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Ski Glade Trail Day 2012

Government Camp, OR – The **Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum** will hold this annual event on March 3, 2012. Once a year, under permit from the US Forest Service, the historic Glade Ski Trail is opened and groomed for this participatory living history event. This once popular downhill ski trail starts at Timberline Lodge and ends in Government Camp, a distance of three miles. Before the advent of high speed ski lifts, highly groomed slopes and extreme snowboard acrobatics, skiing long trails was popular. According to Lloyd Musser, Museum Curator, "this event helps fulfill our mission of preserving and interpreting the history of Mt. Hood". This is a chance for Grandparents to ski with their grandchildren and share the memories of skiing the Glade Trail, when it was the biggest ski adventure on Mt. Hood."

Participants are treated to a red carpet day of skiing. Skiers are shuttled to Timberline in comfortable airport shuttle vans, escorted by local guides and senior members of the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol, and served a hearty lunch. Shuttles will run from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM allowing ticket holders to make several trail runs. The events of the day are recounted at the Après ski party, where prizes are awarded. Wearing vintage ski clothing is encouraged.

Participation is limited to 75 skiers. Event tickets are \$100.00 per person, a portion of which is deductible as a donation to the MHCC&M, a non-profit organization. Members of Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum receive 10% discount. Tickets may be purchased at the museum, or by calling 503-272-3301. Visa is accepted.

Background information on Mt. Hood trail skiing is available on our webpage in an article entitled [Trail skiing on Mt. Hood a Long Standing Tradition.](#) www.mthoodmuseum.org
Photographs from past years events are available on the website or upon request.

Suggested human interest storyline.

The guest of honor for the 2012 Ski the Glade event will long time Mount Hood ski instructor Lee Perry. Lee first skied the Glade Trail in 1943. He has skied the trail every year since, except when he served in the Korean War. Asked if he ever rode the Skiway Tram to access the trailhead at Timberline Lodge. He said "once, it was too noisy and scary, plus it was cheaper to ride the Timberline shuttle bus for 25 cents a ride. The shuttle was also fast than the Tram, so we could get in more runs on the trail." Lee has been teaching skiing on Mount Hood as a certified ski instructor for 50 years. Perhaps his greatest contribution to skiing was his pioneering work teaching and developing equipment for amputee skiing. The Portland Jaycee Ski School started an amputee ski school in 1963 under the leadership of Lee Perry. He went on to spread the techniques for instructing handicap skiers around the world. Lee now enjoys teaching children to ski with the Powderhounds Ski School. Lee will ski the Glade Trail this year with the participants in this year's museum annual trail event and regale them with tales of the good old days.

Writers may contact Lee Perry at 503-272-3324 at his home in Government Camp at the end of the Glade Trail.