners to advanced, these three-day camps are comprised of full-day lessons (four hours of coaching) that will help you or your little ones advance your skills on the slopes. We also have Freeride Camps available for skiers and snowboarders ages 7-14 who are comfortable shredding all groomed black-diamond terrain at Meadows and are ready to take their skiing or riding to the next level. Browse our Spring Camp offerings at the link below and find the one that works best for you and your family!

Vista Snowshoe Tours will be held March 5, 12, 19, 24 & 26! Hop on the Vista Express chairlift after it closes to the public and enjoy the serenity at 6,600 feet. Take in the views of White River Canyon and the Cascade Range as you hike along the southern boundary of the resort, down past Mitchell Creek, and back to the lodge for a delicious dinner in the Alpenstube prepared for you by our Culinary Services Team. This experience is priced at \$119 and includes the chairlift ride up Vista, guided hike, snowshoe and pole rentals, and dinner. There are a limited number of spots available in each tour, so make sure to reserve yours soon!

Did you know that in addition to offering daily service to Mt. Hood Meadows, Columbia Area Transit's (CAT) Gorge-to-Mountain Express bus also stops daily at Teacup Lake Sno-Park AND in Government Camp? That's right! You can buy a single fare for a one-time daytrip, or enjoy unlimited rides all season/year long on this and other CAT routes by purchasing a Gorge Pass for just \$40. See this link for bus timetables and route info.

March 5: Vista Snowshoe Tour March 12: Vista Snowshoe Tour March 12 & 13: Oregon Cancer Ski Out March 19: Demo Day March 19: Vista Snowshoe Tour March 24: Vista Snowshoe Tour March 25: Spring Brew Fest March 26: Vista Snowshoe Tour April 1: Full Sail Banked Slalom April 7 & 8: Double Mountain Mazot Fest April 15: Pride Day April 29: Pond Skim May 9-15: Virtual Film Fest

MT. HOOD SKIBOWL www.skibowl.com

It's another great snowy winter on the mountain! Mt. Hood Skibowl's Snow Tube and Adventure Park, located at Skibowl East, is the only conveyor assisted tube hill on Mt. Hood, so no need to hike up the hill! We are open for Day Tubing Saturday, Sunday and holidays and for Cosmic Tubing® Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays. Advance reservations and tickets must be purchased online in advance. Spots fill up fast so make sure you plan ahead. Buy your tickets in advance at our website for skiing or Day or Cosmic Tubing.

No need to head home at the end of your day. Our sister property, Collins Lake Resort, is within walking distance from Mt. Hood Skibowl. The Resort offers 2, 3 and 4 bedroom condos, each furnished with its own custom charm and offers sleeping for six to ten guests comfortably. Choose between The Chalets, Grand Lodges or Golden Poles Chalets. During your stay you'll receive VIP rewards offering discounts on snowshoe, cross country ski, 20% off snowmobiles tours, and more!

Do you have what it takes to be a volunteer ski patroller? Here's your chance to find out! **Mt. Hood Ski Patrol will be holding tryouts** for associate, alpine/toboggan and Nordic patrollers this month. Alpine tryouts will be held March 18 at Skibowl West in Government Camp and Nordic tryouts will occur March 25-26 at Teacup Lake Sno-Park. The Mt. Hood Ski Patrol is the oldest in the west, tracing its origins to 1937, and serves Mt. Hood Meadows, Skibowl, Timberline, and Timberline Summit Pass. Head to the **Mt. Hood Ski Patrol website** to get more information and to register for tryouts!

SAVE EVEN MORE WITH THE GOLD VIP REWARDS CARD Stay at the Official Collins Lake Resort ® and receive your Gold VIP Card offering discounts at the Adventure Park, Mt. Hood Outfitters, Ratskeller Alpine Bar & PIzzeria, High Mountain Cafe plus much more!

There is so much fresh snow on the mountain and **Mt. Hood Outfitters** has everything you need to get you out! Known as the leading recreational outfitter guide service in the Mt. Hood National Forest they offer snowshoe and crosscountry ski rentals and tours. They also hold the only permit to operate snowmobile tours in the Mt. Hood National Forest. What better way to get out and scout the mountain than to take a scenic snowmobile ride through the forest covered trees on Mt. Hood. Located in Central Oregon, just an hour east of Mt. Hood, is our sister property Lake **Simtustus Resort**. Surrounded by steep basalt canyon walls, Lake Simtustus Resort is situated on an 8 mile long lake reservoir and boasts over 300 days of sun, desert warmth and clear skies at night, making it one of the premier places to stargaze. The resort features custom Tiny Homes that were specifically designed for the Lake Simtustus landscape. Each home has gorgeous views, sleeps between 4 to 6 people, and are equipped with a full kitchen, spacious deck, private hot tub, outdoor BBQ and fire pit. In addition, our Crown Point units feature electric fireplaces and skylights for optimal stargazing. Lake Simtustus also offers 75 Full Hook Up RV sites, and on site boat launch, and 53 boat moorage slips for rent. All guest have access to showers, restrooms and laundy facilities. Pontoon boat, stand up paddle boards, kayaks, and golf cart rentals are available on site. We have it all and more! Check us out at https://www.lakesimtustusresort.com/

Right now, when you book two nights you'll get the third night FREE! or book one night and receive 50% off your second night!

Add our Romance Package for \$100 when booking to receive your choice of La Belle Noir's Pinto Noir, Sparkling or White Albarino, a box of delicate chocolate truffles and two Hydroflask tumblers!

Offer is valid on new reservations now through 3.31.23 Use promo code "GETAWAY" to book one night and get 50% off second night. Use promo code "LAKELIFE" to book two nights and get third night FREE!

A promotion is being offered by Wild Mike's Pizza - buy a specially marked box and receive \$10 off night skiing at Mt. Hood Skibowl on Wednesday nights!



TIMBERLINE www.timberlinelodge.com

RIDE THE PALMER SNOWFIELD:

Offered daily, 10am - 2pm, conditions permitting. Last pick-up is at 1:50pm. During our winter season, you can catch a ride on the Palmer Snowcat to 8,540 feet on Mt. Hood. To access Timberline's 4,540' vertical in its entirety, skiers and snowboarders with a lift ticket or season pass can take the Timberline Resort Shuttle from Summit Pass in Government Camp up to Timberline. At Timberline, catch the Magic Mile Chair Lift up to the Palmer Snowcat access point to be taken to the top of Palmer. Enjoy the ride down to the Alpine Trail or West Leg Road, which ends at the bottom of Summit Pass. Shuttle capacity and availability varies and is not guaranteed. The best time to ski or ride the Alpine Trail and West Leg Road is 10am - 2pm is in order to reach the shuttle at Summit in a timely fashion.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN AT SUMMIT PASS:

The best place for beginner skiers and snowboarders on Mt. Hood is at Timberline's Summit Pass. Learning is easy and fun on Heidi's Conveyor. Our expanded rentals building is stocked with the gear you need to have a blast on Summit's gentle slope. Other cold weather gear is available for purchase inside Summit lodge. At break time, refuel with a hearty lunch, cool down with a Mt. Hood Brewing Co. beer, or warm up with hot cocoa. Its affordability and easy access off Highway 26 make Summit an accessible option for snowplay, including tubing! Summit Pass is open daily, 9am - 4pm, conditions permitting.

MOONLIGHT SNOWSHOE HOTEL PACKAGES:

By popular demand, we have added several more moonlight snowshoe hotel package dates! Includes a room for two, snowshoes, and the guided snowshoe walk. March 29th, April 5th, 6th & 7th - book HERE.

BOOK A LESSON: Kids Club is back at Timberline! All group and Kids Club lessons will available weekends and holidays, December 17 – April 9, snow permitting. Private lessons at Timberline are available by request. Group lessons at Summit Pass are perfect for beginners. Explore lesson types.

EXPLORE MT. HOOD: Make Timberline your home base for your Mt. Hood adventure. From the hiking trails you can access right from the lodge, the views are unparalleled. Visit nearby lakes, rivers, and waterfalls, or mountain bike in our bike park. Or simply relax in the historic lodge.

LODGING: Stay in the historic Timberline Lodge, or in our CONDOS IN GOVERNMENT CAMP: Staying at Timberline's luxury condominiums—The Lodge At Government Camp—makes for a fun and unique mountain town experience for your next family vacation. Discover our condos. Special lodging packages at Timberline Lodge can be found HERE, including our ski package for two! And don't forget, season passholders get 25% off midweek hotel rooms through May 29th!

DINING AT TIMBERLINE: Timberline Lodge and Mt. Hood Brewing Co. are open. Thank you for dining with us! Explore our restaurants. Note that holiday dinners are only available for hotel guests only.

WORK AT TIMBERLINE: Get hired and get a free season pass, health benefits, paid time off, and more! Join Team Timberline! Get details HERE.

KANDAHAR LODGE, Whitefish, MT www.kandaharlodge.com

See specials on NWSCC website for 15% off!

INDUSTRY MEMBERS

NWSCC would like to thank our Industry Members for their generous support. Without their help, it would be impossible for NWSCC to accomplish our goals of supporting ski clubs and the ski industry. Please visit these businesses that support NWSCC.

NWSCC is always accepting memberships at all levels. If you are interested, or know a business that is, please contact IndustryMember@nwskiers.org.

GOLD MEMBERS

Mt. Bachelor - https://www.mtbachelor.com/



Next Adventure - https://www.nextadventure.net/



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Mt. Hood Meadows - https://www.skihood.com/



BRONZE MEMBERS

Indy Pass - Ski 2 days at 120+ independent ski resorts Kandahar Lodge at Whitefish Mountain Resort Mt. Hood Skibowl, Government Camp, OR Timberline, Mt. Hood, OR

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Cooper Spur Mountain Resort, Mt. Hood, Oregon

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