

Far West NewsFlash

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Far West Ski Association

FAR WEST 89TH ANNUAL CONVENTION – 4 MONTHS AWAY: The 2022 Convention is coming up in just 4 short months! Northwest Ski Club Council's Convention Committee has been holding meetings to plan this year's event, which will be held at the *Holiday Inn – Portland, Columbia Riverfront*. This was the event that was to happen in May, 2020 but got waylaid by Covid. We will be at the same location, only a different name is now on the hotel. We have some great activities planned for all our attendees, including the 25th Anniversary Pub Crawl, a Mount Hood Adventure, a Southwest Washington Wine Tour, and the "not-your daddy's" Golf Tournament. There will be your usual Pool Party and Club Happy Hour on Friday, followed by the 36th Annual Trade Show & Silent Auction on Friday night. Saturday will be enriched with panel sessions, Public Affairs Panels, and the annual Bid Presentations for all club and council trip leaders. The Awards Banquet will be on Saturday Night, followed by the General Meeting and Elections on Sunday. Come early, stay late, and enjoy hiking, biking, and wine tasting in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. Check out <https://www.fwsa.org/conventions> for information. Updates will be posted as things are finalized.

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD HALL OF FAME ADDITION: The Hall of Fame announced its schedules and events for the 2022 Induction of this year's inductees. Along with Honorees: *Sherman Poppen, Brian Fairbank, Holly Flanders, Seth Wescott and Howard Peterson* -, **Barbara Alley Simon** will also be inducted at **Bretton Woods** Omni Mount Washington on Saturday March 5, 2022, with activities and events throughout the days and evenings of March 3rd - March 5th, 2022. Barbara's name was accidentally omitted from last month's list. This Editor's apologies go to Ms. Alley Simon.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE "SSSS'D": In all of your travels over the past years, especially since Covid times, if you've ever had the bad luck of having this code appear on your boarding pass, it's TSA's way of flagging airline passengers for "enhanced" screening. An SSSS code, or *Secondary Security Screening Selection* overrides pre-approval through a Trusted Traveler Program such as "TSA Pre-Check". Many travelers unknowingly flag themselves due to inconsistent travel behaviors such as booking a last-minute ticket or paying in cash. If you book one-way flights, or if your name bears even a passing resemblance to someone on a Department of Homeland Security watch list, it could send up a red flag. *Consistency is the key* when traveling. So, if you see this on your Boarding Pass, be prepared for a lengthy delay in getting onto your next flight.

SPIRIT AIRLINES AND FRONTIER TO MERGE: A multi-billion-dollar deal is set to close later this year which will merge two airlines, who fly to a variety of ski areas. The merger of these two major discount airlines will form the fifth largest airline in the United States and offers expanded potential for cheap access to many mountain destinations. The new airline expects to host more than 1,000 daily flights to over 145 destinations across complementary networks. With more than 350 new aircraft on order between the two carriers, the merger is also likely to expand flight offerings.

FAR WEST TRAVEL

FWSA MINI SKI WEEK: We still have spots on the *Zermatt Utah Trip*. This will be a great trip and you don't want to miss out! Trip dates **March 20 - 25** with prices starting at \$595 for 5 nights lodging, FWSA Happy Hours, and Farewell dinner. This is a flexible trip. Arrival and departure dates can be adjusted to fit your schedule. The *IKON* pass is good at Deer Valley and the *EPIC* pass is good at Park City. Free daily shuttle to both resorts. We will plan one day for a trip to Sun Dance Ski Resort. Contact Gloria Raminha, Trip Leader: garski2011@gmail.com; 661-800-8229.

FWSA INSIDE PASSAGE CRUISE 2022: There's still time to sign up for the *Denali Tour and Alaska Cruise*. Participants can sign up for the *Denali Tour*, **June 21 – 25, 2022** or *Alaska Inside Passage Cruise*, **June 25 - July 2, 2022**, or for the combined two trips. The Denali Trip starts with two days in Fairbanks, AK, followed by two days in Denali, and ends in Anchorage for those doing this portion only. The Inside passage Alaska Cruise starts in Whittier and travels southward with stops in Skagway, Juneau, and Ketchikan before docking in Vancouver, BC. Trip information and registration available on the FWSA.org website or contact Nancy Ellis, VP North American Travel, fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net; (530) 414-8261.

FWSA INTERNATIONAL "ADVENTURE TRIP": Far Wests' Trip to *Croatia* will be **September 2 to September 11, 2022**. Departure date from the U.S. will be September 1st. Right now, we have a **waiting list**, but for further information, contact Debbie Stewart, VP of International Travel: fwsaintltravel@prodigy.net.

FWSA 2022 DIVE TRIP: The FWSA 2022 dive trip to *Cozumel* is now open for registration! We will be staying at Iberostar Cozumel Resort in their standard bungalow style rooms from **October 8 – 15, 2022**. All meals, alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages, 5 days of 2 tank dives including 2 Cenote dives, and a night dive. Iberostar Cozumel is located on the Southwest side of the island and is close to the best dive sites. Dressel Divers, a PADI 5-Star Instructor Development Center dive operation is located on the property. The information is now available on the FWSA website at [Dive 2022 Cozumel - Far West Ski Association \(fwsa.org\)](http://www.fwsa.org)

FAR WEST COUNCILS

LOS ANGELES COUNCIL OF SKI CLUBS: Join Conejo Ski Club for their winter trips to *Mammoth Mountain* this February and March. February 24-27 is the first trip. Three nights lodging, bus transportation and dinner on Saturday night for \$345 per person. Please sign up by February 20th. The March trip is also the 24-27th, with sign-ups due by February 23rd. Contact Carolyn Phillips with any questions at: phillipscaroc@gmail.com.

FAR WEST MEMBER BENEFITS

FAR WEST MEMBER BENEFITS HAVE BEEN UPDATED: A renewed Benefits Partner has been added to our lodging list for the 2022 season and can be found on the Far West website. *Riverhouse on the Deschutes*, in beautiful Bend, Oregon has joined us once more, as a partner, and are offering up some great deals for our councils and club members. They currently have a *special deal* running from February 21 through March 23, 2022, with prices beginning at just \$99 per night. Check them out at www.riverhouse.com.

Stay Safe! Stay Healthy!