

Far West News *Flash*

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Far West Ski Association

WHO & WHAT'S NEW FOR 2019

Arapahoe Basin: For the 2018-2019 Season, *Arapahoe Basin Ski Area* will open up all its 468-acre terrain expansion into the Beaver and Steep Gullies, including the opening of their new quad Beavers chairlift.

Copper Mountain to Debut Two New Chairs: The American Flyer and American Eagles Chairs are the two newest high-speed chairs on the mountain at *Copper* this year. The American Flyer, a six-person "bubble" lift, is the only active bubble lift in Colorado. The American Eagles Chair is a combined six-person chair and an eight-person gondola. Both of these are just off Coppers' Center Village and will definitely reduce wait time on the lifts.

Purgatory Resort: *Purgatory* will offer year-round access to the *Inferno Mountain Coaster*, a new gravity-fed ride that will zip through the trees and offer up some incredible views of the San Juan Mountains. A great non-ski activity for those who want to have access to the chair, but not be on the slopes skiing or boarding, or simply something else to do up on the mountain. The *Inferno* is almost a mile long with up to 300 feet of vertical drop, 9 switchbacks, and can run at speeds up to 25 miles an hour. Sounds like great fun to me!

Sunlight Mountain Resort Honors Firefighters and First Responders: *Sunlight Mountain* will honor firefighters and first responders by launching Firefighter Fun Days this season. To repay these brave men and women who sacrifice so much for their communities, Sunlight will provide free skiing and riding for all active firefighter and first responders each Wednesday through 2018-2019.

Winter Park Resort Features New Gondola: *Winter Park* has a new 10-person gondola, the first new chair at Winter Park since 2007. The gondola serves a new Apres spot at the top of the mountain, which has live music on Fridays and Saturdays. Foot passengers may access the gondola for free.

FAR WEST TRAVEL

Far West Ski Week, 2019: February 2-9, 2019, are the dates for the Far West Ski Week trip to *Steamboat*. "A Night at the Movies" is the theme for this year's ski week. Councils are encouraged to select a movie and have participants dress as characters from the movie. We will hold an Academy Awards Ceremony at the Thursday night Banquet and hand out various awards. Contact your Council Trip Leader or Nancy Ellis to sign up: fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net or (530) 414-8261.

Far West 2019 International Trip: **REGISTRATIONS ARE BEING TAKEN...** March 9-16, 2019 will be the dates for the next international trip, which will take you to *Hakuba Valley Ski Resort*, in Japan. This is the home of the 1998 Nagano Winter Olympics. A Pre-Trip is being offered to Niseko, on the island of Hokkaido (with a limited number of participants) from March 4-8. The Pre-Trip, which will depart the U.S. on March 3rd, **will only** be sold in conjunction with the BASIC Hakuba trip. There is

also an EXTENSION trip, or Stand-Alone-trip, from March 16-23, traveling by motor coach and train to Kanazawa, Kyoto, and Tokyo. While in Tokyo, an optional day-tour will be offered to Mt. Fuji. Final details are still in the making. Contact Debbie Stewart: fwsainttrvl@prodigy.net to add your name to the list.

Far West Mini Ski Week: The Mini Trip to *Winter Park* is set for March 24-29, 2019. Registration information is on the website. Winter Park is on the Ikon Pass so people can go on this trip and add a trip to Steamboat, Copper Mtn., or Aspen/Snowmass before or after the trip. Clubs and Councils can bring a group of 12 or more and earn compensation for each person they bring. A great way to raise money for your club or council. Contact Gloria Raminha, Trip Leader, to sign up for the trip or for information on the Club/Council Incentives program. Gloria: garski2011@gmail.com; (661) 800-8229.

Far West Windjammer Sailboat Adventure Trip: **JOIN US FOR SOME FUN!** The 2019 Island Windjammer Sailboat Adventure Trip will be aboard the *NEW* sailing vessel *Vela*. The ship departs Tortola and will sail May 19-26, 2019. Extended stay on the island of Tortola will be available. Contact Sheri Parshall at cougskier@aol.com or visit <http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/Cruise/2T019-FWSA-Windjammer> for more information.

Far West 2019 Dive Trip: This will be an exciting trip to the Philippines. Stay tuned for further information on dates and exact location.

2020 NA Ski Week: We'll be going to *Big Sky, Montana*, for 2020 North American Ski Week. Big Sky is BIG with four mountains giving access to more skiing than anywhere else in the United States. The Big Sky lift ticket or IKON pass gives skiers/boarders access to 5,800 skiable acres. Runs up to six miles long and glades and bowls covered in 400+ inches of annual snowfall give every age and level of skier and boarder something different. Check with your council trip leader or the FWSA.org website for more details beginning this Spring.

2020 Mini Ski Week: *Big White* is the destination for the 2020 Mini Ski Trip. Big White is home to the best snow in British Columbia and the longest season in the Okanagan Valley. Big White is Canada's largest totally ski-in, ski-out village. It has 18 on-mountain restaurants cafes delis, pubs, and night clubs. Stay tuned for further information.

Far West Future International Trips: Far West will be offering a trip to *Davos, Switzerland*, with an extension to *Portugal* for 2020, and a Ski Week trip to *Solden, Austria* in 2021. Best put those dates on your calendar now! Also, in 2020, An Adventure Trip to *Croatia* is under creation.

FAR WEST COUNCILS

San Diego Council of Ski Clubs: Aspen - December 6-12, 2018: The Annual *Aspen* ski trip will be taking place again this year. If you buy the *IKON* pass from deanna@ski.com, you will receive \$30 off your SDCSC Aspen trip. The pass, on sale now, includes *Mammoth, Bear Mountain, Aspen* and *Steamboat*. The Aspen early sign up party will be June 23, 2018 at the Sanfords' house. At that time, deposits will be taken, and online registration will be open. Contact powerskristinam@gmail.com for more information.

- **Amsterdam to Bruges- April 27- May 4, 2019:** The *Amsterdam Bike & Boat* will be an amazing bike trip. The trip spends three days cycling in Belgium which will introduce you to famous brands of Belgium beer each served in their special style glass and of course Belgium waffles!. Three professional guides will be with the group on daily long or short ride. We will be on the brand new, luxurious boat, the *Manifique III*, with some large suites featuring outside

decks, satellite TV and a jacuzzi on the top deck. Come join us for this wonderful adventure! Contact Eileen Sanford- esanford660@gmail.com for more information.

- **Australia and New Zealand – October 13 - November 1, 2019:** SDCSC will be doing a trip through Australia and New Zealand, with a pre-trip to *Melbourne, Alice Springs* October 9-13, and post-trip to *Fiji*, November 1-5, 2019. Grand Circle Tours will be the tour operator on this amazing trip to *Cairns and Sydney, Australia; Queenstown, New Zealand, Rotorua, and Auckland*, before returning back home. Contact Eileen Sanford (esanford660@gmail.com) for more information.

Sierra League And Council: Sierra Council 's Reno Ski and Recreation has dropped the price on their 2019 *Big Sky, Montana*, January 12-19, 2019, trip to \$1,775. They are waiving the club membership fee for any FWSA club members who would like to participate. The trip includes lodging and breakfast at the ski in/ski out Huntley Lodge, a sleigh ride with dinner, and a top of the mountain farewell dinner. Contact Mary Kelly: mkellyintahoe@sbcglobal.net to sign up.

Los Angeles Council: *Beach Cities Ski Club* Clambake is coming up October 12-14, with a Thursday night option available. This all takes place at the Live Oak Campground in Santa Barbara, and includes: Saturday breakfast, Saturday night Seafood Feast and Sunday morning Mimosas and Brunch. Deadline is 10/8/18. Email: clambake@gmail.com. LAC is also looking for a few people to assist on the board. They **need a VP of Membership**, and a **Webmaster**. Contact Sandy Blackwell: sblackwell@brightandbrown.com.

CORRECTION: In the August issue, the press release was included for the 2018 Convention. The statement mentioned that Dee Armstrong, winner of the Jimmy Heuga award, was a member of "Can Do". That was incorrect. Dee is a member of the Unrecables, a Los Angeles Council club.