

3rd Annual Ski For Schools Puts skiers on slopes first

by Stephanie Curtis

The crisp winter air and increasing snow fall on Mt. Bachelor can mean just one thing - the annual Ski for Schools day is just around the corner! If you would like to be among the first to get on the slopes of Mt. Bachelor, ski for just \$15, and benefit Redmond and Bend-La Pine schools at the same time – mark your calendar for Friday, November 16! The Education Foundations for Bend-La Pine Schools and Redmond School District are in partnership with Mt. Bachelor for the third annual Ski for Schools day. Skiers and snowboarders eagerly awaiting the first day opening of Mt. Bachelor can get a jump on the season by purchasing a Ski for Schools ticket. Tickets will allow you to make first tracks on the slopes the day before the official opening day of this popular ski and snowboard destination. Tickets are also good for cross country skiing and tubing. All ticket sales revenue will be donated back to the foundations. Last year, the event raised more than \$24,000 for the foundations! –The generosity of Mt. Bachelor for hosting this event is very much appreciated, comments Carl Vertrees, Redmond Education Foundation. –The money raised will help tremendously in funding projects in our schools that may not have occurred due to budget restrictions.– Tickets go on sale Friday, November 2 through Thursday, November 15, at the following retail locations (\$20 tickets may be purchased at the mountain the day of the event): 4 Seasons Recreational Outfitters - Sunriver Joes - Bend Bend-LaPine School Education Center Mid Oregon Credit Union – Bend, Redmond & Prineville Powder House - Bend Redmond School District Office Side Effect Board Shop - Bend Skjersaa's - Bend –We are very thankful for the business partnership that Mt. Bachelor has established with our foundation, according to Lisa Zimmerman, President of the Education Foundation for Bend-La Pine Schools, –through their generosity we are able to provide Activity Fee Scholarships as well as grant money for programs and educational resources in our schools.–

*Please note: Ski for Schools is scheduled for the day prior to the official Mt. Bachelor season opener. On the day of this event, Mt. Bachelor season passes will not be valid. If the snow pack does not permit Mt. Bachelor to hold Ski for Schools on November 16, back up plans and a new date will be announced. If the event falls on a later date, Season Passes will be valid, but a donation to the schools is appreciated. More information on the Ski for Schools event can be located on the Mt. Bachelor web site at www.mtbachelor.com.

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