

Far West News *Flash*

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*Far West Ski Association*

"The Voice of the Western Skier"



**FINAL COUNTDOWN TO 2014 CONVENTION and VOLCANIC PARADISE**  
**June 12-15 at The Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center – Bend, OR**

**Room Reservation – Check!**

If not, call The Riverhouse immediately at **800.547.3928 or 541-389-3111**. Group Name: Far West Ski Association 2014. Hotel rates honored three days pre and post-Convention.

**Registered For Convention – Check!**

If not, still time to do so. Visit the FWSA website and register online. Both delegates and industry can find all the forms on the website. And delegates—don't forget about the FWSA 6-Pack Economic Relief program-- club will receive a rebate of one (1) paid registration after the convention (voting & non-voting delegates qualify). You get 6 delegates for the price of 5.

**Signed Up For Optional Activities – Check!**

If not, still time to do so. Pub Crawl spaces are going fast. Friday is hiking, golfing and shopping-dinner-wining. Don't forget----- Mt. Bachelor is offering up a Thursday morning tour and lunch of the resort with a Free Lunch! Then, in the afternoon, they have plans for canoeing the Cascade Lakes or mountain biking. What a Deal! However, **you must register using their online form**. The Golf Tournament has some new twists this year---Golf Hole Sponsorships are being offered – just \$25 per hole – selling to clubs, councils, local or not-so-local businesses – get your name out there and have some FUN too! Contact Sheri Parshall if interested at [cougskier@aol.com](mailto:cougskier@aol.com).

**Ready To Bid on Packages at Silent Auction – Check!**

You'll be ready when Friday night rolls around and you attend the Silent Auction. This event is open to the public with FREE admission. Ski trips, summer trips, all kinds of packages await your bidding. And did we say Taste of Bend? Beverages and nibbles will be offered.

**Ready To Meet Our Industry Partners at Travel Expo – Check!**

Get ready by thinking about where you or your club wants to travel this coming season. At Saturday morning's Travel Expo, you can meet one-on-one with reps who can give you the skinny on all the great places you want to travel to. Delegates... complete your Passport and be eligible for the Grand Prize – a 2015 Ski Week Package to Whistler (and plenty of other prizes, too)!

**Ready To Get Some Snow-Related Education – Check!**

You'll hear from our guest speakers in our Snowsports Leadership Academy and Public Affairs sessions, as well as our lunch-time keynote speaker, *Jess McMillan*—Freestyle Skier.

**Ready To Dance The Night Away – Check!**

Saturday night erupts for the real *Volcanic Paradise*. Our band this year, *Thrillride*, will have us dancing all night!! Attire for Saturday night is black tie & shorts (Hawaiian attire, flip-flops, sundresses).

**Ready To Partake in Brunch, Meetings, Elections, Club/Council Awards – Check!**

Sunday morning (yes, with coffee!) brings us to concluding convention with a fabulous brunch, Sponsored by Taos Ski Valley Ski Resort. Our general meeting, elections, club & council awards, as well as door prizes and raffle prize give-aways will also be on the agenda!

**Need more info – Check!**

See Visit Bend at [www.visitbend.com](http://www.visitbend.com) or Central Oregon Visitors Association at [www.visitcentraloregon.com](http://www.visitcentraloregon.com) for all your Central Oregon travel planning. You can also contact Host Council Convention Coordinator Mary Olhausen at [omary52@comcast.net](mailto:omary52@comcast.net).

## **FAR WEST BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Far West Elections - Check!**

Elections of officers will occur at the FWSA Annual Meeting & Convention June 12-15, 2014 at the Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center in Bend , Oregon . Delegates will elect:

President - 1 year term

VP of International Travel - 2 year term

Secretary - 1 year term

VP of Communications - 2 year term

Treasurer - 1 year term

VP of Membership - 2 year term

Two Trustee positions - 2 year term

VP of Marketing - 2 year term

One Trustee Position - 1 year term

If you are interested in running for one of these positions, you can find job descriptions, Bylaws, and the Operations Manual linked to the FWSA website under "About-Governance" at [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org). For more information contact Steve Coxen: [stevecoxen@yahoo.com](mailto:stevecoxen@yahoo.com).

## **FAR WEST SKI FOUNDATION**

The Far West Ski Foundation will be at the convention to afford the delegates the opportunity to make tax deductible contributions for scholarships, adaptive skiing, women's ski jumping, or ski history and education, or any other donation. Partners may make their contributions early to allow advance visibility into the funds available to grant for scholarships. John Reinhardt, Treasurer, will be available to receive funds.

THANK YOU FAR WEST MEMBERS FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT. AS YOUR SISTER ORGANIZATION, THE FOUNDATION MAKES GRANTS IN YOUR NAME - ORGANIZED SKIING AND BOARDING.

## **FAR WEST ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP**

The Far West Ski Association Athletic Scholarship Program has some terrific ski packages sponsored by Whitefish Mountain Resort and Grouse Mountain Lodge to auction off at this year's FWSA convention. In addition, we have the best ever scholarship raffle with over \$1,000 in raffle prizes. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. As usual, the scholarship program would appreciate volunteers to help sell raffle tickets through Sunday morning, when the prizes will be given away.